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An important decision: an exciting future

by Ed Den Haan, Chair, Board of Trustees

On May 22 the ICS Board of Trustees decided not to affiliate with The King's University College. As board chair, and long-time supporter, I have never had to make such a difficult decision, especially after working so closely with an admired institutional partner. As you will read on in this issue, you will see that the board made the difficult choice and remains committed to developing a renewed ICS in praise of our loving God and Redeemer.

Although the decision was difficult, the exploration process taught us a lot about ourselves. I have especially come to understand that, just as the very mission of ICS calls for renewal (the renewal of scholarship), ICS is right now undergoing a process of institutional renewal.

At this point we will continue to review how ICS can most effectively serve the community. This is the time when important questions about the delivery of our programs must be asked. We must work hard to search for new and viable ways to develop renewed commitment to our

mission. We must confidently push forward.

Before this happens, however, I know we need to sit back and digest the May 22 Board decision. I hope the next few pages of this edition will help you process a very important moment in the organizational development of ICS.

I am excited to serve the Institute for Christian Studies at this important stage of its organizational history. For over thirty years ICS has served a wide community by training future Christian professors, hosting important conferences, advancing Christian scholarship (on a global scale!), and developing a Christian worldview that is relevant to the challenges facing us today.

I hope you will hold ICS in your thoughts and prayers, as I do. Pray that we won't be afraid to ask difficult questions. Pray that we will have the courage to make difficult choices. Most of all, pray that we can be led by the Spirit into a bold future of redemptive scholarship in service to Christians worldwide.

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by Harry Fernhout

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Last May 22nd the Institute for Christian Studies stood at a fork in the road of its institutional journey. The direction sign on one possible path read “To Affiliation/Integration.” ICS made a communal decision not to follow that route. That decision, which will shape our course for years to come, bears some explanation, particularly since ICS initiated an exploration of this path in the first place.

Background

In July of 1996 the ICS Board of Trustees sent a letter to the Board of Governors of The King's University College (TKUC) suggesting that the two institutions explore the possibility of affiliation. It was understood that affiliation would mean that ICS would move from Toronto to Edmonton, Alberta, where TKUC is located. The TKUC Board agreed to participate in this exploration, and a joint Task Force was appointed in November of that year.

In October 1997 the Task Force presented a detailed report outlining a variety of issues which needed to be addressed in any affiliation proposal. The Task Force also suggested that “affiliation” was not a strong enough concept for a long-term relationship. The benefits of “affiliation” (with two institutions occupying one campus, cooperating in various ways and sharing certain services) were not sufficient to warrant the upheaval of moving ICS to Edmonton, said the Task Force. A more significant degree of institutional integration, guided by a vision of an emerging Christian university, was required to justify the costs and risks to both institutions, especially to ICS. The Task Force asked for, and was granted, an opportunity to develop the broad outlines of a possible model of institutional integration.

The October 1997 report also noted various issues and challenges facing any affiliation/integration proposal. These included:

- the effect of the relationship on each institution, and the need to find a place for the mission and mandate of each in an integrated institution
- the priority to be given to the development of graduate and undergraduate programs
- the identity of ICS in a new, integrated institution
- the prospect of receiving accreditation in Alberta for ICS graduate programs
- the degree to which the supporting communities of both institutions would endorse the relationship
- the ability and willingness of ICS faculty and staff to relocate to Alberta

The Proposal

In May 1998 the Task Force presented its second report and recommended a two-phase relationship. In a first *affiliation* phase the two institutions would remain separate legal entities but would develop areas of academic cooperation and share certain services, as mentioned above. After four or five years, provided certain conditions had been created, the two institutions would merge into one entity. This new institution, having both undergraduate and graduate programs, would form the beginnings of a Christian university. In the *integrated* structure, ICS would become an “institute” of the new university, with a special mandate to serve as a centre of graduate teaching and research concentrating on foundational studies in the reformational tradition.

