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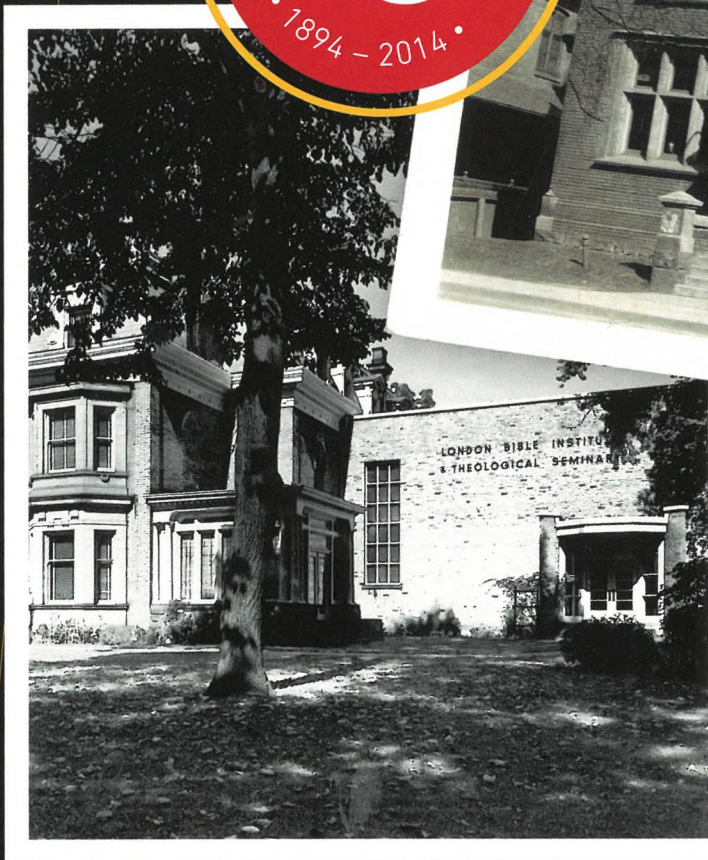
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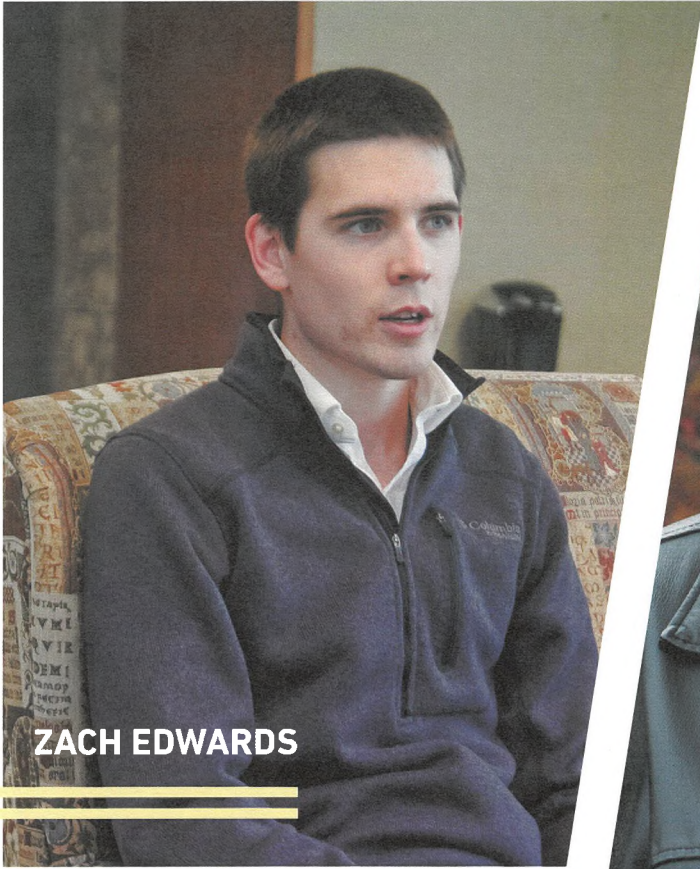
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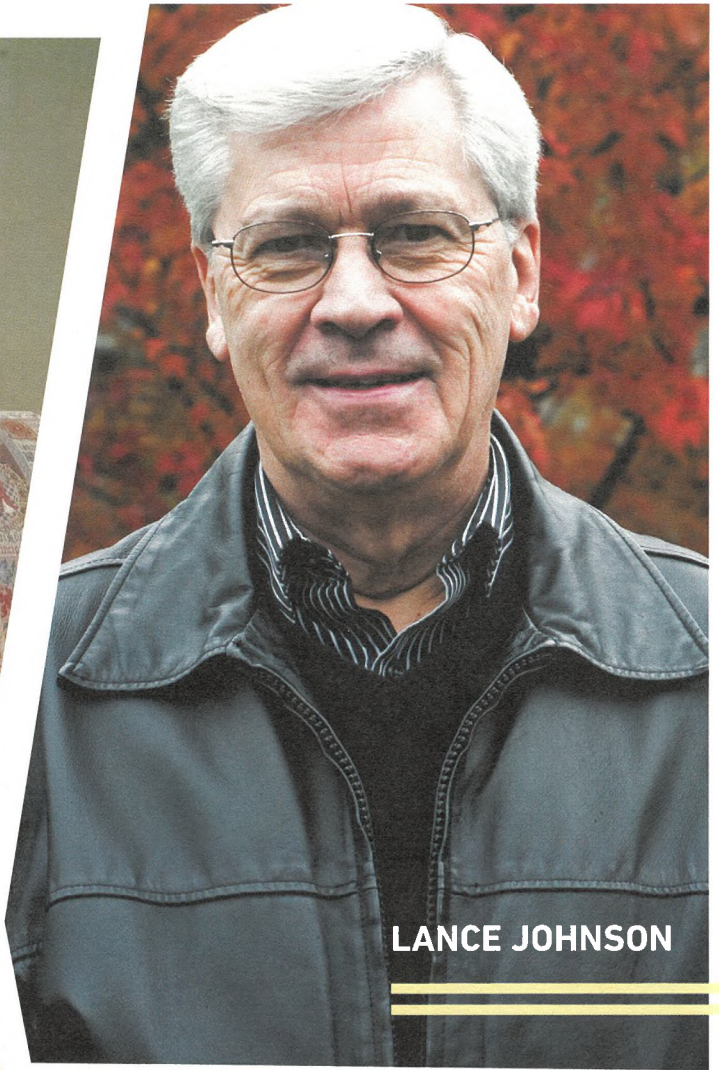
PAST MEETS PRESENT: A COMMUNITY ACROSS TIME

IN 1968, the London College of Bible and Missions (LCBM) merged with the Toronto Bible College (TBC) on Spadina Road to form the Ontario Bible College (OBC). Representing OBC's student body as student council co-presidents were **LANCE JOHNSON** [LCBM/OBC 1969] and **PAUL HOPE** [TBC/OBC 1969]. This historic merger saw one school experience a geographical relocation and the other an expansion of its student and faculty bodies. In 2014, as Tyndale University College & Seminary moves to 3377 Bayview Avenue, **ARLEEN GOMEZ** [MDiv 2015] is the seminary student council president, and **ZACH EDWARDS** [BA 2014] is the university student council president.

