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Tyndale is a Christian university college and seminary that prepares women and men for work in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors, ministry and the global mission of the church. Tyndale offers programs in a wide range of disciplines at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, fully accredited by the provincial government. Undergraduate students may study towards a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Religious Education, Bachelor of Education or a certificate in Christian Studies. Graduate level education includes a Doctor of Ministry degree; master's degrees in Divinity, Theological Studies or Theology; and a graduate diploma in Christian Studies, Missions or Spiritual Formation. Currently, there are more than 1,600 students representing over 40 denominations and 60 ethnic backgrounds and more than 12,000 alumni. Founded in 1894, Tyndale is strategically positioned in Toronto, Ontario.



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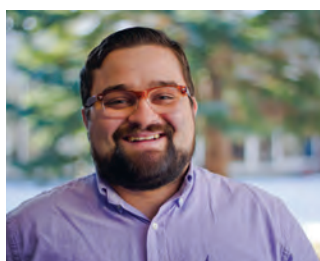
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Tyndale: A Movement

TYNDALE IS A UNIQUE PLACE. I hear so many stories of how students, alumni, faculty and staff are changing the world around them. The network of Tyndale students and alumni reaches far and wide. I was speaking to one Tyndale graduate who felt that Tyndale had completely changed the way she viewed the world. In turn, she is looking for work where she will be part of making a difference. In a way, Tyndale is a movement of diverse people who come to learn together, connect outwardly with their communities and, upon graduation, go on to or back into careers in the private sector, not-for-profit sector and churches.

What is a Christian university? There are only a handful in Canada and only two in Ontario. It is not a Bible college, although Tyndale has a long history as one – and most people who knew Tyndale as Ontario Bible College still call Tyndale a Bible college. Dr. Natasha Duquette, Tyndale's new Associate Dean for the University College and Associate Professor of English, sees a Christian university as a place to nurture both faith and an academic discipline in such a way that a graduate will be able to shine and hold his or her own in the secular world. You can read

more in "What is a Christian University?" Professor Rick Cunningham, Associate Director of the Bachelor of Education Program and Assistant Professor of Education, explains how he has created a movement of inclusive education in a primary school in the article "Inclusive Education." In the heart of Toronto's financial district, Declan Ramsaran runs a wealth management firm that brings holistic, Christian values into the way people manage money, as described in "Transcending Dollars and Decimals."

Dr. Donna Dong [DMin Leadership 2012], through her doctoral research, is creating a movement of diversity at Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship that you can read about in "Diversity in Christian Community." Rev. Dr. David Overholt, Adjunct Professor of Youth and Family Ministries at Tyndale Seminary, is creating a movement of engaging youth in the church in "How to Keep Youth Engaged in the Church." In a day and age when society measures people by their worth and accomplishments, Dr. Marion Goertz [MDiv Counselling 1999], a well-known family and marriage therapist, is helping people bring joy back into their marriages, as portrayed in "The Gift of Marriage."

Movement. Tyndale is a community of people who are a movement that is shaping and changing the world in which we live. These people are bringing God into their jobs, relationships and community. It is amazing and awe-inspiring to watch the movement grow. 


It's Worth Giving Your Life To

RECENTLY I WAS READING through some archival material about what took place in previous decades. Tyndale really has not changed. To be sure, it has the shape of the 21st century to it, but the emphasis is the same: challenging young minds in undergraduate university programs to think and to feel passionately about their faith, and stimulating seminary students to reflect deeply about their call and vocation while at the same time giving them the tools to work that call out.

It shines in the faces of parents and first-year students when they arrive on campus for the first day of fall orientation. They are greeted with warmth and expectations by Student Development, staff, student workers, faculty and Student Council representatives. Tentative at first, they warm up to the fact that this is a good place to be and a safe environment in which to learn and grow. Slowly they develop in confidence and the life of the campus comes alive.

I love to watch the Bachelor of Education students come in July as they start the 12-month teacher candidate program. These diverse students come after having completed a baccalaureate degree, often somewhere other than Tyndale. Some do not know what to expect from a Christian university, while others have been out of school for several years and have made the courageous choice to come back to study. Somewhere in those first days of coming together they “get it.” This is a different place. This is a unique environment from which to learn and be formed.

We have prayed long and hard for the coming days when we will move to Bayview, but the campus is not the promised land. Buildings and land are only a shell that contains what is the substance and mission of an institution. They are a means to an end and, in fact, can enhance what is real. For Tyndale, the Bayview campus brings us full circle. Its buildings affirm what we already know: We are a unique Christian university in the middle of one of the most diverse cities in the world. We are a seminary, uniquely Canadian in its commitment to impact a new generation of leaders. The move to the new campus is only the beginning of what God has in store for us.

Together, we are Tyndale. Our alumni, supporters, students, staff and faculty contribute to making this place uniquely poised to face the world ahead of us. We have been given the amazing task of shaping the lives of students who will become people who shape the world of the future. Then again, hasn't that always been Tyndale's task? When I think of that, I smile, because I remember the words of our Dean of the Seminary who often says in our executive team strategy meetings: “That's worth giving your life to!” 



Dr. Gary V. Nelson, President and Vice Chancellor

Transition to Bayview

THE BAYVIEW CAMPUS is a beehive of activity as we anticipate the upcoming move from the Ballyconnor campus to the Bayview campus. The renovations necessary to allow us to occupy the main building of the Bayview campus are moving ahead rapidly. New air handling systems have replaced the 50-year-old equipment that existed when we purchased the facility from the Sisters of St. Joseph; significant new electrical capacity has been added, along with the new wiring and cabling necessary to support it; old lighting is being replaced with new, energy-efficient lights; construction of a new library and new food services facilities has begun; new life safety systems and wireless Internet capabilities are being added and tested; classrooms, offices and meeting areas are being renovated, and more! Visit www.tyndaleblogs.ca/bayview for more news and updates about this major event in the life of Tyndale. Also, please visit <http://giving.tyndale.ca> for information on how you can help us with a special financial gift at this time.



Utility boxes for the main library lights



The framing of the circulation desk in the main library

Please continue to pray for Tyndale. The transition to Bayview is a significant event in our history and is currently occupying much of our time and energy. While much of our focus is on Bayview, we also recognize the importance of the Ballyconnor campus and the impact it has had on so many people over the 35+ years that Tyndale has been here. The Bayview campus is a new and exciting means for continuing to pursue the ends to which God has been calling this place for 120 years – to the faithful shaping of women and men of faith to impact their communities for Christ. **T**



The main library cafe



New walls separating the main library and cafe



Ventilation materials for installation

NEWS @ TYNDALE

To keep up-to-date with what is happening at Tyndale and read more about these stories, visit www.tyndale.ca/news.

Tyndale Professor Awarded Templeton Research Fellowship at Ryerson University

The Office of the University College Senior Vice President Academic & Dean is pleased to announce that Dr. Paul Franks, Associate Professor of Philosophy, will be a Visiting Research Fellow at Ryerson University during the 2014–2015 academic year.

www.tyndale.ca/news/tyndale-philosophy-professor-awarded-templeton-research-fellowship-at-ryerson-university

Tyndale Seminary Appoints New Director of Field Education

Upon the recommendation of the President and faculty of Tyndale Seminary, the Board of Governors has approved the appointment of Dr. Michael Krause as the new Director of the Internship Program and Assistant Professor of Christian Ministry.

www.tyndale.ca/news/tyndale-seminary-appoints-new-director-field-education

Tyndale University College Appoints New Associate Dean

The Office of the University College Senior Vice President Academic & Dean is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Natasha Duquette to the position of Associate Dean of the University College.

www.tyndale.ca/news/tyndale-university-college-appoints-new-associate-dean

Tyndale Engages the Crowd

The latest trend in philanthropy fundraising has arrived at Tyndale – crowdfunding. With the new Engage Tyndale platform, the community can be directly involved in projects they are passionate about and use their talents, resources and social media to make a difference.

www.tyndale.ca/news/tyndale-engages-the-crowd

Hudson Taylor Centre Working in Ukraine Amidst Crisis

The Hudson Taylor Centre (HTC) at Tyndale University College & Seminary has partnered with SEND International to develop a three-year Pastoral Theological Diploma program for Chinese pastors serving in Ukraine.

www.tyndale.ca/news/hudson-taylor-centre-working-in-ukraine-amidst-crisis

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Inclusive Education

Professor Rick Cunningham



THERE IS A HEART-WRENCHING STORY about a Grade 1 public school student who was globally delayed. Sadly, this child would never develop cognitively beyond that of an eight to 14-month-old. The child was not able to communicate verbally, had limited mobility and had a seizure condition. The child would spend days in the hospital and was restricted to eating through a feeding tube. Although the child could have been placed in a well-equipped facility for children with disabilities, the parent desperately wanted the child to be part of the school community – to be included. Professor Rick Cunningham turned this parent’s deepest desire for the child to be accepted and included into a life-changing reality.