The Task Force proposal called for all faculty of the new entity, including those formerly employed by the ICS, to be appointed in one of the institution's academic divisions (Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences). Faculty members formerly employed by ICS would then be further appointed as “Fellows” of the above-mentioned institute, and the major portion of their workload would be allocated to its activities. All faculty members, including the “Fellows” of the institute, would be involved in undergraduate teaching and in program development and administration in the academic divisions. All faculty, as well as the institute itself, would operate within the accountability structures of the new integrated institution.

Process

In the past few months ICS took various steps to prepare for a decision on the Task Force report and recommendations. Even before the report was finished, Board members, faculty members, students, senators and administrative staff gathered for a two-day visioning retreat in mid-April. The purpose of this event was to generate a broad consensus about how the ICS should serve in the future, and to provide a context for assessing the proposals. As the Task Force report was drafted and finalized, consultations were held with staff, students and faculty. A three-hour session to which all of them were invited took place on May 22 and was the final step in preparing members of the various stakeholder groups for the decision. Faculty, students, senators and administrative staff all had an opportunity to provide the Board with an advisory vote on the report. The Board had determined that to make the proposals viable, a certain level of faculty support was required. The Board assessed the input from the various groups and then made a formal decision not to adopt the affiliation/integration proposal.

Reasons

The fact that ICS started the process and then decided not to go through with it may seem puzzling. A decision of this kind is extremely complex and hard to summarize. What follows in my personal summary and elaboration of the key issues in the deliberations.

Energy focus and the task of the Institute

A central consideration in the ICS decision was a combination of the first two items in the list of issues and challenges mentioned above: the effect of the relationship on each institution, and the relative priority of graduate and undergraduate programs. Questions arose at ICS about whether the historic task and mission of ICS would, in the long term, receive sufficient scope and emphasis within the Task Force's specific proposal. It was noted that the next logical stage in TKUC's institutional development is a move from three-year to four-year undergraduate degree programs in various fields. Adding eight to ten faculty members from ICS would help this development. Since these faculty members would become part of the academic divisions as currently set up at TKUC, they would share significant responsibility for the development, supervision and administration of the undergraduate bachelor's degree programs. At the same time, the teaching load of the former ICS faculty members would be increased 20 to 30 percent through the addition of undergraduate teaching responsibilities. Meanwhile as institute "Fellows" they would also be responsible for program planning and administration in the graduate institute. These shifts, and the demands of building and developing a young university, would result in a dispersion of energy, the people at ICS concluded. Doubts were expressed about the faculty's ability to pay enough attention to the institute's graduate program needs in this context.

Scholarship

It was noted that shifts in workload and expanded responsibilities would necessarily mean there would be less emphasis on academic research and writing. While both TKUC and ICS clearly value academic research, as a graduate school ICS has historically placed greater emphasis on this aspect of the academic task in relation to teaching. Much of the faculty's teaching at ICS has been closely linked to their ongoing research. While ICS was prepared to consider a realignment of research and teaching (including teaching responsibilities in undergraduate programs), people at ICS concluded that the model proposed by the Task Force required a degree of change that would harm a task which ought to be an essential, ongoing part of the Institute's task in any future scenario – the emphasis on foundational scholarship.

Accreditation

Uncertainties about other important issues, such

as the prospect of graduate degree accreditation in Alberta, also played a role. The October 1997 Task Force report noted that if there was little or no hope for the accreditation of at least one graduate degree, one of the main advantages of affiliation would be gone. Achieving Alberta accreditation would require a political process which included amending Alberta's *Universities Act*. Current legislation allows for "private" undergraduate colleges but not "private" universities. Such an amendment might require the cooperation of the four public universities in the province. The Alberta government said that the issue was under review, but as might be expected, it made no firm promises about the required changes. This situation seemed a bit too risky to many at ICS, despite Alberta's generally favourable approach to these matters at the undergraduate level.