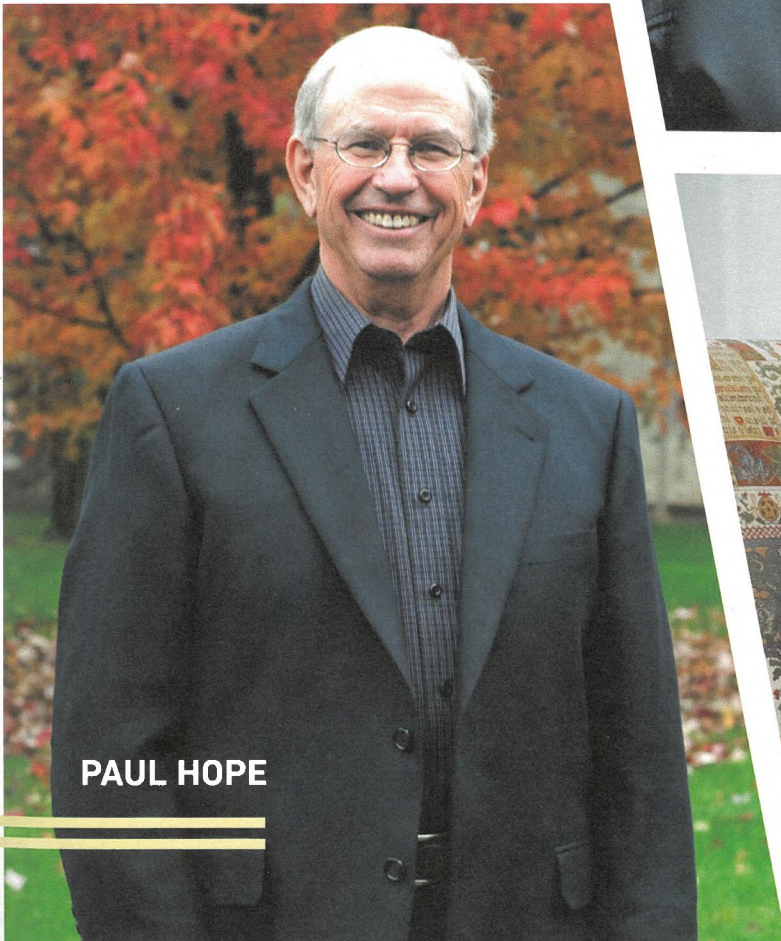
The editor and staff writer of Tyndale Magazine sat down with the student council presidents of 1968 and 2014 to get their insights about leading the university and seminary student bodies in a year of transition and what the move to Bayview signifies.



ZACH EDWARDS



LANCE JOHNSON



PAUL HOPE

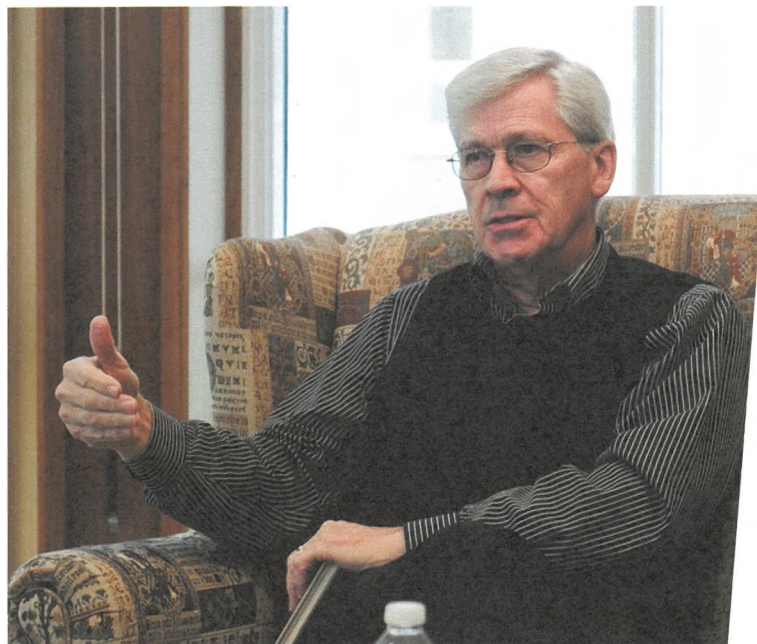
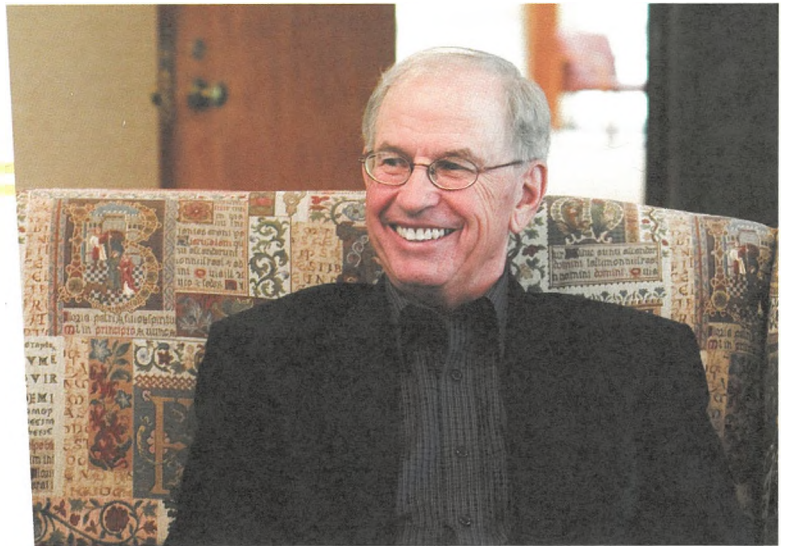


ARLEEN GOMEZ

1968

How did your call to student leadership come about?

PAUL: “The year of the merger (his senior year) was my third year as a student leader, and that’s when I was elected student council president of TBC. So I went into the merger with some previous experience in student leadership and felt God had equipped me to lead the student body in its year of transition.”



PAUL “The transition for TBC was much less shocking for us than it was for the students at LCBM. Really, the only change for us meant an expanded student body and an expanded faculty. There was perhaps a bit of apprehension, but the decisions were not nearly as difficult as what LCBM had to make.”

What does it mean to you that Tyndale is moving to Bayview?

PAUL: “The fact of being located right on Bayview gives you a great opportunity because people are going to be driving by here every day – I think I heard around 85,000 cars. It would be great to have a sign that displays a computerized message to get them thinking about who and what Tyndale is. Tyndale would be more visible in the community, with more potential for impact.”

LANCE “In the spring of my sophomore year, I ran for student council president and lost the election. Then in my junior year, I ran again, and that’s when I became student council president at LCBM. I always felt a natural call and sense of giftedness for leadership, and others encouraged me in that role.”

How did the merger come about, and what was the reaction of the students at TBC/LCBM?

