

# The Morning Star

*Wycliffe College Community Newsletter*



## 10 Things Every Theological Student Ought to Know

*By George Sumner*

### 1. Let your superiors advise you.

Whether your superior is a bishop, a moderator, a superintendent or other denominational head, there can be a certain wariness between students and the people who will be deciding (or speaking into) their futures. But denominational leaders are generally happy to have students who are preparing for pastoral ministry share their questions, struggles, and concerns. Allow these relationships to become relationships of conversation and discernment.

### 2. Remember your boldness.

Congregations teach their leaders many things. As you mature, experience all of the highs and lows of ministry, and see the human failings and weaknesses that come with pastoring people, discouragement can set in. It is important to remember your first love. Remember how and when you were called. Maintain your own discipline of study, prayer, devotion, and theology of the power of the Word of God.

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**3. We are all Congregationalists now.**

The local church will be most real for you and for the people who compose your congregation. This is understandable—for it is in the local church that people hear the Word of God, go out on mission, worship, and pray together. But the local church is only half the story; remember the global Church and the fact that believers today are part of a movement that stretches back more than two millennia.

**4. Find your authority in the Word.**

In a culture that pushes back against authority, and which is changing so rapidly that it is increasingly pushing the Church to the margins, you will find that being on the margins can have a clarifying effect. You are thrown back on the authority of the Truth of what you are proclaiming, and the objective reality that what holds the Church together is, ultimately, the Word of God. This is a good thing.

**5. Own your evangelicalism.**

Don't leave your evangelicalism behind. Some

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people come to seminary and flee the evangelical tradition in which they were raised. Don't flee it. Own it. Embrace it. Bring it with you when you leave seminary. The church needs evangelism.

**6. We are people of the Word.**

Those of us who are Anglicans come from a tradition whose heart is Prayer Book worship. This is, at its simplest, just a way of ordering the hearing of the Word of God.

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To read the complete article, visit the *Wycliffe* blog, "Vestigia Dei—Traces of God" at [www.wycliffecollege.ca/blog](http://www.wycliffecollege.ca/blog)

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**Library Survey**

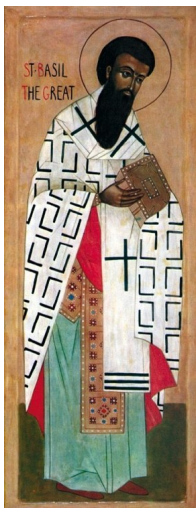
Help us to know what we are doing well and how we can serve you better by taking this brief survey:

<https://tinyurl.com/tst-libs-2019>

**Featured Summer Course:**

*Engaging Islam in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* with Josiah Idowu-Fearon will be offered over a series of Friday & Saturday courses running from June 7-15. This course offers a practical introduction to the religion of Islam and Christian/Muslim dialogue for students of Christian theology. **Registration opens April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## Upcoming Events



### St. Basil Scholarship

Come to the **Wednesday Event**, on **Wednesday, March 13, 2019** at 3:00 p.m. in Leonard Hall to learn about the Scholarship of St. Basil the Great. The late Bishop Henry Gordon Hill established this scholarship in 1991 with the encouragement of the Archbishop of Canterbury, to facilitate an exchange between members of the Anglican Church of Canada and members of the Oriental Orthodox Churches and the Assyrian Church of the East. The Rev. Dr. Gary Thorne, a previous scholarship recipient, will deliver a lecture titled, “Learning to Pray in the Egyptian Desert.” See: <https://www.wycliffecollege.ca/stbasil2019>

### For MDiv students!

On **Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>**, from **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**, Wycliffe will host an evening bringing together church planters, interested bishops, and students in our MDiv program.

This event will have the following goals:

1. **To allow** Anglican bishops who are interested in church planting to hear from church planters at various stages of planting.
2. **To encourage** students to discern whether God is calling them into church planting, church rebooting, and other forms of innovative ministry.
3. To encourage dialogue about what church planting could look like in Anglican dioceses across Canada.

This discussion will be held in the West Lecture Room, with several bishops joining us digitally from across Canada. **To participate please add your name to the sign-up sheet located at the front desk.**

### TGSA 2019 Conference

**WHAT:** The Toronto School of Theology Graduate Students’ Association Annual Conference for 2019

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 21 beginning at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, March 22 at 5:00 p.m.

**THEME:** The Role of the Bible In Theological Studies.

**WHERE:** Toronto School of Theology, 47 Queen’s Park Crescent East

### Lunch n’ Learn

On **Summer International Internships** with **Canon Kim Beard. Thursday, February 28** at **1:00 p.m.** in the Stackhouse Conference Room

## From the Registrar

Students hoping to graduate in May 2019 and who have not submitted the **Request to Graduate Form**, please note that the final deadline is **Friday March 1, 2019**. After this date you will not be allowed to graduate this year and will have to wait for May 2020.

If you are thinking about changing/dropping courses please note that any winter course dropped now, will **not** be eligible for a tuition refund. You may drop without academic penalty until March 8.

**It's Tax Time** – If you've received a bursary from Wycliffe, a T4A tax form will be automatically mailed to the mailing address listed on ROSI. **Please ensure that the address on ROSI is your current Toronto mailing address!** Conjoint students may download the form from ACORN.

**Summer Course** – Our summer course listing is now available on the website. Learn about Summer Session at Wycliffe: [www.wycliffecollege.ca/summer](http://www.wycliffecollege.ca/summer). **Want to plan your courses ahead of time?** See our course offering at [www.wycliffecollege.ca/programs-courses/courses/course-search](http://www.wycliffecollege.ca/programs-courses/courses/course-search)

**Graduating this year?** If you missed the CanGrad sitting, it's not too late to participate in the composite photograph! **Contact Jeff Hocking**, [jhocking@wycliffe.utoronto.ca](mailto:jhocking@wycliffe.utoronto.ca) to make arrangements.

## This Wednesday

**Wednesday Event—Leadership: Your Burden For Ministry Can Never Be Greater Than Your Joy In The Lord** with Dave Toycen, Retired President of World Vision Canada and member of the Wycliffe College Board of Trustees. Reading Room, 3:00 p.m.

## Job Opportunity at Wycliffe

**Indigenous Leadership Week 2019 – Hiring Transportation Coordinator .**

Want to engage with Indigenous church leaders? The Transportation Coordinator will coordinate pre-program details, then assist during program. Required: cross-cultural sensitivity; administrative competence; willingness to listen/learn; empathetic people skills; team orientation; creativity/flexibility toward planning. Starts in March. 160 hours; majority in May. Apply by 1 March to Julie Golding Page, Director of Indigenous Training Programs: [jgoldingpage@wycliffe.utoronto.ca](mailto:jgoldingpage@wycliffe.utoronto.ca)

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## Chapel Services

Morning Prayer  
Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m.

Wine Before Breakfast  
Tues, 7:22 a.m.

Taize Evening Prayer  
Mon, 5:30 p.m.

Sung Evensong  
Tues, 5:30 p.m.

Community Eucharist  
Wed, 4:45 p.m.

Prayer & Praise  
Thu, 5:00 p.m.

Informal Evening Prayer  
Fri, 5:30 p.m.