Finances

Similar uncertainty surrounded consideration of financial issues. ICS draws about 60 percent of its voluntary support from the eastern half of North America. If ICS became a small, integral part of a relatively small Christian university, would it be possible to maintain a national, indeed continental, support base? In the struggle to find the right balance between moving forward in faith and acting with sober responsibility, such questions raised genuine concern.

Professional and personal impact

The issue of the willingness and ability of faculty and staff to move to Edmonton proved to be the most acute and difficult part of the decision. All ICS faculty have deep family and kinship connections in the Toronto area. In some cases these roots extend over 30 years. Despite such ties, a good number of faculty members said that they were willing to move if the Board, based on the best available wisdom, approved the proposal. But several faculty members also stressed that such a move would have a high professional cost because of the loss of their direct access to resources and contacts available mainly through the University of Toronto. While these faculty members were willing to consider this prospect, they did not welcome it.

Faculty team

An important wrinkle in this question had to do with the current make-up of the faculty. A major generational transition is well underway at ICS. In the last few years the younger faculty have begun to cohere as a team, and have made strides in taking over leadership of ICS in such areas as curricular development. But professional and family considerations (like employment of spouses) meant that thinking of moving was hardest for some of the younger faculty. In light of this some people concluded that a major move

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at this time would exact a high toll in terms of ICS faculty development.

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There was widespread agreement at ICS that the Task Force did excellent work, and that the model it proposed was as good a plan as could be worked out, assuming the desirability of integrating the two institutions into one entity. In the final analysis, however, the Board decided that the problems and obstacles were significant

enough to make a decision not to proceed.

ICS felt and continues to feel deeply grateful to TKUC for having explored affiliation fully and wholeheartedly. A highlight of the entire process was a joint faculty meeting in 1997 in Edmonton. ICS faculty came home deeply impressed with the commitment to Christian scholarship and teaching they encountered among TKUC faculty in various fields and from diverse backgrounds. The Board, faculty and staff of TKUC remain for ICS a group of colleagues whom we highly respect, and with whom we hope to have fruitful and active working relationships in the future.

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The way forward for ICS

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The Institute for Christian Studies stands at an important and exciting place in its institutional journey right now. Over two years ago ICS recognized the need to take stock, to refocus its vision, and to retool in order to develop its mission effectively. For the past 18 months the exploration of affiliation/integration with The King's University College in Edmonton was the focus of this organizational renewal process. Now that ICS has decided not to affiliate with The King's, this process must continue and be brought to a positive conclusion in a different direction.

In considering the future, the Institute must build on the strengths it has developed as a graduate school concentrating on *foundational* studies in the *reformational* tradition. Throughout its history ICS has concentrated on foundational issues in scholarship, that is, underlying philosophical issues which are the hinges on which understandings of the world turn. This emphasis has enabled the Institute to develop an academic witness and influence that are out of proportion to its small size. In pursuing this strategy ICS has consciously placed itself in the reformational intellectual tradition, that is, a branch of neo-Calvinist thought shaped by leaders such as Kuyper, Dooyeweerd and others. The Institute's foundational and reformational orientation are essential features of its identity, and must remain at the core of its strategy for the future.

What, then, is the way forward for ICS? The following represent orientation points for change which build on the Institute's strengths and flow out of the April visioning retreat (see the article on this retreat in this issue):

1. Develop an ethos of partnership. At the Institute's visioning retreat the idea of forming partnerships with both academic and non-academic organizations and groups was a prominent theme. Obviously, the Task Force proposals for affiliation/integration represented a very

formal and intense type of partnership. The fact that this option was turned down does not mean, however, that the theme of partnership is dead. The Institute will pursue strategic, smaller-scale partnerships in the future. An example of possible partnerships is the conference ICS helped initiate on "Reformed Institutions in Transition" which is scheduled for June 1998. This event is designed to provide a place for leaders of various church, educational and social action groups to engage in principled conversation about the past, present and the future of organizational change and transformation. In the years to come, ICS needs to become known more and more as an institution which strives for cooperation, fosters joint projects and seeks ways to contribute to and receive from other groups and organizations engaged in the Lord's work in the world.