Professor Cunningham is the Associate Director of the Bachelor of Education Program and Assistant Professor of Education at Tyndale University College. He has over 30 years of experience as a public educator and school administrator. He is a leader and advocate for inclusion as a model of education. He can tell you many more stories of how the inclusion model for education has changed families’ lives – because it changed his.

Both his sons have dyslexia, which manifests itself in reading and writing – the major areas in which academic assessment is performed. Having known the creativity and abilities of his own children, yet seeing their frustration in school, Professor Cunningham established an organization called LEARNstyle in 2008 with his son DJ Cunningham. LEARNstyle enables and cares for people with learning barriers by giving them the tools to express their abilities in the classroom. In other words, they help students with disabilities to be included in regular classes.

LEARNstyle contracts as a service provider for several school boards. It is funded by the Government of Ontario’s Ministry of Education. Their service involves two components: (1) caring for students with disabilities through one-on-one relationships and (2) training them in the use of assistive technologies. “We are very much a relationship-based service,” Professor Cunningham explains. “We understand that it’s very important to establish a relationship with students and that the people delivering the training have strong relational skills.”

There is often a personal stigma that students with learning needs develop about themselves. “For students with a learning disability, getting to use a computer with special programs on it produces a stigma in their mind,” says Professor Cunningham. “It’s a label that says, ‘I’m different’ or ‘I’m dumb.’ That’s why many of the trainers have learning disabilities, so they can create an immediate connection of trust and understanding with students.”

Students are often introduced to assistive technology through social media. This can ease the stigma by showing students that assistive technology can help them be included in social life outside of school. Professor Cunningham began piloting the inclusive education model as a vice-principal and principal in two separate schools


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before he had the opportunity, as the principal, to open a new school called Forest Run Public School in Vaughan, Ontario, in 2002. “The inclusion model was definitely the philosophy and practice of the school at the onset,” he says.

When hiring teachers, Professor Cunningham saw an opportunity to help them become more aware of the inclusion model. “In the hiring process, teachers certainly knew the philosophy of the school,” he says. Although, he candidly admits: “We didn’t know what the experience of that would be.”

It turns out that the experience was quite positive. Every student who attended Forest Run Public School, no matter what their level of ability, was part of regular classes and received the care and support they needed to help them express their abilities and become independent. This included students with autism, Down syndrome, severe behavioural needs, Tourette syndrome, bipolar disorder, visual impairments, learning disabilities and others. Remember that touching story about the Grade 1 student who

was globally delayed but was nonetheless still included in regular classes? “The response from the students to this child was very warm and positive,” says Professor Cunningham. “There was real enjoyment in having him; he was loved in his community.”

If you worked as a teacher in Forest Run Public School when Professor Cunningham was the principal, you would have often heard this message: “What we do for those with the greatest learning needs is really a measure of what we are as a school.” For Professor Cunningham, that translates into a practical expression of his faith – to take care of the least among us. “That became imbedded in what the vision of the school was. For me, it was a combining of my faith and beliefs in the context of the public school system.” 

Inclusive Education at Tyndale

Tyndale has been working on implementing inclusive education practices for the undergraduate and seminary students. An educational psychologist has been brought in to assess all students with special needs, such as learning or physical needs. The psychologist will assist each student and equip them with the individualized support and tools he or she needs to be successful. The Centre for Academic Excellence has been established, which includes the Writing Centre and a new Academic Tutoring Centre for undergraduate students. The Academic Tutoring Centre will support students in learning how to master course material and how to study more effectively. Tyndale is also adopting different technologies, such as the Read&Write Gold software, which is available to all students as a study tool to help them with text to speech, highlighting, note-taking, homilies and much more.

University College Faculty

Dr. Anthony Hutchinson

Assistant Professor of Human Services

Dr. Hutchinson was the keynote speaker at Watson Parojic's 17th Annual Benefits Conference, held in Niagara Falls, Ontario, in June 2014. The title of his talk was "Healthy Kids, Healthy Parents, Healthy Families." He presented on the same topic in the fall of 2014 at the Anishnaabe Kewewag Gamig Regional Women's Shelter conference associated with the Anishnaabe Kewewag Gamig First Nation in Ontario for their event held in Cobourg, Ontario. Dr. Hutchinson was a keynote speaker at The Peoples Church Men's Breakfast in November 2014. The topic he spoke on was "Working Together to Achieve a Healthy Community."



Dr. Anthony Hutchinson



Dr. Scott Masson

Dr. Doug Hayhoe

Associate Professor of Education

Dr. Hayhoe lectured at the International Christian Community for Teacher Education Conference on the topic "Science and Christianity: The Call of Science Educators to be Faithful to both Realities." The conference was held at Redeemer University College in Ancaster, Ontario, in May 2014. He also lectured at the American Scientific Affiliation Conference on the topic "Creation as Gift Event: A New Perspective for Evangelicals?" The conference took place in July 2014 at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

Dr. Scott Masson

Associate Professor of English

Dr. Masson was a speaker at Calvary Christian School's annual supporters' event in April 2014. His talk, "Education for Life," addressed the necessity of Christian education and its impact in all areas of life. In May 2014, Dr. Masson gave four lectures at a Christian Legal Institute event at Western University in London, Ontario. In July 2014, Dr. Masson represented the evangelical perspective on the Sun TV program *Being Christian in Modern Canada*. Dr. Masson was the author of an article published in the Ezra Institute for Contemporary Christianity's journal, *Jubilee*, entitled "The Justice Exchange" (Summer 2014). He was the author of a second article in the same journal entitled "The Liberating Toleranz of Social Justice" in fall 2014. In November 2014, Dr. Masson spoke at the Ezra Institute's Mission of God Conference on the same topic. Dr. Masson has been working to launch Westminster Classical Christian Academy in Toronto, Ontario, for junior kindergarten to Grade 8. It was launched in fall 2014.



Dr. Doug Hayhoe



Dr. Benjamin Reynolds



Dr. Paul Arsenault



Dr. Bill Friesen

Dr. Paul Arsenault

Assistant Professor of Linguistics

In May 2014, Dr. Arsenault spoke at the International Workshop on Linguistic Microareas in South Asia, which took place at Uppsala University in Uppsala, Sweden. The title of his lecture was “Retroflex Consonant Harmony: An Areal Feature in South Asia.” The paper presented evidence that a large number of South Asian languages have developed a co-occurrence restriction on coronal obstruents that can be described as retroflex consonant harmony.



Dr. Richard Davis

Dr. Benjamin Reynolds

Associate Professor of New Testament

Dr. Reynolds is the co-editor of the book *Reconsidering the Relationship between Biblical and Systematic Theology in the New Testament* (series WUNT II/369), published by Mohr Siebeck in July 2014.

Dr. Richard Davis

Professor of Philosophy

Dr. Davis co-authored “On Jesus, Derrida, and Dawkins: Rejoinder to Joshua Harris” with Dr. Paul Franks, Associate Professor of Philosophy. The article was published in *Philosophia Christi* by the Evangelical Philosophical Society in summer 2014. He also co-authored the article “Counterpossibles and the ‘Terrible’ Divine Command Deity” with Dr. Franks, which was published in *Religious Studies*. Dr. Davis lectured on this topic with Dr. Franks at the Religious Studies at 50 Conference, which was held at the University of Leeds in Leeds, England, in June 2014. In August 2014, Dr. Davis preached at Cedarview Community Church in Newmarket, Ontario, on “Looking for God in All the Wrong Places.” In April 2015, Dr. Davis will participate in a conference for Apologetics Canada in Barrie, Ontario.

Dr. Bill Friesen

Assistant Professor of English

Dr. Friesen authored two articles that were published in fall 2014. The first was in the *Mediaeval Journal* titled “Troubled Relations: Parallels between the Vita Bonifatii prima and Bonifatian Epistolary.” The second was published in *Anglo-Saxon England* and was titled “Legends and Liturgy in the Old English Andreas.”