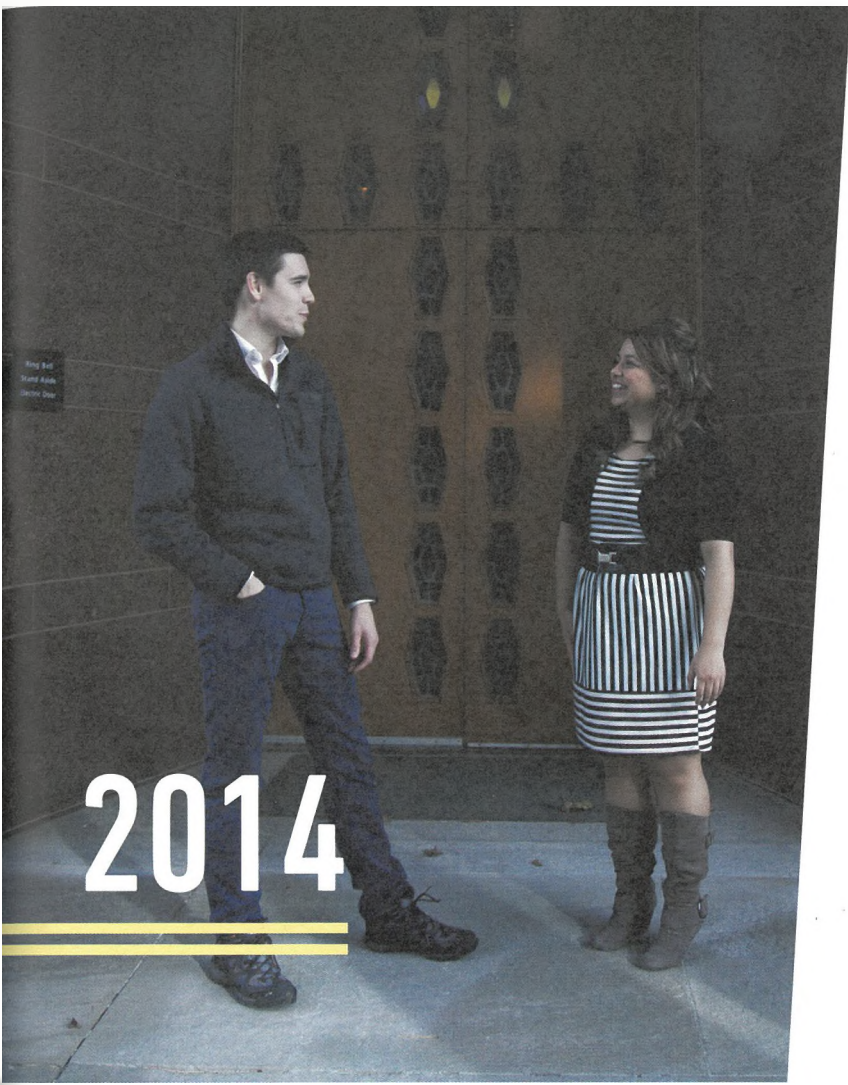
LANCE: “There was something in the air; something seemed a bit off. Then the chapel time came when the announcement was actually made that we would be merging with TBC; that fall we would be on Spadina Road in Toronto. That meant for us a major relocation. In that chapel, I would say, there was a sense of shock, maybe even some disappointment. But the majority of us got over that.”

LANCE: “With the expansion of Tyndale’s available space at Bayview, this means more lives influenced for kingdom impact. I think Tyndale has grown significantly from the 350 students back then to around 1,500 today. I am excited to know that this number will only increase and that more people will be equipped in the future to serve God in Canada and across the world.”

What advice would you give to Tyndale’s current student council presidents in this year of transition to Bayview?

LANCE: “During any change, we are called to trust in the sovereign hand of God. My advice is to embrace change and enjoy the ride.”

PAUL: “Consider other people in how you handle change. Treat people with respect regardless of age or experience.”



How has Tyndale shaped you to go out and change the world?

ZACH: “Studying business at Tyndale is unique compared to other universities. Most importantly, when you study business at a Christian university like Tyndale, you aren’t only looking how to do business well, but how to do business right. This has shaped me the most.”

ARLEEN “Tyndale has chiselled out my character and calling. In undergrad, I was really quiet and introverted. Experiencing the transformational community here and being able to be myself at Tyndale has revived the (extroverted and relational) person God created me to be. I now feel God is calling me as a future counsellor to help people trapped in sexual addictions.”

What does it mean to you to be student council president(s) in this year of transition?

ARLEEN: “Transition is never easy. This year, the seminary student council chose Isaiah 43:19 as our theme verse. Given the context of the passage, we felt that God is speaking to us in this transition the same way He was speaking to the Israelites: ‘See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.’ No change is comfortable, but this passage

reminds us that God is with us as we venture into the amazing, yet unknown, future God has for us at Bayview.”

ZACH: “The reason that I decided to put my name up for president was because of the unique opportunity that this year presented. We were able to dream about the future and think outside the box this year. We’ve been able to collaborate with other departments for the first time on things like the Fall Festival, global and community outreach, and many other initiatives. Our goal is to broaden and enrich student life as we look forward to our move to Bayview.”

What brought you to Tyndale?

ARLEEN: “I have always had a passion for understanding God and people. So, naturally, I was drawn to theology and counselling. These passions led me here. Tyndale sounded like a great school with programs to equip you for certification in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) – a world-recognized certification for counsellors.”

ZACH “My original plan was to study medicine; I wanted to help people. My last semester at high school I took my final exam in biology, and I hated every minute of it. So I asked myself if I wanted to still pursue medicine. The answer was no. After panic set in, I had to figure out what to do next. When I ended up applying and coming to Tyndale for the Business Administration-International Development program, I found what I feel God has made me for: leading people to help people.”

What does the Bayview campus represent to you?

ZACH: “Opportunity. With the new and expanded space, there will be opportunity to add at least another thousand students to the Tyndale community. Also, being at Bayview will give us (the Student Association) a chance to dream and seize the opportunities God will put in front of us, whether related to academic, student life or community outreach.”

ARLEEN: “Expansion. With Tyndale Seminary being the largest seminary in Canada, I can’t wait to see 10 to 20 years from now how God will use the seminary to prepare leaders and reach out to the community.” ■

TBC 1894- 1968



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DID YOU KNOW

- **President:** Dr. Elmore Harris (1894–1911)
Dr. Stewart Boehmer (1962–1973)
- **Students in 1894:** 138
- **1895:** Eight different denominations were represented among the students.
- **1901:** A class in elementary medical science was established for students interested in pursuing foreign missionary service.
- **1910:** The Toronto Bible Training School (TBTS) Alumni Association was formed.

RUTH HARRISON

Connected

THE GRADUATION OF THE CLASS of 1952 of the Toronto Bible College (TBC) was held at the University of Toronto's Varsity Stadium. While the TBC student choir was singing, the 70 graduates marched from the two corners at the back of the stadium, met in the centre aisle, then separated again, and went to the stage. The women wore long white dresses, most with sleeves, and the men wore dark suits with white shirts.

That formality of dress was seen in the everyday life of the school. Ruth Harrison (Diploma 1952) remembers wearing dresses or skirts and blouses to class. "No slacks," says Ruth. "I didn't even own a pair of slacks. Now I don't own much else." There were no t-shirts, sweatpants, or hoodies in class, but there are similarities between then and now.

TBC, which was located at 16 Spadina Road, offered a three-year program in general studies. "It wasn't specific like today," says Ruth, but scripture was still the central focus of all learning. Everyone, no matter what year they were in, was present for the Bible class taught first thing every morning. Ruth particularly remembers the teaching of Dr. John McNicol, president emeritus. "Dr. McNicol was quite an inspiration... a real man of faith, so calm all the time," she says. Ruth still has his books.

Another similarity was the cost of attending TBC. "We could only afford the school if we were working," says Ruth. The students would attend school in the mornings and work in the afternoons. Ruth worked at Eaton's department store during her first year and then went to work at a trust company. Many of the female students worked as "domestics" in homes in the area around the school.

While attending TBC, Ruth lived in a number of different places, including the home of a pastor in East Toronto. This same man had been one of her pastors when she was growing up in Beamsville, Ontario. She specifically remembers living with four other women in another place where they had to share one bathroom. The next year she moved into a place where she had her own bathroom - "a treat," she says.

Ruth got married the same year she graduated and had three girls. Once her girls were old enough, Ruth went back to school to train as a secretary, and her last position was as an executive secretary to one of the deans at George Brown College. During her time at TBC, Ruth's knowledge of scripture increased, and her relationship with God grew. This gave her the tools and courage to participate in church work, especially in ministries with women and children. Ruth is still involved in her church.

Ruth wrote the class of '52 newsletters for 25 years and was happy to see a number of her classmates at a recent reunion. "It's nice to know I'm connected with Tyndale - didn't think I was for a while, but since Rob (Patterson, Director of Alumni) has been there, that's been a nice connection."

Ruth has nothing but good wishes for the school. She was excited to have a tour of the new campus and to know that the school has grown so much that it needs a new campus. "Keep up the good work," says Ruth (wearing slacks). ■



Ruth Harrison



1894

Establishment of Toronto Bible Training School (TBTS) by Elmore Harris at Walmer Road Baptist Church, Toronto.