2. Turn limitations into strengths. The fact that ICS operates a small, free-standing graduate school in Ontario has inherent limitations. For example, we offer "abnormal" degrees, and we do not have access to an accrediting agency. We considered affiliation in part to address these limitations. Now that we have decided not to affiliate we need to look at the flip side of these limitations. The absence of accreditation means that ICS has immense *freedom* to shape its identity and to define its programs flexibly. We need to exploit this flexibility. In the years to come, ICS needs to celebrate its limitations and turn them into strengths as we seek to shape our programs and other activities so that we can serve followers of Christ in academic and other vocations in the best possible ways.

3. Practice bold humility. We are often told that the Institute has image problems. Some find us too liberal, others consider us academic elitists. We are tempted to adopt a defensive stance in the face of such critical assessments. But image issues run deep and cannot be remedied with argument.

Instead of dwelling on negative aspects of our image, we need to focus on the positive. This translates into the practice of *bold humility*. All Christians today are confronted with perplexing questions in their effort to be followers of Christ in today's culture. ICS can demonstrate *boldness* in this situation by daring to address contemporary issues in a spirit of openness and creativity, *with biblical integrity*. ICS can demonstrate *humility* by contributing from its area of strength (Christian scholarship) with a servant attitude in addressing issues "on the street" where people live in today's world. In the years to come such bold humility should characterize ICS more and more.

The forty year history of ICS and its sponsoring association is woven around three dynamic strands: from the beginning ICS has been a *school*, a *research centre*, and a *popular/spiritual movement*. The orientation points mentioned above could have implications for all three of these strands.

For the school emphasis: The *partnership* theme is already developing, for example, in the Institute's recent agreement with Australia's National Institute for Christian Education (NICE). Under this agreement ICS will make available to Christian educators in North America master's degree level courses developed by NICE. These courses will be offered by distance education and will, with appropriate approvals, be part of a new Administrator Education Program offered by Christian Schools International (CSI) in Grand Rapids.

The *freedom* theme could be developed through creative program initiatives. I want to propose, for example, that ICS make all our Worldview program courses and the core courses in the Master of Philosophical Foundations program available on-line within five years, so any student could access these programs by computer. Such an initiative could be a special blessing to foreign students by reducing the time they are required to spend away from home and family to complete our intense programs of study. ICS could also transform its current correspondence course program into a series of non-credit general education courses, available on-line to Christians interested in exploring some aspect of their calling in contemporary culture.

For the movement emphasis: In its early days ICS sometimes regarded itself as the chief dispenser of reformational wisdom for the entire Christian community. An ethos of partnership, in a spirit of bold humility, does not erase the Institute's role in stimulating a movement, but transforms it into an attitude of service. As a partner in the movement of God's kingdom, ICS must seek to contribute from its area of strength (Christian scholarship) without perpetuating the notion of the superiority of intellectual pronouncements.

Some possible channels for this spirit of partnership are:

- working with a group such as the International Association for the Promotion of Christian

Higher Education (IAPCHE) and worldwide institutions of higher education to make available bibliographic services, books and other documents to Christian scholars around the world;

- working with Christian organizations in the fields of agriculture, politics, labour and education on jointly-sponsored projects;
- working with the Toronto School of Theology at the University of Toronto to provide philosophical programming to complement their theological training;
- developing an Alumni Association to explore ways in which ICS can connect meaningfully with former students.