Dr. Bradley Noel



Dr. Paul Franks

Dr. Paul Franks

Associate Professor of Philosophy

Dr. Franks has been promoted to Associate Professor of Philosophy. He was also appointed to the position of Visiting Research Fellow at Ryerson University for the 2014-2015 academic year. Dr. Franks was the co-author of two recently published articles. The first is titled “Counterpossibles and the ‘Terrible’ Divine Command Deity” (co-authored with Dr. Richard Davis, Professor of Philosophy) and was published in *Religious Studies*. He also lectured on this same topic at the Religious Studies at 50 Conference, which took place in June 2014, at the University of Leeds in Leeds, England. Dr. Franks’ second article is titled “On Jesus, Derrida, and Dawkins: Rejoinder to Joshua Harris” (also co-authored with Dr. Davis), and was published in *Philosophia Christi*. He and Dr. Davis will also author a forthcoming article titled “Layman’s Lapse: On an Incomplete Moral Argument for Theism” to be published by *Philo: A Journal of Philosophy*.

Dr. Daniel Scott

Associate Professor of Christian Ministries

As the Managing Director of Save the Mothers, Dr. Scott was invited to the Saving Every Woman, Every Child Summit hosted by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Toronto, Ontario, in May 2014. With a focus on reducing the preventable deaths of newborns, women and children younger than the age of five in developing countries, the summit brought together global leaders and Canadian experts to galvanize support for the next phase of efforts and ensure that maternal, newborn and child health remains a global priority.

Dr. Bradley Noel

Director of Pentecostal Studies
Associate Professor of Christian Ministries

In April 2014, Dr. Bradley Noel was promoted to Associate Professor of Christian Ministries. In May 2014, Dr. Noel was granted the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree from Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. His dissertation was entitled “Pentecostalism, Secularism, and Post-Christendom.” This is Dr. Noel’s second doctoral degree, having previously earned a Doctor of Theology (ThD) from the University of South Africa in 2008. In summer 2014, Dr. Noel was a guest teacher at the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador’s (PAONL) summer camps in Newfoundland. From June 30 to July 4, 2014, he was the morning teacher at the Junior High Youth Camp. Family Camp for the PAONL was held in July 2014, and Dr. Noel was the morning teacher, where he taught through 1 Corinthians. The Senior High Youth Camp was held in August 2014, where Dr. Noel was the morning teacher. At both the Junior and Senior High camps, he taught on hermeneutics, creation, sexuality and the church. [\[i\]](#)



Dr. Daniel Scott



PROJECT:NOW

For 120 years, Tyndale University College & Seminary has been preparing women and men to make a lasting impact in the world. For many students, Tyndale is a place where God encounters them in their studies and shapes them at their core.

Peter Choi [BA 2013] is one of these students. He says, "Several of my professors and fellow students [at Tyndale] prayed for me to become an agent of change in this world."

God answered these prayers. Peter is now a graduate student in the University of Ottawa's Juris Doctor (JD) Common Law program. God has called him to become a human rights lawyer with a focus on human trafficking issues.

2014 has been a year of celebration for the Tyndale community. **We especially celebrate the generosity of those who have supported Tyndale all these years. Thank you!**

At the same time we are confronted with significant need. The cost burden of operating two campuses has created

challenges. Some were expected, though with permit and construction delays, operational costs have increased. We are carefully stewarding resources and we must ensure these challenges do not prevent the provision of an exceptional educational experience for our students.

With your help, we can remove these challenges. Your opportunity to make a unique investment at a unique time in the life of Tyndale is **now**.

Please consider giving to Tyndale in this unique season of our life.

As a private institution we rely on the support of alumni and friends. Our goal is to raise \$1.5-million by April 30, 2015. As of now, approximately one-third of this goal has been raised. We have a long way to go. We cannot do this alone and we trust that God will provide what is needed.

Thank you for prayerfully considering giving to Tyndale today. Thank you for making an exceptional Christian education possible for our students. **Thank you for answering the call to help Tyndale now.**



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When **Dr. Natasha Duquette** received an email asking if she would be interested in a leadership role at Tyndale University College, she knew that it was God's plan.

The email, asking if she would like to return to her "old stomping grounds" in Toronto, Ontario, immediately piqued her interest. The words "Tyndale in Toronto" brought with them good memories of studying for her master's degree in English at the University of Toronto and of driving from Queen's University to hear author Philip Yancey speak at Tyndale.

So she began to research the university, wondering what it was like now, 20 years since her last visit. Dr. Duquette looked up Dr. Brian Stiller, who was president of Tyndale from 1996 to 2009, and was struck by his humility and his zeal for Christian education. Like him, Dr. Duquette has always had a heart for Canada and for the continued legacy of Christian education in Canada. Convinced that God was calling her to come to Tyndale, she accepted the eventual job offer and began her new roles as Associate Dean and Associate Professor of English in August 2014.

As an academic, Dr. Duquette began teaching at Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, and then at Taylor University College in Edmonton, Alberta. She then worked at Biola University in La Mirada, California, for over five years as Associate Professor and Chair of English. Nearly 10 years of teaching at Taylor and Biola taught Dr. Duquette what a Christian university could be. However, Dr. Duquette explains, there is not just one way to be a Christian university. "You cannot import one model and transpose it. You have to be sensitive to your national context and to what city you happen to be in.

"Taylor, Biola and Tyndale all have very different expressions of Christian academia, which all have their strengths and fallibilities, just like human beings," she says. But there are similarities: "The Christian university, at its best, is a community of learning and knowledge production."

Knowledge production, or culture-making and research, is an incredibly important ingredient in what makes a Christian university successful. "If we're not also producing knowledge, or producing culture, as well as learning, we run the risk of just consuming the secular culture and

reproducing it," Dr. Duquette explains. "So we have to be a community of learning. This involves students, faculty and staff engaging in lifelong learning. We have to be a community of knowledge production: students, faculty and staff producing knowledge at the same time. We must be a community of learning and creativity wherein each member is free to express the fullness of his or her faith while loving God and his or her neighbour with heart, soul, strength and mind. This needs to be done with sensitivity to context."

Dr. Duquette spoke on the importance of academic excellence and the need for a Christian university like Tyndale to offer multiple majors and comprehensive programs. For a Christian university, faith and academics are equally important. "A Christian university has to make sure students are strong in their discipline and strong in their faith so that they can speak to the world," she says. "A Christian university must equip the students spiritually, and really equip them in their discipline. That way, they will be able to go out and hold their own in their professions. We would do our students a disservice if we did not fully equip them professionally while also affirming them as Christians."

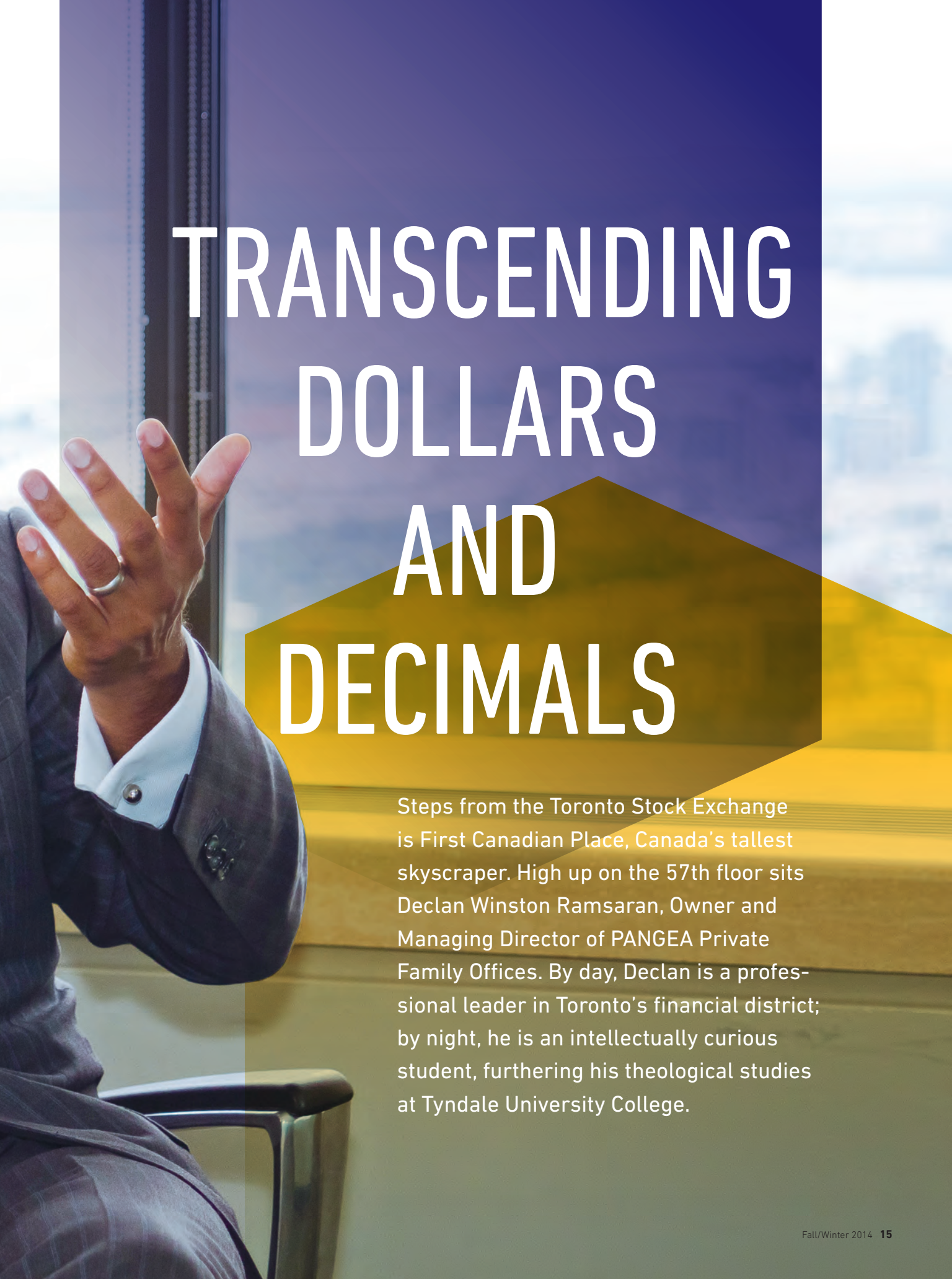
Dr. Duquette believes that by shaping students to excel in their careers and in their faith, Tyndale allows students