1906

John McNicol was principal for 40 years.



1912

The name is changed to Toronto Bible College (TBC).

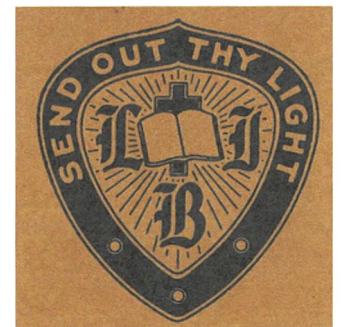


1920s

The annual graduation held at the University of Toronto's Varsity Arena becomes one of Toronto's largest annual religious events.

LBI & LCBM

1935-1968



BOB MORRIS

Reason for Existence

"I GRADUATED FROM TYNDALE (LCBM) with two things indelibly burned into my soul. One was the authority of the Scriptures, and the other was the Lordship of Jesus Christ."

These two truths have guided Dr. Bob Morris [BTh 1966, Hon. DD 2011] ever since he graduated over 30 years ago.

What attracted him to Tyndale was his appreciation of its strong balance between faith and academics. "Even back then, it wasn't a Bible college, it was a liberal arts college striving for official recognition."

Tyndale's "ethos" has always been strongly set on "being in the world." When Tyndale was granted the official University College designa-





tion in 2003, Dr. Morris saw this as the fruition of what it had been striving for since he could remember.

After teaching in Toronto for a few years after graduating, he was placed at a Christian boarding school in India through the organization Interserve. Over the next 25 years, Dr. Morris would serve in a variety of capacities there, including the roles of acting Director of Interserve International and Director of Interserve Canada.

Dr. Morris is a co-founder of the Tyndale Intercultural Ministries (TIM) Centre. Raised by missionary parents in Nigeria, his passion for overseas mission is rooted in a history of cross-cultural experiences. "It's always mission. If you ask me to preach...I'll preach on mission." But for him, the term "mission" has evolved beyond what the Church has traditionally understood it to be. He admits that it does still include overseas work but it is also how the Church engages with culture right here in Canada.

He sees Tyndale's mission to be a place where students are equipped to "speak and understand the vocabulary of the world," giving them a "common ground" with people outside the Church and thus an opportunity for engaging our culture.

Tyndale shaped Dr. Morris into the "mission-focused" person that he is today. "It shaped how I view God,

"Mission has been driving me all these years. It is the 'reason of existence' of the church, of the kingdom and of Jesus' ministry."

how I view the world, and how I view myself in the world." Not only was Dr. Morris equipped at Tyndale to "think critically about God," but through taking arts courses in philosophy and economics, he was also given the tools to "think critically about the world."

At the age of 72, Dr. Morris still has the same passion for mission that he had when he was first called by God. At

DID YOU KNOW

- **President:** Dr. J. Wilmot Mahood (1935–1944)
Dr. James N. Bedford (1945–1954)
Dr. Alden Gannett (1954–1957)
Dr. Percy H. Harris (1958–1959)
Dr. John G. Macauley (1960–1966)
- **Students in 1936:** 52
- **1939:** The first edition of the L.B.I. Chimes (student periodical) was published.
- **1954:** The LBI choir toured on a bus for 13 days.
- **1967:** LBI Chorale recorded its first album. Over 1,600 records were sold.

1929

TBC moves from 110 College Street to 16 Spadina Road.



1935

London Bible Institute (LBI, later called the London College of Bible and Missions – LCBM) is founded in London, Ontario. Wilmot Mahood is founding president.



1966

The J. William Horsey Library opens.



1968

TBC and LCBM merge to form Ontario Bible College (OBC) on Spadina Road, Toronto.

1976

OBC relocates to 25 Ballyconnor Court, Toronto with the purchase of Regis College.

Ontario Theological Seminary (OTS), a graduate school, is established.



1988

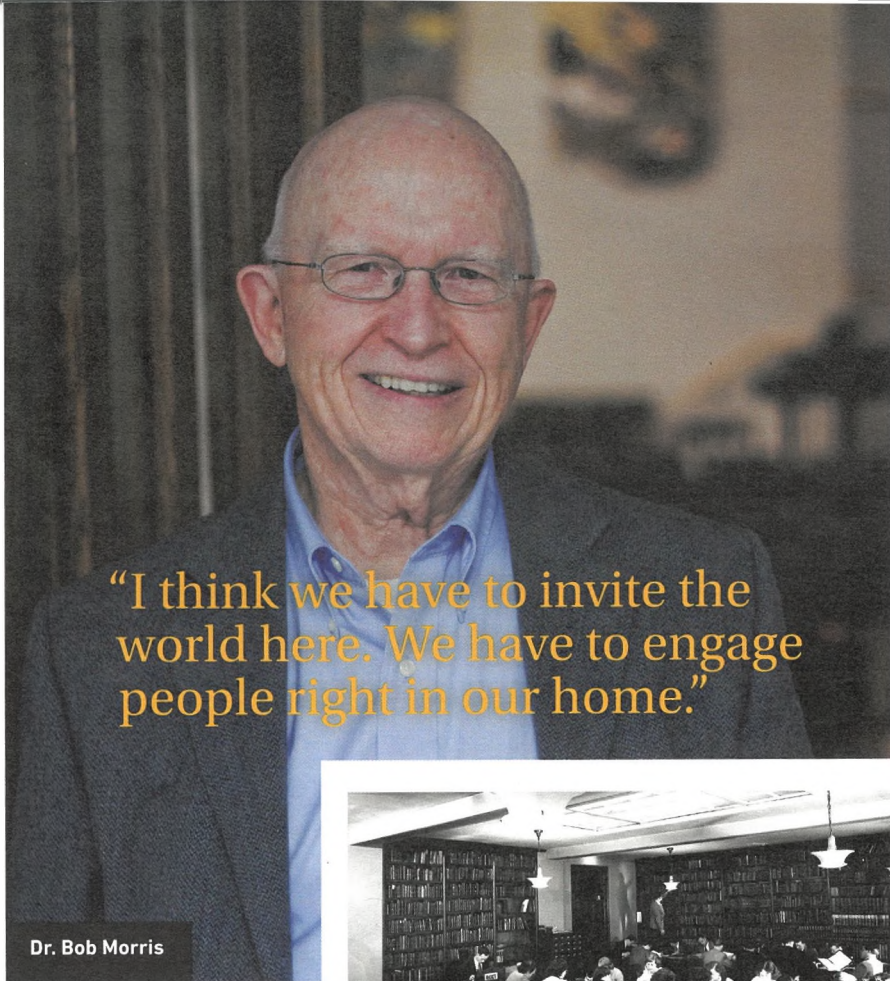
Pastoral and Chinese Ministry (PCM) is established.

1995

The school endures financial challenges and emerges with a clearer and stronger vision.

1998

Tyndale Intercultural Ministries (TIM) Centre is established.



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Dr. Bob Morris




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a conference in Bethlehem with Palestinian Christians, the worship leader asked Dr. Morris how he stayed so passionate at his age. His answer was simple yet profound: mission. “Mission has been driving me all these years. It is the ‘raison d’être’ (French for ‘reason of existence’) of the church, of the kingdom and of Jesus’ ministry. It’s what makes the world go around and the kingdom come.”

Although he is retired and does not travel overseas nearly as much, Dr. Morris manages to stay busy engaging culture at home. This is a reason why he stays so passionate. From teaching at the TIM Centre, to serving as Vice President of his local Electoral Association, to being an itinerant preacher, Dr. Morris continues to faithfully and passionately serve God and he hopes to continue to “explore new ways to make an impact on culture.”