For the research emphasis: The research agendas of ICS faculty have, over the years, typically been defined by their individual areas of expertise and personal interests. In recent years the Institute has attempted to introduce more coordination by asking faculty members to develop five-year research and teaching plans in consultation with one another. It is clear that areas of expertise (in which faculty members are trained and for which they are hired) need to be respected in establishing research agendas. But an emphasis on partnership and service also means that faculty members need to be prepared to balance personal research interests with institutional and community needs. A prominent consideration in defining research programs at ICS must be the question of how that research contributes to the coming of *shalom* in God's world, and how it helps equip followers of Christ in walking in his ways. Such research may ruffle more feathers than explorations of certain academically interesting but remote topics in a highly specialized field. That is a creative risk ICS will have to take in its quest to give genuine service to contemporary followers of Christ.

I am personally committed to seek new and exciting ways to implement our mission, and to find ways to make the fruit of our work an increased service to the wider Christian community. The Board, faculty and staff are also committed to this task.

The Preamble of the Institute's *Educational Creed* begins with the words, "In humble awareness of our dependence upon the Triune God...." That is where ICS began, and that is where we stand today. Even as we formulate strategic plans, our future is in the hand of God. Join us in committing the future course of ICS to God's love and care.



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Major ICS stakeholders gather to envision the future

by John Meiboom

Knowing that a decision was required in five weeks on a proposal coming from the Joint Task Force studying affiliation with The King's University College, the Board of Trustees decided to call together the various members of the immediate ICS family to sharpen how our mission is to be seen for the future. As a result 45 people, either employed by the ICS or members of the Board and Senate, met together for two days in a retreat setting in mid-April.

Although affiliation discussions were a reference point for our discussion, participants were asked not to limit their contributions to that possibility. The results were meant to guide us to a decision on affiliation by equipping us to evaluate final proposals against the background of a general vision. That is, would the affiliation proposal be a good way of furthering the vision for ICS.

During the two days many found new appreciation for different aspects of the community at ICS, discovered parts of our history that had never been heard or had been forgotten, realized

that they were still very excited about the mission of ICS, and were opened to understanding unresolved pain in some members of the community.