"A Christian university has to make sure students are strong in their discipline and strong in their faith so they can speak to the world."

to shine even in the secular context. "They cannot ignore you if you stay highly competent," she says. Dr. Duquette herself has done this. She has published three books, with a new monograph scheduled to come out in 2015, and multiple papers on 18th- and 19th-century literature, aesthetic theory and art. Her current research is about 18th-century women who cleverly and courageously interjected their female perspectives into biblical studies using poetry, hymns, devotional handbooks for children and more. She is interested in historical figures who connect denominations and connect fields of study.

Dr. Duquette is excited about Tyndale. The university's placement in Canada's most diverse city and its multid denominational nature offers many new opportunities for the future. "I have the sense that I will be working hard but also that it will be meaningful," Dr. Duquette says. "I know that God has called me to be here." **T**





TRANSCENDING DOLLARS AND DECIMALS

Steps from the Toronto Stock Exchange is First Canadian Place, Canada's tallest skyscraper. High up on the 57th floor sits Declan Winston Ramsaran, Owner and Managing Director of PANGEA Private Family Offices. By day, Declan is a professional leader in Toronto's financial district; by night, he is an intellectually curious student, furthering his theological studies at Tyndale University College.



Wisdom, passion, creativity and integrity form the ethos of PANGEA Private Family Offices. Their purpose is to help global families flourish for generations by providing holistic, values-based wealth care for global families of affluence. “At our firm, we believe that wealth transcends dollars and decimals. It also includes the human elements of personal well-being,” explains Declan. These human elements can be complex – particularly in families.

A real-life scenario he uses to illustrate this is about a woman who experienced the Great Depression as a child. “Even though this woman had accumulated a significant amount of resources, she was always worried she would never have enough,” he says. “Without realizing it, her life was motivated by an attitude of scarcity; this negatively impacted her relationships with people in her family.”

Declan believes that the attitude we have about money will permeate all other areas of our life. By bringing family coaches and wealth psychologists onto their team, Declan’s firm helps well-intentioned people like this woman adopt



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more balanced views about money. “When the human complexities run deep, we go deep with our care,” he says.


For Declan, it is not just about how people view money but also how they use it. “If Christian values do not guide people to contribute back to humanity, something else will take its place,” he explains. “If we are able to keep families in a position where they are actively and positively contributing to humanity, we know that the world will be guided, to some degree, in an ethically appropriate way.” It is with this same attitude that every Christian is called to steward his or her resources in ways that promote the well-being of the community.

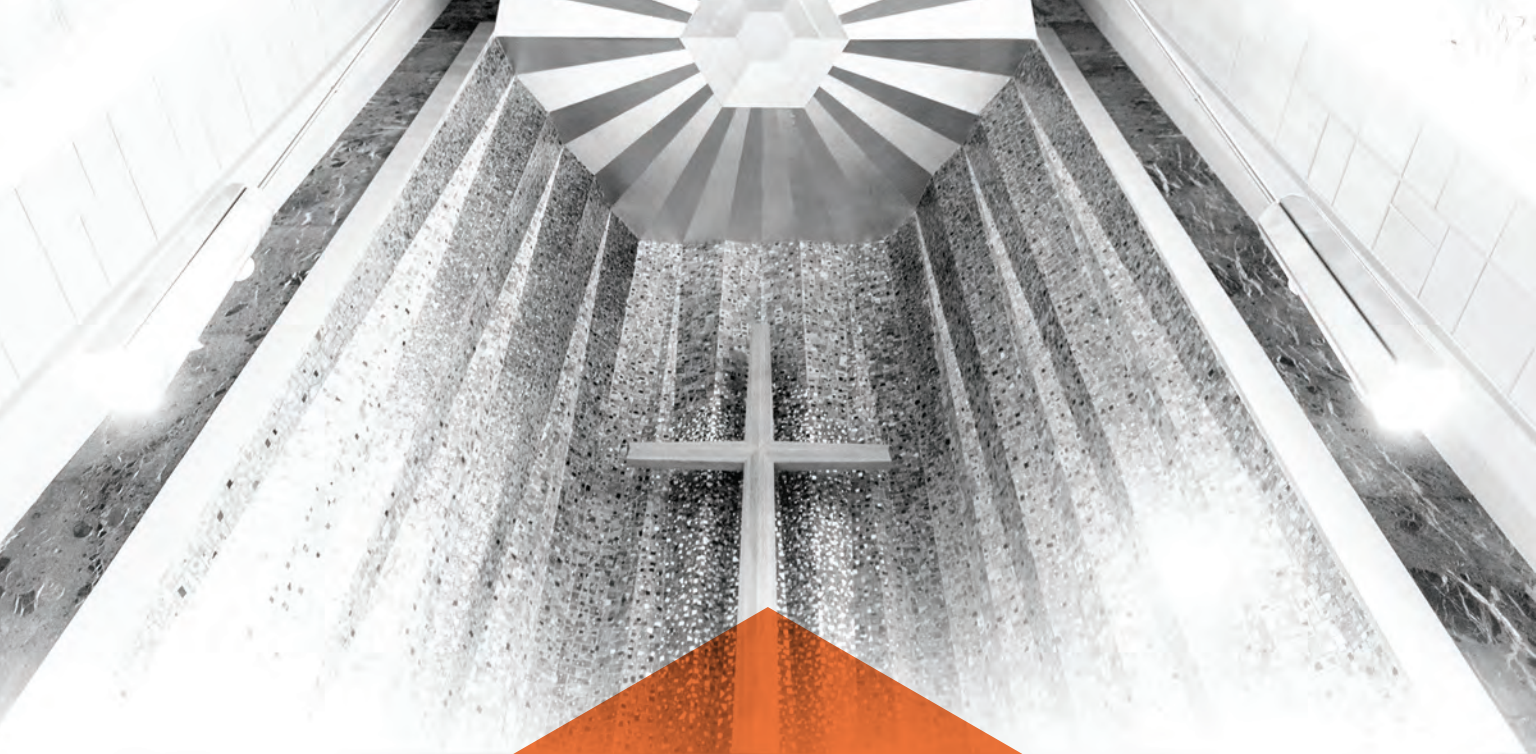
Declan believes that biblical ethics are often the vehicle through which God’s presence is manifested in the world. As a leader called by God to navigate the human complexities of Toronto’s financial district, his approach to living ethically is both brazen and diplomatic. He believes that God establishes certain human ethics that leave little room for debate. However, when presented with ethical dilemmas, Declan looks to respond with strategic insight. This often requires wisdom and discernment, “but it’s not as easy as it may sound,” he says.