As Tyndale transitions to Bayview on its 120th anniversary, Dr. Morris

sees the value of having a campus that “resembles a university located in the middle of the city.” His hope is that Tyndale will continue to refine its focus on mission and strive to be a community that “spends itself on others beyond the walls of the church.” For him, this also means inviting people from the outside world to Tyndale for meaningful dialogue and debate. “I think we have to invite the world here. We have to engage people right in our home. We have to open the gate and open the doors, and not be afraid of people’s questions – however hostile they may be – and we have to have the courage and the capacity to answer them!” 

OBC 1968– 1998

DAVE ROBERTS

A Wonderful, Unexpected, Circuitous Journey

SEVENTEEN GRADUATES from four generations attending four institutional eras of Tyndale – London College of Bible and Mission (LCBM), Toronto Bible College (TBC), Ontario Bible College (OBC) and present-day Tyndale. This might be something most people would boast about, but for Dave Roberts [BRE 1984], it is mostly a matter of gratitude.

Dave's grandparents were the first to come to the school. During their day, there was a battle over a move towards liberal theology in the churches and their own denomination-connected schools. TBC was multi-denominational and one of the few Christian schools they

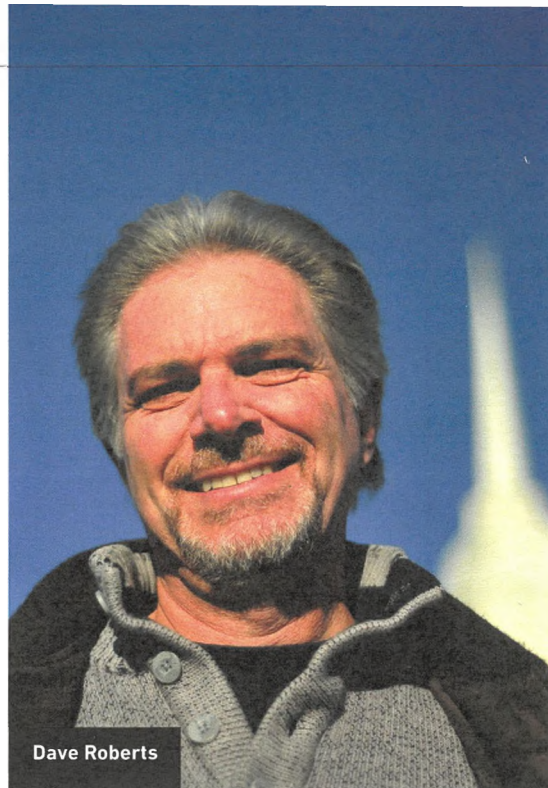
DID YOU KNOW

- **President:** Dr. Victor Adrian (1973–1983)
Dr. William J. McRae (1983–1991)
Dr. Bruce E. Gordon (1991–1995)
Dr. Brian C. Stiller (1996–2009)
- **Students in 1968:** 341
- **1968:** There was a 'dial-a-thought' ministry where people called in to receive an inspirational message.
- **1970:** The first Ontario Leadership Prayer Breakfast was held on April 16. One thousand people from legislative, legal, educational, business and religious communities attended.



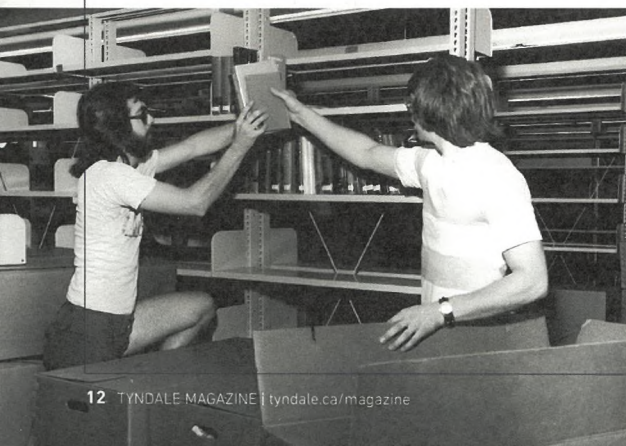
felt they could choose with a clear conscience. Dave's parents had far more choice in schools in the post-Second World War era. In the end, TBC was their choice. Who could ignore the family heritage connection?

Dave did not start his university education at OBC; he was running away from God when he spent two years studying at McMaster University. After that unsuccessful attempt, Dave came to what was then OBC. He chose OBC because it continued to have a good reputation in the evangelical world and he wanted to be challenged. "I was needing to personalize my faith, and I felt the interdenominational context would expose me to some discomfort and challenge me in the areas needed. I was right," said Dave. He entered the Bachelor of Religious Education (BRE) program in pastoral studies never thinking he would use his degree in the pastorate. Now Dave is the Director of Church Care Ministries at West Highland Baptist Church in Hamilton.



Dave Roberts

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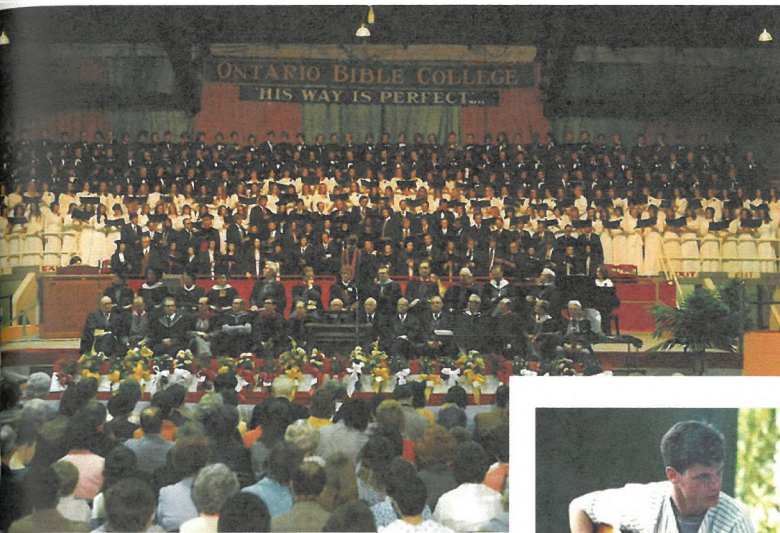


It has been a wonderful, unexpected, circuitous journey.

"The year as a Resident Advisor was highly formative for me in terms of ministry philosophy," says Dave. "There was pushback from dependence to interdependence, a philosophy of leadership development that I experienced as a student and then on staff." Dave joined the community life staff, doing student recruitment, during his last year as a student, in 1984. Then he and his wife Sandy were hired as resident directors and stayed on until 1988. Accommodations were already being made for students who wanted to attend classes and not live on campus.


Dave and Sandy were challenged by two guest speakers at OBC. As their God-given dissatisfaction with the status quo in Canada increased, they started speaking with different mission organizations and moved to Zambia. They spent the majority of their first term at the grassroots level of church work before working at the local Bible college. They discovered that there was one trained pastor for every 23 churches in Zambia. It became obvious that non-academic, oral-based lay leadership development was actually the greatest need for their ministry partner, the Evangelical Church in Zambia. The program they helped develop became a national program that now serves over 800 churches.

When they returned to Canada in 2002, Dave was approached by Dr. Bob Morris, who was directing the Tyndale Intercultural Ministries (TIM) Centre at the time, about the possibility of a missions mentor role on Tyndale's student life team, a role Dave eventually stepped



into. He found himself working with a team that felt much like the community life team that he worked with in the 1980s.

As Dave sees it, the whole value in every undergraduate Christian program is the formation and ownership of faith. It's also in community, that thing that happens with a certain group of people for a certain amount of time that creates lifelong friendships and a place to come back to no matter how far you have travelled or for how long.

"Our Tyndale heritage has helped us become what I would call 'big K' kingdom people," says Dave. "Our commitments and fellowship and partnerships have always been inter-denominational. These have certainly enriched our own lives, challenged and grown our faith, and offered us the privilege and opportunity of walking with and impacting many individuals and ministries around the world." 