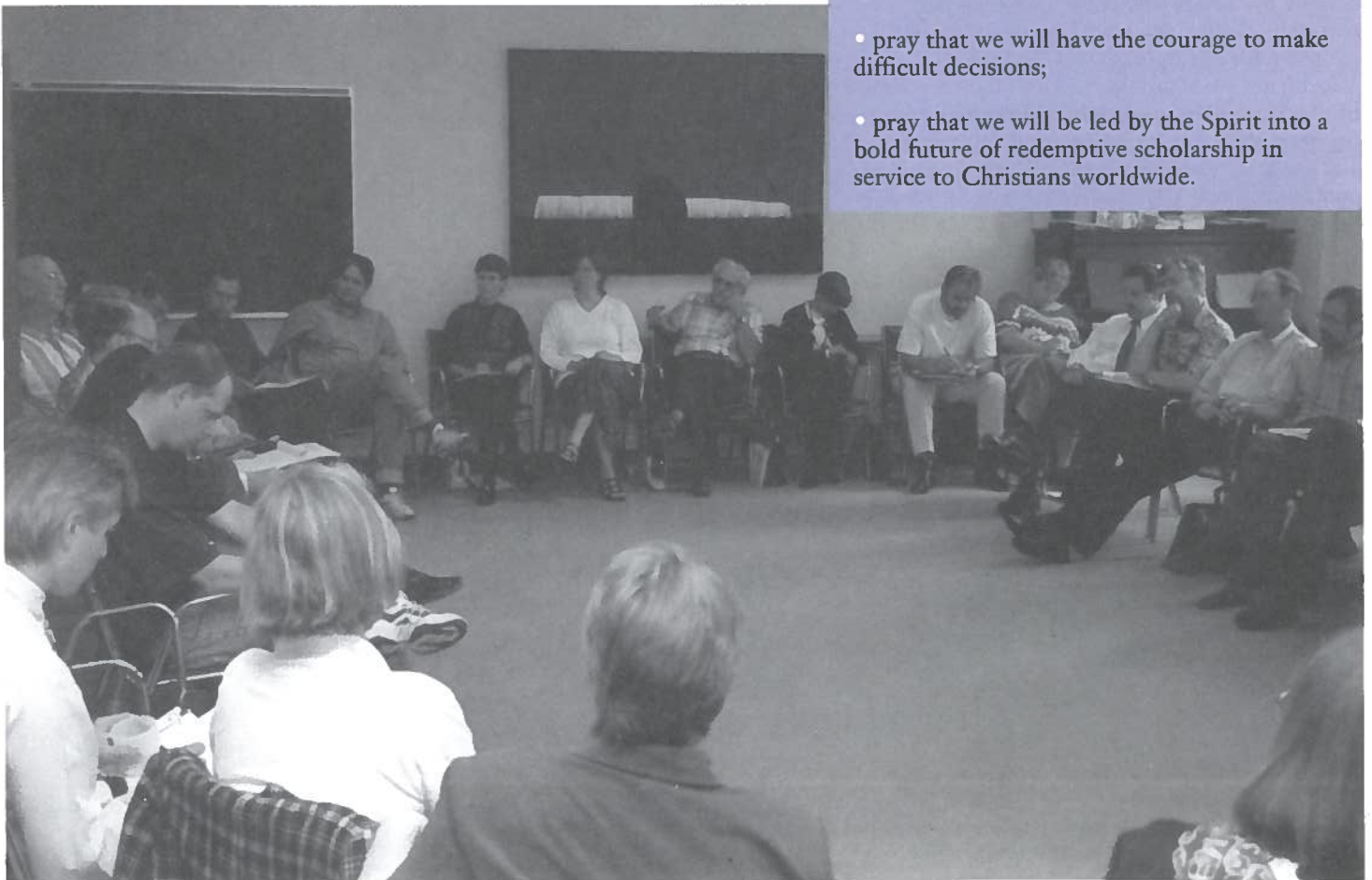
President Harry Fernhout remarked that “There is substantial agreement among the ICS stakeholders about what the mission is and should be for ICS, How best to carry out this mission is what we must prayerfully address in the coming weeks and months.”

Here's what *you* can do to help ICS envision its future...

- let us know what you think.

Please continue your financial and prayerful support

- pray that we won't be afraid to ask difficult questions;
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ICS library seeks volunteers

We appeal for help with clerical tasks in our library from people living nearby who can spare some time. Books need to be labelled and shelved, files need to be organized, computer databases need to be searched. But probably the major task facing the ICS library right now is the entry of the catalogue of our holdings – which at present exists on paper – into a computer database. We also need help with cataloguing.

Volunteers should be good at giving attention to detail, and have a good grasp of the alphabet and good spelling skills. They need to work rather independently, and be able to stoop and sometimes lift boxes. Basic computer or typing skills are needed, good knowledge of English (and it's helpful to have a reading knowledge of Dutch, Afrikaans, German or French), and also tolerance of a certain amount of dust.

The ICS has a small reference library of about 25,000 volumes, plus some tape cassettes, vertical files, periodicals and so on. The collection is mainly in philosophy, including the philosophy of various areas, and theology, with reference works in other areas. The library mostly, but not exclusively, serve ICS staff, faculty and students.

Volunteers get free coffee on the job, a chance to stretch your mind and body, interesting people around you, a chance to use a non-English language and to develop library skills (especially in computers and cataloguing).

Interested people can apply to G. Marcille Frederick, Director, by phone at 416-979-2331, extension 237, or by e-mail at mfrederick@icscanada.edu.



John Melboom



Carol Lammers

Hellos and goodbyes

by John Melboom

Goodbye to Margaret Schoemaker

Margaret has left the ICS staff after eleven years of service, which made her the veteran on the staff. She knows the community at ICS, and she knows the community in support of ICS as well as anyone. But she was not often known by those whom she knew.