An issue might arise in the boardroom where a proposal to fund a controversial community project does not align with Declan’s ethical convictions. Instead of creating hostility between

himself and his colleagues, he would exercise diplomacy to appeal to the wider interests of diversity in the community, which consists of people from multiple faith backgrounds. “I would say to my colleagues: ‘I know it’s not our business, but is it possible from a corporate perspective that by funding this project we may be creating division in the community, which will impact the way our clients see us and ultimately affect our brand?’” This comes from a genuine concern for the people that make up the community. “We have to care for them all equally,” Declan says. Like the biblical character of Joseph, who strategically garnered Pharaoh’s favour to do God’s work in the world, Declan looks to apply the same diplomatic approach to career relationships.

But the parallels run deeper. Joseph not only kept a whole nation’s economy from starvation and collapse, but it was through his strategic leadership – building storehouses to save food when it was plentiful so there would be enough of it in times of scarcity – that families of surrounding nations, including his own family, were provided for when famine struck. “We counsel families to consider a broader community impact when deploying capital as this affects the lives of many in the lean years, and in the prosperous years, even more lives are touched. We have a responsibility of stewardship to appropriately oversee the generosity of God.” Declan challenges families to clarify and articulate their family purpose, which, in turn, produces more meaningful wealth stewardship.

God has been generous to Declan as well. With a good sense of humour and a humble spirit, Declan sits in his office laughing, poking fun at his “debonair” lifestyle – as the CN Tower stands tall in the background. 



HOW TO KEEP
YOUTH ENGAGED
IN THE CHURCH



Rev. Dr. David Overholt, Adjunct Professor of Youth and Family Ministries at Tyndale Seminary, was a key voice in a roundtable discussion with the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) that looked at why youth are leaving the church and how we can bring them back.

The writer and editor of *Tyndale Magazine* sat down with Rev. Dr. Overholt to discuss the findings in the EFC's final report, *Hemorrhaging Faith*.

Q **Tyndale:** How long have you been in ministry?

A **Rev. Dr. Overholt:** I've been in ministry for about 35 years. For the past 17 years, I've been a pastor at Church on the Rock in Hamilton, Ontario. We grew out of a youth group of six small Baptist churches that became too large. The church has all ages, but we have a very young audience and have been trying to figure out how to do church for the next generation.

Q **What were the results of *Hemorrhaging Faith*?**

A The opening statistic of the report says that 70 per cent of youth who grew up in the church will eventually leave the church by the time they're 30 years old. We need to do something about this.

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Q

Who are these youth, and why are they leaving the church?

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We identified four kinds of youth – engagers, fence-sitters, wanderers and rejecters.

Engagers

They're the ones who love the local church; they're the ones that are involved, and they are living and growing in the church. Of the youth leaving the church, 23 per cent are engagers.

Fence-sitters

They represent about 36 per cent of youth leaving the church. They call themselves Christians, but don't think they need to go to church and no longer think that church leaders are answering their questions. In the study, they said that it would be hypocritical for them to attend church, as they assume that the church is a place for the perfect. Fence-sitters don't feel they can struggle through who they are and what they believe and still attend church.

Wanderers

They represent about 26 per cent of youth leaving the church before age 30. The wanderers will say, "I'm no longer a Christian, but I'm not against Christians; you believe what you believe, I'll believe what I want to believe; we're all good." In fact, they like the church, and think our church, youth and university student programs are good, but "they're not for me because I'm no longer a Christian."

Rejecters

They represent 15 per cent of youth. Rejecters do not call themselves Christians, and they are angry at Christians or at God. They're angry because a parent or friend had passed away, or because of a church split or because a youth pastor had left. They feel cheated. In these situations, they ask God: "Why did you do this?" And so they're no longer Christians.

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Q

What are some ways you have found that can bring youth back to the church?

A

There are four ways we found through the *Hemorrhaging Faith* study:

1 Does faith makes sense in the family? Young people need a family that has an alive faith, not just one that goes to church. Youth need a family that can model concern, prayer, a devotional walk and compassion for the poor. There are many testimonies of youth who have stories such as: “I came downstairs, saw my mom on her knees praying for me, and I knew it was real.” It’s about a family that models their faith openly to their kids. And that changes everything.

2 Does faith make sense in the church? When a young person attends a church, they will ask: “Is there an excitement about faith here? Are there changed lives around me? Is there anticipation about coming out to church? Is there an opportunity for me to use my gifts at church, or do I have to wait until I’m 30 years old” – which seems like a death sentence to a teenager – “to be able to actually be involved? Am I allowed to be on stage? Can I actually contribute in a significant way in my local church?”

You can have people of all ages show concern and care for youth. There are testimonies of 80-year-old folks praying with teenagers, and that was significant because it showed them that the church is alive.

3 Does faith work for me personally? This might be through a camp experience, an answer to prayer, an insight from the Bible or a fantastic experience while serving the poor. Each one of these things is key for them to be able to say: “Faith has worked in me.” It’s interesting, the rejecters and the wanderers were asked: “Do you have any prayers that were answered?” They couldn’t look back at an answer to prayer, whereas the engagers could list off a whole bunch of answers to prayer and experiences of God. They could say, “I was tapped on the shoulder by the Holy Spirit to go and pray with somebody. I prayed with them, and it was the most amazing thing in my life. I knew it was real.”



Rev. Dr. David Overholt

4 Does the Bible make sense? Young people are not asking for fluffy teaching; they’re asking: “Can you help me understand the reason why? I’m 16 years old, the averages say I’m not going to get married until I’m 30, I have hormones rushing through my body and you really don’t want me to have sex until I’m married. You’ve got to explain that one; you can’t just say to me, ‘Don’t.’”

Youth need thoughtful teaching and to have some kind of dialogue. I know in my church, people can send me a text message with their questions and at the end of the sermon I answer them. Sometimes we’ll have what we call “Sermon on the Spot,” where we drop the sermon and answer people’s questions. In youth groups or meetings for university students, we have panels where people answer questions. There can be give and take. 📌

Information about the *Hemorrhaging Faith* report can be found at: <http://hemorrhagingfaith.com>

The Gift of Marriage

Dr. Marion Goertz [MDiv Counselling 1999] is a well-known marriage and family therapist in Canada with over 15 years of experience. She is frequently quoted in popular magazines, such as *Chatelaine* and *Canadian Living*, and was featured as one of the Top 50 Industry Experts in Canada by Dr. Karyn Gordon's organization dk Leadership.



She is passionate about helping families and marriage relationships flourish amid the tensions of our busy lives. “There are a lot of stressors and strains that people face in our world today,” says Dr. Goertz. “People are moving faster, but they aren’t necessarily accomplishing more. This is taking place in a time when people are less connected with each other.”

In the context of our fast-paced, accomplishment-driven world, the strains and stressors of

life are amplified without fulfilling connections with others. This manifests itself most in covenantal marriage.

Traditionally, people have defined themselves by things such as ancestry, family position or their community of origin. However, today, Dr. Goertz explains: “We tend to define ourselves by accumulation and accomplishment. It isn’t necessarily that our stressors and strains have changed, but the way we define ourselves has.”



Dr. Goertz says that expectations no longer come from within the family or community where deep connections exist. Rather, we are faced with the expectations that strangers have of us – “the kinds of people who are in our lives measuring our worth by how much we have accomplished or accumulated.”

This can cause marriage partners to experience severe fatigue as they try and keep up with the pace that others expect of them, which can cause relational disconnection to grow in the home. “We need to be able to see beyond the duties and responsibilities and see the joy of marriage,” says Dr. Goertz.

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Dr. Goertz agrees that the home – including caring for our children and marriage – is the primary ministry assignment that God gives us. “To make it secondary does not serve God, ourselves or others well,” she says.

Your ministry starts with serving your family in a healthy home. “My sense is that the healthiest homes are comprised of two equally created, called and gifted individuals, under the headship of Christ, who provide a nurturing, supportive and encouraging environment so that their children or anyone they invite in can flourish and be sent back out into the world.”

Dr. Goertz shares a story about a good-hearted couple who decided to get married and for all kinds of good reasons wanted to focus much of their creative energy on achieving success in their careers. They took out a mortgage, had children and pursued a life of accomplishment. However, over time their conversations largely began focusing on matters of business, such as soccer practice, mortgage rates and career ambitions. “Their marriage felt more like a contract than a covenant,” Dr. Goertz explains. “A whole lot of energy was spent outside of the home, leaving little time for themselves or their marriage.”

Realizing their relationship is no longer playful and joyful, married couples often come to a crossroads in life. Once there, Dr. Goertz counsels that each person partake in active listening. This involves taking the time to relax, listen to what your partner has to say, validate their feelings and show them that you care. If each person is able to do this, progress can be made towards restoring playfulness and joy in their relationship and home.