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1998

The name Tyndale College was adopted to honour William Tyndale.



2001

The Hudson Taylor Centre is established.

The Psychology program is established.

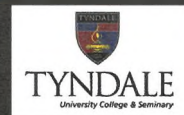
2002

The Chair of Leadership is established.

The Business Administration program is established.

2003

Tyndale receives university status from the Ontario government; the school's name is changed to Tyndale University College & Seminary.



The Human Services program is established.

2004

The Leadership Centre is established.

2005

The Canadian Chinese School of Theology at Tyndale Seminary is launched to offer the Master of Divinity degree program in the Mandarin language.

OTS

1976–1998



AUDLEY GOULBOURNE

Journey to Manhood

AUDLEY GOULBOURNE [BTh 1980, MTS 1996] fears he attended OBC under false pretenses. At 19 years of age, Audley heard about Ontario Bible College (OBC) in Jamaica, where he was born and raised. At that time, OBC offered a bursary for students who intended to return to their homeland. “I still feel bad about that,” says Audley, who never did return to minister in Jamaica.

Instead, Audley became the pastor of Lisle Memorial Baptist Church in the Jane and Finch area of Toronto. However, he never intended to be a pastor. He came to OBC to gain experience

working with youth and had hoped to return to Jamaica to teach religion in schools and minister as a lay person in a church.

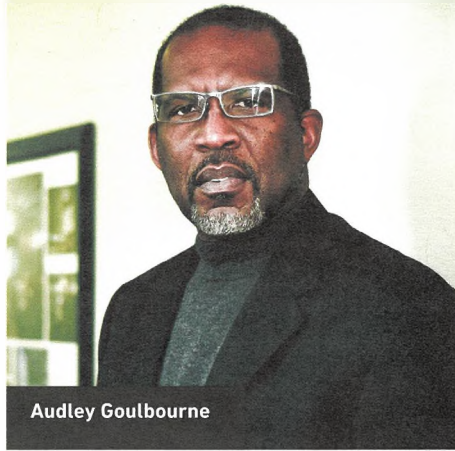
Audley started his studies at OBC in 1975 while it was still at 16 Spadina Road. During his second year, the school moved to 25 Ballyconnor Court, where he lived on campus. “It was the suburbs compared to downtown,” says Audley, “it was definitely ‘out there’ and not as accessible.” This was a big change in the life of the school, as was the relaxing of certain rules, such as boys being able to visit the girls’ floors, and it resulted, in Audley’s mind, in a less close-knit community. However, it was this community that elected Las Newman as the first Jamaican to be student council president during Audley’s first year. “He was the Barack Obama of his time,” says Audley, who was elected to the same position during his last year at OBC.

In 1980, Audley was involved in youth ministry when he heard about Lisle Memorial Baptist Church during a chapel service at OBC. He had attended one of the school’s mission conferences, where he was challenged to think about missions anywhere, anytime, and at any place. “In my mind, it wouldn’t be Canada. I didn’t see it as a

“I have a different sense now of Canada being a mission field.”

mission field," says Audley. "I have a different sense now of Canada being a mission field." After completing his MTS degree at Ontario Theological Seminary (OTS) in 1996, Audley and his wife Yvonne [OBC 1984] chose to live with their three sons in Toronto's Jane and Finch area to be more actively involved in the community.

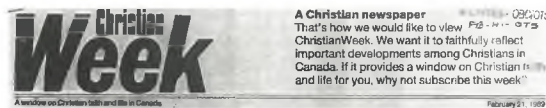
Audley identified an issue within his community: there were several generations of youth growing up fatherless. "The concern rose out of raising my three sons. I wanted to guide them into manhood in a more intentional way than I was. I also saw that my sons had lots of friends who were frequently in our home, with the majority being raised by their mothers. I was moved to widen my reach to influence to their friends to foster their development as well," reflected Audley. To bridge the gap, he started the Journey to Manhood Institute (J2MI). The youth are mentored by older men who are trained by J2MI. They meet weekly with guest speakers, receive etiquette training, and participate in sports activities and trips. Each youth meets one-on-one with his mentor and is expected to give back to the community, such as helping the elderly or distributing food to the homeless. The program even includes two important right of



Audley Goulbourne



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Ontario Seminary now fully accredited

Full recognition of Ontario Theological Seminary by the ATS marks a significant milestone for the seminary's movement in Canada. In its short history, it has become one of Canada's largest seminaries.

By W. Ward (Gang), Director of ChristianWeek

Ontario Theological Seminary, established in 1976 by Ontario Bible College, was given full accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the USA and Canada at its annual meeting in January. Already the second largest theological school in Canada, OTS has experienced remarkable growth. Between 1981 and 1986, it doubled its student enrollment. In the last five years there was another

passage ceremonies, one at age 13 and one at age 18, to celebrate reaching certain milestones. Audley's goal is that "each youth grows up with a positive, clear, and healthy idea of what it means to be a man."

Audley hopes that Tyndale will always ask, "How do we prepare students for globalization and urbanization?" "In light of the fact that the church in the developing world is growing in leaps and bounds, I hope that Tyndale will always have a place and space to equip leaders from those countries," says Audley. Tyndale's legacy, in Audley's mind, is the graduates who have impacted the world, in terms of traditional ministry, the marketplace and wherever they are – just as Audley has done in Toronto.

DID YOU KNOW

- **President:** Dr. William J. McRae (1983–1991)
Dr. Bruce E. Gordon (1991–1995)
Dr. Brian C. Stiller (1996–2009)
- **Students in 1976:** 42
- **As of 1978:** 40% of graduates had pursued careers in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors.
- **1980:** 57 enrolled in MDiv, 37 in MTS, 11 in Certificate courses and 11 in Unclassified courses.
- **1998:** Tyndale changed its web address from www.obcots.on.ca to www.tyndale-canada.edu

2006

Tyndale and the Sisters of St. Joseph sign an agreement to purchase Morrow Park on Bayview Avenue.



2007

Tyndale is approved by the government of Ontario and the Ontario College of Teachers to offer a Bachelor of Education.

Tyndale Seminary is approved by the Association of Theological Schools to offer a Doctor of Ministry.

The Business Administration International Development program is established.

October 2007

The online Opening Learning program begins.

2008

The first cohort of Bachelor of Education program begins in July.

2009

First cohort of the Doctor of Ministry program begins in May.





BRIAN STILLER

The Story: 1995-2009

REVIEWING SIXTEEN YEARS of life at Tyndale can be aided by key markers, points of activity in which one sees the Spirit at work. Between these key markers, some carried heavy burdens, many prayed into the night, a number gave and gave and gave, and so many faithful ones served in teaching, administering and operating the campus. You know who you are and know how much I value and celebrate your gift of love and service. The loss of wages, greatly reduced benefits and frozen salaries were some of those offerings of service usually never noted. It is to the staff, faculty, board and supporting friends that I offer this brief description of those key markers.

When I arrived on June 28, 1995, we had 60 days to get the schools back operating in time for the fall semester, knowing that if we missed it, collapse was sure to follow. Steve Hubley, Larry Willard and I put together a financial appeal during the worst time for fundraising – the summer months. It was called “Operation

Restore,” and giving was instant and generous, sufficient for the fall start up.

Early in our sojourn – in the fall of 1996 – struggling with an enormous loss of enrollment at the college, while driving north on Bayview, we passed the campus of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Lily, my wife, turned and pointed to the eye-catching setting and said, “Brian, someday the Lord will give that to us.” It was at that moment that a new vision for the OBC/OTS was born.

Through each year we sought and achieved a fiscal surplus. Operational debt was rejected as an operating principle. And it worked. With a challenge to rid ourselves of debt, we launched a fundraising drive. Within a few years, the debt was gone, freeing all income to be dedicated to creating a viable university and seminary.