Margaret served as Computer Information Coordinator for some years, and recently took on additional duties under the title of Office Coordinator. She was a cheerful worker, always ready with a smile and a quick laugh. She was always eager to please, and we miss her at ICS.

Margaret is now a private contractor with a computer software firm and she spends her days travelling from organization to organization assisting in database conversions and training persons on software applications. At two farewell events Margaret said that her eleven years have been very significant years in her personal and professional development.



Hello to Carol Lammers

Although we miss Margaret, ICS did not have a long vacancy. We are proud to introduce Carol Lammers. Carol comes to us after more than ten years of administrative work in industry and government. She comes with a strong commitment to the mission of ICS and with good skills that will benefit us as we grow in new ways.

In talking with people who gave references for Carol, I discovered that she was known as a person with significant organizational strengths and one who learns new skills quickly. These abilities will serve her and ICS well in her new position. Her tasks include reception work, supervision of some part-time staff members, database information management, income administration and product sales. We are pleased to introduce her to our constituency. Please welcome Carol to ICS if you happen to talk with her or when you call in to ICS.

Goodbye to Ed Piers

Dr. Ed Piers, professor of chemistry at UBC in

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development notes



by Mike DenHaan

New Alumni Association at ICS

In May the ICS Board of Trustees approved the creation of a new ICS Alumni Association.

This is an important development in the relationship between ICS and its alumni. Currently ICS alumni serve in various ways – on the Board of Trustees, the Senate, as ICS faculty, and as volunteers for student recruitment, events, fundraising and the like. Now, however, alumni have a formal structure in which they can participate in the life of ICS.

In addition to connecting alumni with ICS through workshops, conferences, papers and teaching, the Association will provide a network for alumni seeking job opportunities and career development.

As the steering committee to shape the Association develops a mandate, we seek guidance and advice from all alumni. I personally look forward to working with and serving ICS alumni in this new and exciting venture. Please give me your suggestions, comments and questions at 1-888-326-5347, or locally at 416-979-2331 ext. 229; E-mail: mdenhaan@icscanada.edu.

HELLOS AND GOODBYES

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Vancouver, has served for ten years on the ICS Senate. For the past four years he was chancellor of ICS and chair of the Senate. In this capacity he led the ICS academic affairs very well. His



(Above) Harry Fernhout with past chair/chancellor Ed Piers.

(Below) Newly appointed chair/chancellor of the senate, Lambert Zuidervaat, meets with Senate member Mary Leigh Morbey.



leadership was strong, but it never lacked grace and gentleness. His dry sense of humour was a wonderful addition to our often heavy discussions. Ed has been committed to the mission of ICS for many years, and he served ICS gladly. The Senate recognized Ed's long service during its meetings on May 21 and 22. He is being replaced as chair/chancellor by long-time Senator and alumnus Lambert Zuidervaat.

Goodbye to Barta Knoppers

Barta, a professor at Université Montréal and a lawyer, served on the Senate for only a short time. She resigned this past year because of many conflicting commitments, and also because of the election of her husband to the House of Commons in Ottawa. She is a leading figure in legal issues around reproductive technology and genetic research. We are sorry to lose her very perceptive and constructive contributions.

Hello to Lynda Lange

Lynda joined the ICS senate this year, replacing Bartha Knoppers. Lynda is a professor of philosophy at the University of Toronto. On a number of occasions over the years she has interacted with ICS in conferences, lectures, colloquia and as an outside examiner on master's degree theses. We are very happy to welcome her.

Goodbye to John Tenyenhuis

A pastor of the Christian Reformed Church in Etobicoke, Ontario, John has served on the Board of Trustees for two terms, six years. His good humour, spiritual wisdom and strong commitment to Christian scholarship were always strongly evident in meetings. He could always be counted on for an encouraging word to those who might be discouraged. John served for several years as vice-chair of the Board, and he served on the executive committee. He was always ready to pitch in wherever needed. We are grateful for his service.