Married couples can restore joy in their relationships amid the expectations of life by embracing a sense of playfulness. “Playfulness can be about having a sense of spontaneity; knowing you have your bases covered but having the capacity to be able to use your imagination and have some fun.”

She uses the analogy of her grandson putting aside an expensive new toy and climbing into the cardboard box it came in for a spontaneous adventure. “There is something that strengthens your marriage when you embrace playfulness in this sort of way.”

Dr. Goertz believes playfulness can benefit a marriage relationship on a number of levels. For one, it can combat fatigue on a biological and neurochemical level. “Creating an atmosphere of playfulness can generate something in the right side of our brain. It also brings to the forefront wonderful chemicals in our system like oxytocin, adrenaline and dopamine.”



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Playfulness can also help people on an emotional level. “It can help people see the best in themselves and others,” says Dr. Goertz. She believes this can go a long way in the home when life is busy.

Dr. Goertz offers this counsel: “If you’re in a relationship, consider it a gift.” Knowing the gift comes from God hits home for many – in more ways than one. ■



Diversity

in Christian Community

Dr. Donna Dong [DMin Leadership 2012] has worked for Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship for over 40 years, presently serving as the Director of Multiethnic/Multi-cultural Ministries. Donna's job was created to meet a need that she saw in the Inter-Varsity community. Although Canada is an ethnically diverse country, Donna found that Inter-Varsity did not mirror that same diversity. She decided to change that by going back to school for a Doctor of Ministry (DMin).

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ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE CONCEPTS Donna took away from a class session on adaptive leadership for change in complex systems in Tyndale's Doctor of Ministry program was the idea of the "Butterfly Effect." The Butterfly Effect is the concept that a change in one variable will affect other variables over time, which, in turn, will come around and affect the original variable. "Small changes can lead to significant outcomes," said her professor. Inspired, Donna hoped to create a similar effect within Inter-Varsity.

Her goal was to increase intercultural awareness and sensitivity among Inter-Varsity staff and students. To accomplish this, she set out to create a training model for staff involving Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) assessments, Bible studies, reports and training exercises. The training model is designed to raise one's awareness of other cultures and how a person is individually shaped by culture.

The idea for the training model came from the challenges she saw in Canada. "Canada is full of potential for friendships and relationships across cultures, which often don't happen," she says. "How do we live out these restored and redemptive relationships?" Donna's answer is simple: "Love our neighbours as ourselves."

Her work also comes from a deep personal conviction that God did not intend human cultural diversity to divide human communities. "There are discussions about the difficulties and the trouble of difference," Donna

explains. “People look at the Tower of Babel and see the division of language as a punishment. But is that the fundamental Biblical picture of cultural difference?” Instead, she found a theology of unity and diversity in Scripture from Genesis to Revelation. “God brings forth creation with a pattern of diversity; man and woman, night and day, heaven and earth. From Genesis onward, you have the multiplication of diversity that mirrors the creative imagination and potential that is in God Himself.

“People not only exist as individuals with all their quirks and characteristics, but also on a communal level as members of a collective or culture. Our cultural diversity enriches our community. The Apostle Paul expected that the early Christians, coming from their diverse Gentile and Jewish cultural backgrounds, needed one another and would function in mutually beneficial ways, just as a body, with its many parts or members, functions as a whole for its overall well-being.”

The theology of human difference is central to her work at Inter-Varsity and her DMin thesis. As a result, Donna has seen a shift in Inter-Varsity. Prior to her training, Inter-Varsity’s field report showed very few visible ethnic and Aboriginal students. After she began training the leaders, the numbers increased from 10 per cent to 27 per cent. Not only did the diversity increase among leaders and students, but the whole arena of culture was also talked about more. “There has been a Butterfly Effect in the awareness of the ministry organization,” Donna says. Inter-Varsity’s purpose statement – “the transformation of youth, students and graduates,

in all their ethnic diversity, into fully committed followers of Jesus Christ” – now has a more prominent place in the ministry.

At Tyndale, Donna learned that accomplishing this purpose is a slow, developmental process. “I feel like my thesis really was an introduction to the world of cultural difference.” Although it is a gradual transformation, it is a worthwhile one.

With positive results from the intercultural training among campus staff, Donna plans to continue her training program in Inter-Varsity’s camping ministry. In the next 18 months, Donna will be an internal consultant, trainer and leader at Ontario Pioneer Camp, the largest of Inter-Varsity’s nine camps. She will focus on training staff how to do research on the different cultural communities the camp has not yet connected

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with in the hopes that she will see similar results. “Camping has a strong tradition in Canada,” Donna says. “It is a gift from Canadian culture.”

Donna has also been accepted as a delegate for the Lausanne Global Diaspora Forum (GDF) gathering in Manila, Philippines, in March 2015, which will discuss topics related to diaspora missiology. It is an exciting step for Donna. “My work, guided by the Tyndale DMin course, puts me in a good place for this,” she says.

Donna is excited about the challenges ahead. “How do you bring commonality and difference to this beautiful, creative place where it’s life-giving? Let’s roll up our sleeves and see all that God wants to do through relationships and in relationships. That is a picture of His kingdom.” ■



Seminary Faculty

Dr. Ronald Kydd

Associate Professor of Church History

Dr. Kydd travelled to China in June and July 2014 on a research trip to review and discover evidence of the presence of Christianity in China prior to 1400 AD. He travelled on an itinerary organized by a well-known Chinese archaeologist and former government official. They visited 16 museums, eight ancient cities that had Christian populations, four ancient Christian monasteries and numerous temples. Dr. Kydd was accompanied by groups of archaeologists in all places and permitted to review many artifacts largely unknown outside of China. Also in summer 2014, Dr. Kydd was the author of the article “Timothy I Looks at His Church,” published in *Studia Patristica*. He also authored a review in *Church History* of Dr. Éric Rebillard’s *Christians and Their Many Identities in Late Antiquity North Africa, 200 – 450 CE* (Cornell University Press, 2014). In fall 2014, Dr. Kydd lectured at the 25th Annual Flame Conference of Anglican Renewal Ministries. The title of his lecture was “The Christ Life through the Spirit – Walking in Step with God.”



Dr. Ronald Kydd

Dr. John Kessler

Professor of Old Testament

Dr. Kessler authored “Torah and Character: A Kid and its Mother’s Milk (Deut. 14:21, Exod. 23:19 and 34:26),” in *Between the Lectern and the Pulpit: Essays in Honour of Victor A. Shepherd* (Regent College Publishing, 2014). He also lectured at an international conference at the Israel Institute for Advanced Studies on the topic “Patterns of Curse Formulae within the Hebrew Bible and ANE: The Case of Amos 4:6–12 and its Relationships to Deut. 28 and Lev. 26.” The lecture explored the various patterns within the Hebrew Bible used to express God’s response to human wrongdoing. The conference took place in Israel in May 2014, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The theme of the conference, which brought together approximately 50 scholars from Europe, Israel, the United States and Canada, was “The Pentateuch within Biblical Literature: Formation and Interaction.” Dr. Kessler’s paper was well received and will appear in an upcoming volume of conference papers published by Mohr Siebeck. In November 2014, Dr. Kessler will present an invited response-paper at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in San Diego, California. He will present an evaluation and response to Dr. Dalit Rom-Shiloni’s recent monograph *Exclusive Inclusivity: Identity Conflicts between the Exiles and the People who Remained (6th-5th Centuries BCE)* (Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2013). Dr. Kessler has been asked to give an assessment and evaluation of Dr. Rom-Shiloni’s discussion of the Book of Haggai.



Dr. John Kessler

Dr. Rebecca Idestrom

Associate Professor of Old Testament

Dr. Idestrom was the author of the chapter “Psalm 96: Declare His Glory among the Nations” in *Between the Lectern and the Pulpit: Essays in Honour of Victor A. Shepherd* (Regent College Publishing, 2014). Dr. Idestrom is on a one-year sabbatical (2014–2015). She is spending her sabbatical at Tyndale House in Cambridge, England, where she will be working on her book, entitled *Show Me Your Glory: The Glory of God in the Old Testament*.



Dr. Rebecca Idestrom



Dr. James Pedlar



Dr. Kevin Livingston

Dr. James Pedlar

Assistant Professor of Wesley Studies and Theology

In spring 2014, Dr. James Pedlar wrote an article published in the *Wesleyan Theological Journal* called “Ecclesial Institutions as Means of Grace: A Wesleyan View of the Holy Spirit and the Holy Church.” In March 2014, Dr. Pedlar spoke at a Wesleyan Theological Society event at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho. The title of his lecture was “Universal Atonement or Ongoing Incarnation? Comparing the Missional Theologies of William Booth and Isaac Hecker.”