In our tenure together, Archie McLean and I agreed that even though the provincial government did not allow private colleges to become universities, we would work towards that, trusting the Lord to open doors. And He did. With a government favourable to private institutions, on June 23, 2003, the provincial legislature passed a private member’s bill giving us university status. Earl Davey, Ruth Whitt and I sat in the visitors’ gallery watching the proceedings. As the MPPs voted for our new status, they stood, turned towards us and applauded.

The story of the purchase of the Bayview property from the Sisters of St. Joseph is a book in itself. Building on a warm friendship with Sister Margaret, together we assembled a working team to negotiate price and settle the many issues associated with such a purchase. To recruit the needed funds, a financial campaign was launched: The Uncommon Ground campaign. Beginning with a major gift from the Bridgestone Foundation, many gave graciously and sacrificially. It was a wonderful moment seeing the Lord open doors to new friends.

As I write, faces, moments, and events flash by. The leading of the Spirit, however, marks these extraordinary moments. Markers remind us of what we did, and with whom and the result in each step. Even when not conscious of His overshadowing presence, we knew then and know it even better in retrospective, that His hand of guidance, comfort, and resource has been with us all along.

A verse given to me in the fall of 1995 continues to replenish me with a reminder of His leading:

“Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.”
Psalms 16:5

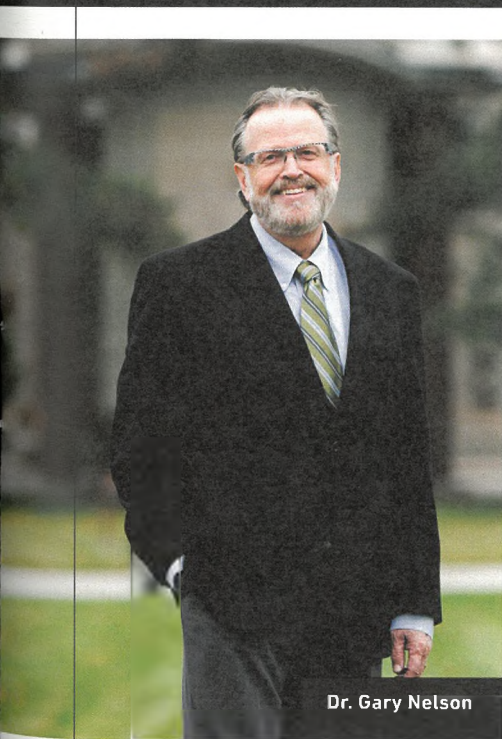
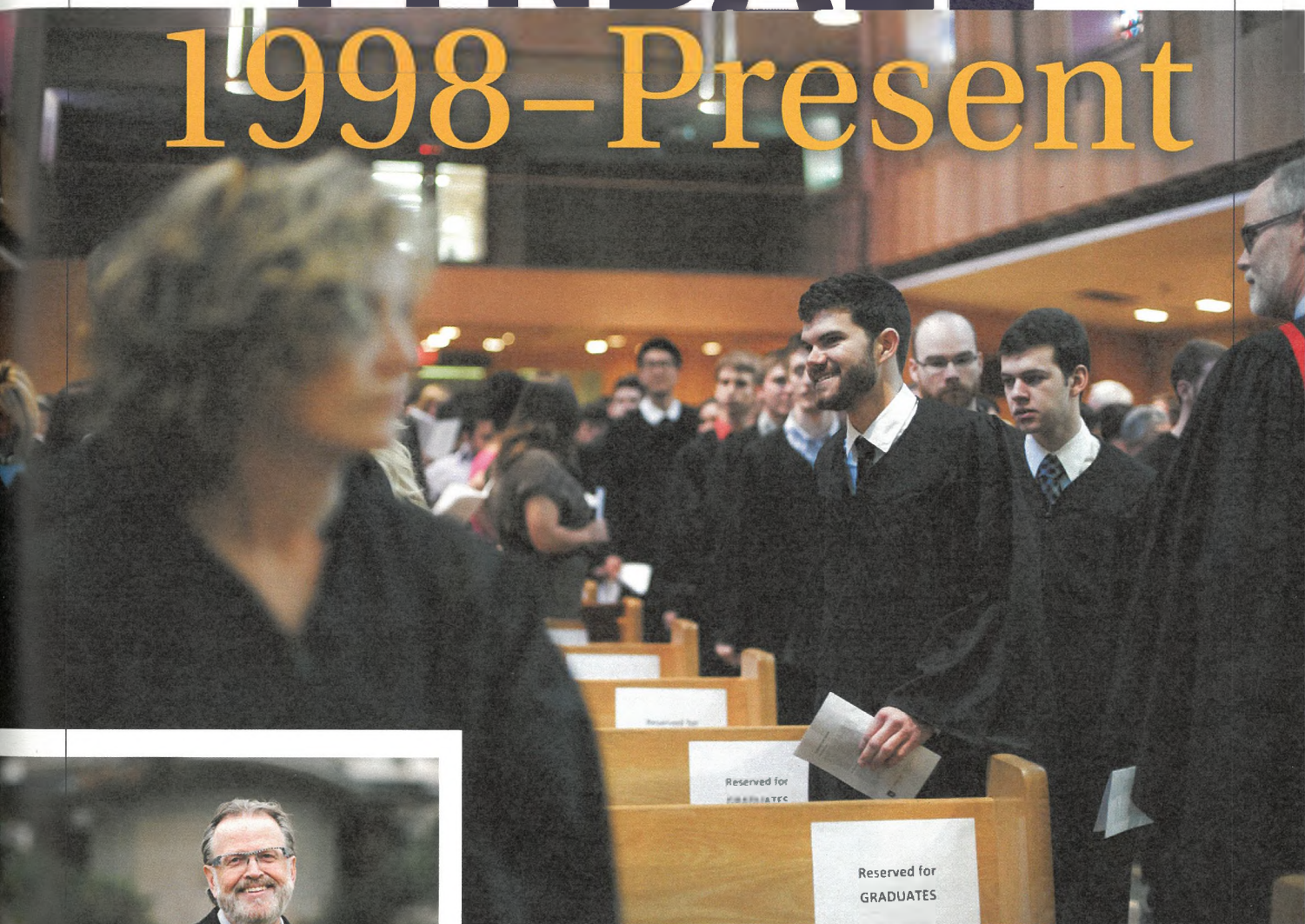
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TYNDALE

1998–Present



Dr. Gary Nelson

Happy Birthday Tyndale University College

THIS SPRING, the largest student body in the history of Tyndale University College will graduate. Tyndale's undergraduate university will witness students graduating with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Business, English, Psychology, Human Services, Philosophy and Biblical and Theological Studies. Others will receive a Bachelor of Education degree or a focused undergraduate ministry degree. In all, over 125 students will walk across the stage to receive their degrees and be launched into a variety of professions and graduate studies. The same number will graduate from Tyndale Seminary.



Tyndale University College was born in 2003. It emerged out of a clear need for a Christian undergraduate university in the heart of one of the most diverse cities in Canada – Toronto. The Ontario Legislature decided that Tyndale would be a part of the pluralism of options offered to Ontario students seeking an undergraduate university education. It was an opportunity of enormous implications and possibilities.

Ten years of financial commitment to program development culminates this year in the largest graduation class. Combined with our long anticipated move to the newly renovated Bayview campus in the summer of 2014, we are on the verge of enormous promise and growth.

Our vision is to provide quality undergraduate education to students who want to learn how to think critically and enter community life – an educational experience that will shape their characters and take their Christian faith seriously. Our vision is to launch graduates who can thrive in the workplace, graduate schools and professions of service and ministry because of the foundations they have built at Tyndale.