Dr. Kevin Livingston

Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministry

In April 2014, Dr. Kevin Livingston was the keynote speaker at the Ontario Annual Conference of the Association of Christian Schools International, which was held at Tyndale University College & Seminary. This past spring, Dr. Livingston was a guest preacher at Presbyterian churches in Toronto, Brantford, Palmerston and Drayton, Ontario, as well as at Leaside Bible Chapel (Brethren) in Toronto, Ontario.



Dr. David Sherbino

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Professor of Spirituality and Pastoral Ministry

Dr. David Sherbino, Professor of Spirituality and Pastoral Ministry, authored the book *Living, Dying, Living Forever: Spiritual Reflections on the Journey of Life* (Castle Quay Books, 2014). In March 2014, he facilitated Enrich Canada training workshops for professional counsellors and clergy in Toronto and Paris, Ontario, and was a spiritual formation consultant to senior staff at The Scott Mission in April 2014. He also spoke at Muskoka Bible Centre in Huntsville, Ontario, in May 2014 on the theme “Developing Intimacy with God.” In fall 2014, Dr. Sherbino authored the book *A Brief Guide for a Personal Retreat*, published by Castle Quay Books. In September 2014, he spoke at the Grief Recovery Institute International in Cleveland, Ohio. He is also currently conducting research for a book on grief and loss.

Dr. Dennis Ngien

Professor of Systematic Theology
Director, ThM Program

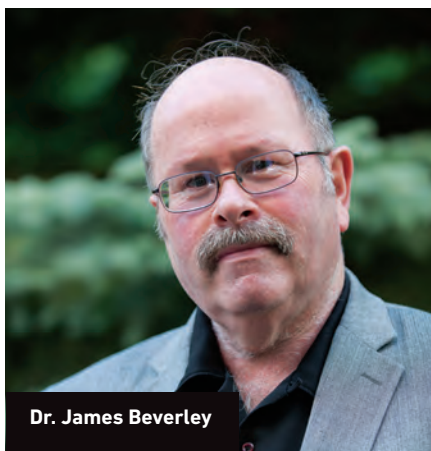
Dr. Ngien was recently appointed as Research Professor of Theology at Wycliffe College, University of Toronto. In this role, he will be teaching and supervising doctoral students. He is the co-editor of a recent Festschrift *Between the Lectern and the Pulpit: Essays in Honour of Victor A. Shepherd* (Regent College Publishing, 2014). In June 2014, the Centre for Mentorship and Theological Reflection celebrated its 16th anniversary event at Bayview Glen Church in Thornhill, Ontario. Dr. Ngien is the founder of the Centre. Dr. Victor Shepherd was named the Centre’s Distinguished Fellow and presented with the Festschrift in his honour. Dr. Ngien was in Southeast Asia in summer 2014, where he was a guest preacher in a variety of churches in Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines.



Dr. Dennis Ngien



Dr. Grace Ko



Dr. James Beverley



Dr. Mark Chapman

Dr. Grace Ko

Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies (CCSTTS)
 Dr. Ko presented a paper entitled “The Placement of Ps. 90 in the Psalter: A Theological Consideration” at the International Congress of Ethnic Chinese Biblical Scholars held in Hong Kong in August 2014.


Dr. Arnold Neufeldt-Fast

Associate Academic Dean
 Director, MTS Modular Program
 Associate Professor of Theology
 Dr. Neufeldt-Fast authored the chapter “Martin Heidegger: ‘Anstoß’ for Jüngel’s Theology” in *Indicative of Grace – Imperative of Freedom: Essays in Honour of Eberhard Jüngel in his 80th Year* (Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2014). He was also the author of “Menno Simons and Martin Luther on Christian Freedom,” a chapter published in the book *Between the Lectern and the Pulpit: Essays in Honour of Victor A. Shepherd* (Regent College Publishing, 2014). In June 2014, Dr. Neufeldt-Fast was at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey, where he is a Fellow at the Center for Barth Studies. He is involved in a translation project of Karl Barth’s *Gottingen Dogmatics II* as well as *Karl Barth: Dialogues 1959–1962* (tentative title), edited by Karlfried Froehlich.

Dr. James Beverley

Professor of Christian Thought and Ethics
 Dr. Beverley spoke at the Cesnur International Conference on Religions at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, in June 2014. His lecture was titled “Texas Showdown: The Conflict between Mark ‘Marty’ Rathbun and David Miscavige, head of the Church of Scientology.” Mark Rathbun, a former Scientologist, left the church in 2004 and went public against it in 2009. The Church of Scientology responded with attacks on Rathbun and his wife Monique. She sued the church in 2013, and her case is being heard in a Texas court. The judge in the case has ordered David Miscavige, the leader of the Church of Scientology, to testify. Dr. Beverley’s lecture examined the conflict between Rathbun and the Church of Scientology and noted the parallel critiques given by each side. His lecture was based on intense discussions with Mark Rathbun and several Scientology leaders.

Dr. Mark Chapman

Assistant Professor of Research Methods
 In fall 2014, Dr. Chapman presented two papers at the Annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion/Religious Research Association. The first was titled “Common Actions: Encouraging Cooperation between New Canadian Church Planters and Canadian Denominational Leaders.” The paper was co-authored with James Watson, PhD (ABD), who is a consultant for church planting and congregational revitalization at The Salvation Army in Canada. Its findings are based on data collected through a Tyndale Intercultural Ministry Centre participatory action research project called the New Canadian Church Planter initiative. The second was a paper based on The Role of Churches in Immigrant Settlement and Integration project. This is a two-year research project funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. This paper was a joint work involving Dr. Chapman, Dr. Sam Reimer (Crandall University), Dr. Mike Wilkinson (Trinity Western University), Dr. Rich Janzen (Centre for Community Based Research), and James Watson (The Salvation Army). 



Dr. Arnold Neufeldt-Fast



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Lorna Dueck

Dr. Lorna Dueck is the host and executive producer of *Context with Lorna Dueck* and president of Media Voice Generation, a Canadian charitable organization that produces a weekly broadcast. She is a commentary writer on Faith and Public Life for *The Globe and Mail* and a frequent media commentator.

A graduate of Tyndale University College (Bachelor of Religious Studies), Lorna has studied journalism and writing at Red River Community College and the University of Manitoba. Lorna holds an honorary doctorate in Christian Ministry from Trinity Western University and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Evangelism and Leadership from Wheaton College.

A winner of Canadian Church Press and Word Guild Awards, Lorna was presented with the Leading Women Award for her outstanding contributions to the fields of media and communications. In 2009, she was awarded the "Distinguished Christian Leadership Award" from Providence College and Seminary in Manitoba. In 2012, Lorna was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for her contribution to Canadian Society.

Lorna and her husband Vern live in Burlington, Ontario, where they raised two young adults. Vern and Lorna attend Burlington Alliance Church.



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programs and degrees. It was a joy to see so many old friends reconnect and dear friends reunite as they enjoyed this great occasion.

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It was a great time of festivity and sharing memories. Thank you for celebrating with us. 



Tyndale's rich 120-year history has seen the school go through multiple name and address changes. Please note the names and acronyms below referenced in our alumni updates:

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Robert Axford-Gatley [MTS 1986]

Robert Axford-Gatley has accepted the position of Senior Medical Director of C4 MedSolutions. He will be overseeing scholarly publications concerning the management of acute and chronic pain, encouraging doctors and medical schools to improve their training to reduce prescription drug abuse.

Dave [BRE 1980, MTS 1992] and Linda (Sibley) [BRE 1982] Buchner

Dave and Linda married in 1984 and ministered to the deaf until 1986. Their children Rachel and Jonathan were born in 1987 and 1989. In 1992, Dave and Linda joined International Student Ministries Canada. They still work with international students and visiting scholars at the University of Guelph.

Mark Chown [BA 2011]

Mark Chown received a phone call in 2012 asking him to join an acquaintance's Toronto-based worship band as their drummer. Two years later, their band Lightfall released its self-titled EP, which debuted at #1 on the iTunes Inspiration chart and #36 on the Canadian Top Albums chart.



Dave and Linda Buchner

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Rubén Ramirez [Graduate Studies 1989]

Rubén and his wife Beverly are pastoral team leaders at Shalom Adonai Christian Community Church in Armenia, Colombia, which now houses 2,000 attendees on a regular Sunday morning and another 1,000 people who live-stream the church services over the Internet.

Gary Laing [MTS 2006]

Gary and his wife Bev were the first Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada missionaries to Cambodia. There, Gary teaches at the Cambodia Bible Institute and Impact School of Missions in Phnom Penh.



Jon Fuller

Jon Fuller [Graduate 1987]

Jon and his wife Marilyn have worked with Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF) since 1988, when they began working in the Philippines with the Kalagan people, a community of 50,000 unreached Muslims. Over the years, Jon has served in several capacities at OMF, including Director of Personnel

for OMF Canada and International Director for Mobilization (IDM) at the OMF International Headquarters in Singapore. As IDM, Jon worked with OMF's mobilization teams in 18 different countries, helping them understand and get involved with the needs and opportunities among East Asian peoples. In 2013, Jon, Marilyn and their three children returned to Canada after Jon accepted the position of National Director of OMF Canada. Jon is the author of *Cross Currents: The Story of the Muslim and Christian Encounter in the Philippines* (OMF Literature, 2005).

Neil Rempel [BTh 1963]

Neil Rempel is now halfway through his mission team's term in Radonsko, Poland. They have been involved in church services, opened a thrift shop in downtown Radonsko and taught English in morning and afternoon classes.

Douglas Anderson [BTh 1978]

Douglas Anderson has worked as Country Director for Samaritan's Purse in Bunia, Democratic Republic of Congo, since January 2014. He recently visited a small village and distributed household items to 1,200 refugee families. His wife Beulah will soon join him in the Congo after completing her nursing job.

Ron Johnston [BTh 1980]

Ron Johnston served as a pastor in several churches in Southern Ontario for 23 years after graduating from Ontario Bible College. In 2003, he began working at International Teams Canada, the last two years as Director of International Programs. During that time, he completed his Doctor of Ministry at Acadia Divinity College in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, and graduated in May 2012. For the past year, he has been working towards establishing an organization called Small Church Connections for the purpose of serving small churches in Canada. His first book is entitled *Reality Check for the Church: Discovering a Unique Vision for the Small Church* (Word Alive Press, 2013). He is currently living in Elmira, Ontario, and has three children and seven grandchildren.

Roxanne Grego [Undergraduate Studies 1987]

Roxanne Grego has been serving in Leadership Training and in Outreach to Diaspora Hispanics in Southwestern Ontario, partnering with local churches and other Christian ministries.

Kevin Dube [Bachelor of Religious Studies 2001]

Kevin Dube biked across Canada during the summer of 2014 to raise awareness and money for a rare disorder called phenylketonuria (PKU), which his niece was diagnosed with. He began his journey in Victoria, British Columbia, on June 7, and ended it on August 17 in St. John's, Newfoundland. 📍

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Elizabeth Rutledge [LBI 1949]

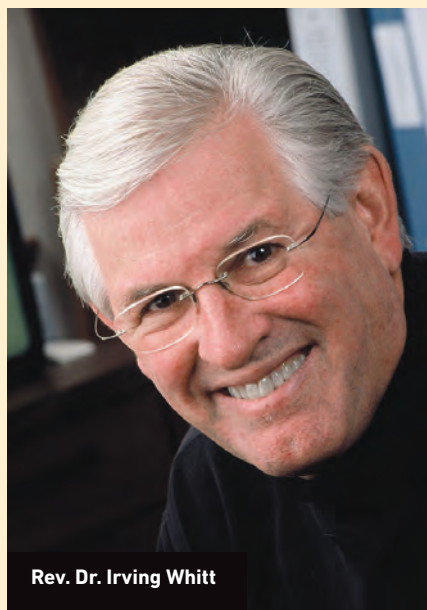
Elizabeth “Beth” Rutledge passed away peacefully in her 89th year at Sakura House in Woodstock, Ontario, on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. She was the beloved wife of Murray for over 66 years and dear mother of Marilyn (John) Limburg of Woodstock; Catherine (Alex) Runcie of Edmonton, Alberta; Jane (Mark) Mertick of Peterborough, Ontario; and John (Jacqueline) Rutledge of Guelph, Ontario. She is also loved and sadly missed by nine grandchildren – Heather (Paul), David (Basel), John (Laura), Murray, Nathan, Andrew, Ryan, Benjamin (Chelsea) and Emily – and also two great granddaughters, Georgia and Claire. She is predeceased by one granddaughter, Louise (d. 1978).

Tom Hardwich [BRE 1993]

Tom Hardwich passed away suddenly on March 9, 2014. Tom is survived by his wife, Rosemary Scharfe Hardwich [BRS 1996], and their daughter, Savannah. Tom loved his experience at Ontario Bible College and loved the beautiful city of Toronto.

Sam Fok [MDiv 2000]

Sam Fok, Ministry Director of Association of Chinese Evangelical Ministries, passed away in a traffic accident in the early morning of June 19, 2014. Please pray for his family; may the Lord comfort them with His peace.



Rev. Dr. Irving Whitt

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Rev. Dr. Irving Whitt passed into the arms of Jesus ever so gently and peacefully at his home in Mount Albert, Ontario, on May 28, 2014. He was an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Dr. Whitt was passionate about education, particularly missiology. He was Professor of Global Missions at Ontario Theological Seminary/Tyndale Seminary from 1990 to 2000. During his time there, he served as the Chair of the Global Outreach Department. His focus as Chair was to profile Canadian missions history and also create a more significant awareness for missions and global outreach. He was the husband of Ruth Whitt, who served as the Executive Assistant to Tyndale President Emeritus Dr. Brian Stiller and later to current President Dr. Gary Nelson. Dr. Whitt will be dearly missed by his wife Ruth, daughters Valerie (John) and Rebecca (Paul), three grandchildren and his five siblings.

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Paul Shih-Chian Chao [OBC 1973]

Reverend Paul Shih-Chian Chao passed away on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, in Toronto, Ontario. He was the beloved husband of the late Phoebe S.C. Chao (Chen) and dear father of Samuel Chao and his wife Rieko of Concord, Ontario, and Grace Chao of Thornhill, Ontario. He was the loved grandfather of Jonah Chao.

Gwen (Miller) Foster

Gwenville Foster (Gwen Miller, as she was known by the Tyndale family) went home to be with the Lord on July 2, 2014, at the age of 89. Gwen Miller was Head Librarian and a member of the Ontario Bible College (OBC) faculty from 1971 to 1981 and cataloguer from 1981 to 1987. At OBC, she was part of the Learning Resources Committee. Gwen was instrumental in the library's move to the Ballyconnor campus in 1976 and she helped improve the collection to meet accreditation standards in those early years. Gwen was the beloved wife of Howard Foster, loving mother of David Miller (Marya) and dear grandmother of Eric Miller and Ursula Gareri (Joey). She will be missed by her many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

Galina Kruberg [TBC 1955]

Professor Galina Kruberg of Toronto, Ontario, passed away after a long illness on July 17, 2013, in her 89th year at the Bendale Acres Nursing Home in Toronto. Galina taught at the University of Toronto for several decades and conveyed to her students her great passion for Russian literature and language. Her devotion to her students, her love for her friends, family and adopted children around the world and her deep faith in God were an inspiration to all who knew her. She will never be forgotten and will be greatly missed.

Randy Jolliffe [BTh 1980, MDiv 1987]

Randy Jolliffe passed away peacefully on July 4, 2014, surrounded by family and friends in Newmarket, Ontario. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 35 years, Martha, and three sons, Zac (Tracy), Ben (Jen), and Pete (Heather) and grandchildren. Randy served as a pastor in Orillia, Listowel, Cambridge and Alliston, Ontario. His ministry spanned 34 years, and he had a pastor's heart. He was a gentle man, kind and compassionate, who always had time to listen, counsel and encourage. The family is grateful to all those who have supported them in this difficult time. Randy's favourite verse was Proverbs 18:10 - "The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous man runs into it and is saved." 📖



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- MARCH 28** RA Alumni Floor Hockey
- APRIL 1** Graduation Chapel

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- DECEMBER 6** Christmas in the Chapel
- FEBRUARY 12** ADVISORS with Purpose Seminar
- FEBRUARY 25** Tuition Free Forward Day
- MARCH** Evangelical Theological Society Conference
- MARCH 7** Contempo Conference
- MARCH 14** Varsity Sports Day
- APRIL 24-25** Apologetics Canada Conference
- APRIL 11** Chancellor's Easter Celebration
- APRIL 15** University College Food for Thought
- APRIL 22** Seminary Food for Thought

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