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We do this by providing an environment that is both intimate and challenging. Our focus is to create an undergraduate university education experience that:

- **IS BROAD IN ITS SCOPE** – Our framework of courses acknowledges the fact that skills of critical thinking learned in disciplines, such as Philosophy and Theological studies, produce a different kind of business student or social worker. Psychology students exposed to historical studies or English form broader skills of writing and discernment.
- **PROVIDES THE FOCUS OF FACULTY ON TEACHING AND STUDENT INTERACTION** – At Tyndale, our faculty focuses on students and on teaching while still producing remarkable research in their disciplines. Many faculty members mentor students by coming alongside them during their academic and professional careers.
- **IS ESTABLISHED ON COMMUNITY** – The transformative power of community life in a school such as Tyndale is remarkable. Tyndale is smaller in size compared with the larger public universities, so the interactions among staff, faculty, and students stand out. An educational environment that is more intimate and personal has amazing influence and transformative possibilities.
- **IS AFFIRMING OF FAITH** – The power of the Christian faith is its invitation to ask questions and make the same intellectual inquiry that a university education offers. However, too often the environment of the university classroom is not as open to faith being part of the dialogue. At Tyndale, we believe in a God who is the God of questions as well as the God of answers – a God who invites examination and who, in Jesus, offers life abundant.

We are 10 years old as an undergraduate university, but it has taken us 120 years to get here. The foundations were built long ago. It is exciting to think of what God can do in the next 10 years on the Bayview campus through faculty, staff, and students who desire to move deeper intellectually, spiritually, and in their formational character development. But never forget, we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us.



2011

Tyndale announces the establishment of the Van Norman Chair of Business, made possible through an endowment by Ian and Alice Van Norman.

August 2011

Tyndale refreshes its brand to reflect what the community describes it as: **bold, challenge, inspire and community.**



2012



January 2012

Tyndale and the Association of Canadian Chinese Theological Education (ACCTE) sign a long-term agreement to provide theological education in the Chinese language.

October 2012

The Tyndale Open Learning Centre is established.

SALONI KARL

Formational Education

“TEACHING IS A VOCATION; a calling. I knew it was what God prepared for me and the path he wanted me to follow,” says Saloni Karl [BEd 2011].

Saloni quit her job to enroll in Tyndale’s Bachelor of Education (BEd) program at a time when there were many teachers but not many teaching jobs. “It was scary, but it was about obedience and trusting Him.”

Now, almost three years after graduating, Saloni finds herself feeling homesick for Tyndale – a place where people were like family to her. In the BEd program, learning is often done through group projects, which creates a sense of teamwork and community for students like Saloni. She noticed that her personal interactions with

peers and professors were different at Tyndale compared with other universities. This had a lot to do with her experiences in the classroom.

“Professor Beverly Muir helped me see from the point of view of the child and family and to sympathize with their circumstances,” says Saloni. “This helped prepare me to be open to whatever situations students will face and to be there to support them.” Dr. Carla Nelson, Director of the BEd program, taught Saloni a course on reflective practices, which has been foundational in her teaching. “It’s my third year as a teacher and I still reflect back on this course almost every day when I’m in the classroom.”

Through these formational experiences, Tyndale gave Saloni a new appreciation for learning. “I don’t think I truly enjoyed learning until I went to Tyndale. I have never been an academic, but I loved coming to school; I woke up excited to go to school.”

Saloni found the physical surroundings at Tyndale to be almost as invigorating as the education itself. She found it refreshing to study on the beautiful 56-acre Bayview campus, where the BEd program has been housed since 2008. “The campus was spacious, bright and airy. Being able to step outside for fresh air and peace of mind during breaks or between classes was rejuvenating. As teachers we learn how important the space is where you learn. I think students are going to really benefit from it.”

Saloni has great hope for generations of students who will call the Bayview campus their Tyndale home in the future. “I hope that combined with enjoying the beautiful environment, students would leave being excited about their profession. I hope they leave with a wealth of knowledge and excitement for the future and a love for Tyndale that they continue to hold in their hearts.” ■



Saloni Karl

DID YOU KNOW

- **President:** Dr. Brian C. Stiller (1996–2009)
Dr. Gary V. Nelson (2010–Present)
- **Students in 2003:** 400
- **Students in 2013:** Over 1,600
- **2003:** The J. William Horsey Library launched its first automated library system, *OnTRAC*.
- **2005:** The Paul & Eleanor Henderson Bursary was established to annually award \$10,000 to assist one Tyndale student.
- **2011:** Tyndale refreshed its look to reflect our community, past and present.

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November 2012

Tyndale and the North American Institute for Indigenous Theological Studies (NAIITS) sign an agreement to offer a Master of Theological Studies for Indigenous Studies.

2013

March 2013

Tyndale receives full occupancy of the Mother House.

September 2013

Tyndale Seminary's Master of Theological Studies (MTS) offers a fully online degree.

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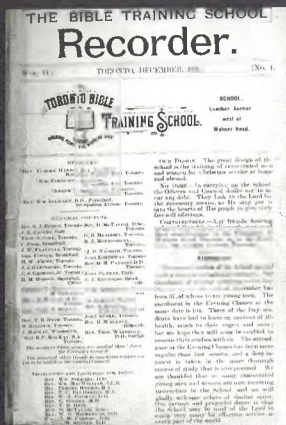
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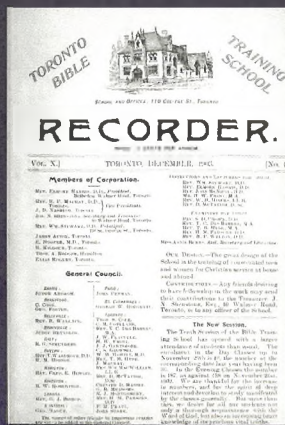
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Tyndale Magazine through the Years



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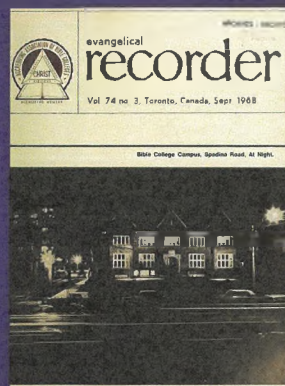
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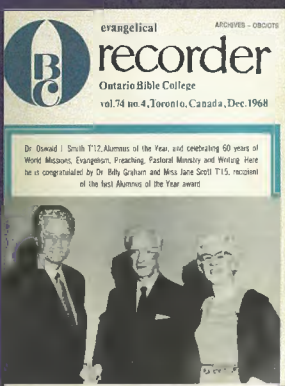
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Bishop's Annual Report

The Session now closing is the 40th in the history of the College and the 10th in the new building. It is a notable occasion not only for reviewing the work of the year, but also for celebrating the growth of the work during these forty years.

The Harvest of Studies.

A more statement of the harvest of the past session reveals the proportion to which the institution has grown, but a fairly wide comparison shows that the total number of students is small, 121, which is an increase of 12 over last year. The Evening Class total was 40, including 102 men and 301 women, who were from 144 different congregations in all parts of the province. A further analysis of these figures is here set forth.

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The Bible College will enter upon the second half century of its history with the beginning of the next session on Friday, September 19th. The opening service will be held at 10 o'clock that morning. It will be a special observance because the celebration of the jubilee will occur on a day of the week at the work. The modern body will be joined by many former students of the past half century gathered back for their special Alumni Conference. After the opening service the rest of the day and the remaining days of the week will be given over to this Conference. A special description of the Conference will be found on another page.

Although the celebration of students is likely to be reduced again during the coming session, yet the full College celebration will be carried on without any compromise. This opportunity has been made to all Miss MacCarty's place as the special teacher of the Preparatory Class, and in any appointment likely to be made shall we enter the year period. In the meantime, Dr. Wiers will take full charge of the Class, giving up some of his duties, not in order to give a new series of lectures on the History of Missions, will be given by Dr. McNeil, thus making the department of Historical Christianity a three

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