Goodbye to Evert Wassink

A retired farm entrepreneur from Forest, Ontario, Evert also served on the ICS Board for six years. He has served ICS for more than six years, though – committed to Christian higher education for over 40 years, he served the ICS with passion. He could always be counted on for a wise word in difficult discussions. His faithfulness to the mission was always primary. We are grateful for Evert's current six years of service, but especially for a lifetime of commitment to the cause.

Goodbye to Peter Heerema

Peter, a lawyer in Thunder Bay, Ontario, has also served for six years on the Board of Trustees. Peter stated at the end of his last meeting how much he has appreciated being on the Board of the organization to which he has been committed for about 30 years. Peter is a strong advocate for ICS in the Thunder Bay area, and this is evident from the strong growth in the number of members in that area over his six years as a trustee. Peter provided wise counsel whenever he attended meetings at ICS. He also provided initiative in the area of communication with members in his area. He never waited for the staff to ask him to write letters to the community. He just did it. We are very grateful for his example and his service.

alumni activities

Dr. William Rowe (M. Phil. 1979), former ICS senior member and now chair of the philosophy department at the University of Scranton, Pennsylvania, has recently co-edited the book *From Ghetto to Emancipation: Historical and Contemporary Reconsiderations of the Jewish Community*, published by the University of Scranton Press. His own contribution to the book is the chapter on "Difficult Liberty: The Basis of Community in Emmanuel Levinas."

ICS conference discusses "Religion Without Religion"

by Kevin O'Brien

Jacques Derrida is perhaps the best known name in "postmodern" philosophy, acknowledged as the "father of deconstruction." On April 23 and 24 the ICS hosted a conference on the religious aspects of Derrida's thought as seen through the eyes of one of his closest readers, John D. Caputo, philosophy professor at Villanova University, Philadelphia.

Caputo graciously accepted the invitation of senior member James Olthuis to come to participate in the two-day conference which centred on Caputo's recent book *The Prayers and Tears of Jacques Derrida: Religion Without Religion*.

Eight papers were given at the conference, climaxed with a closing discussion between Olthuis and Caputo. Six schools were represented: Trent, Brock and York Universities, Villanova University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and ICS. Current ICS junior members presented three papers – Jeff Dudiak, Shane Cudney and Ron Kuipers, and a paper was given by ICS graduate Jamie Smith, who is now a doctoral student at Villanova.

Themes like the importance of religious thought in the works of Derrida and the ethical implications of his thought in terms of justice and peace received major attention. The view-

points for discussion were decidedly different and included Reformed, Baptist and Catholic. All of the participants saw the tremendous significance of Derrida's thought for bringing religion into its legitimate place within theoretical thought. As one of North America's premier Derrida scholars, Caputo's work in the *Prayers and Tears*, as well as his own Christian commitment as a Roman Catholic, were central to the discussion throughout the conference. Caputo's discussion of Derrida and his subsequent formulations of religious commitment did not go unchallenged, however, and there was much discussion about these formulations.

Following each paper Caputo gave a brief response, followed by a time of discussion of the topic presented in the paper. These discussion periods were especially enlightening. The final discussion between Caputo and Olthuis gave an affirmative thrust into a religion without or beyond religion.

The success of the conference is seen in the fact that the papers presented may be published in book form. I was very impressed that the conference drew many scholars from around the region, and that many ICS graduate students and faculty members attended.

ICS enjoys a rich symposium series

by Janet Wesselius

A treat of the past year at ICS was our rich and varied symposium series of six presentations. In November ICS alumnus David Smith, doctoral student at the University of London, England, spoke on Christian teaching methodology. In January Bob Roberts led a discussion on "Anger and the limits of culture." In February ICS doctoral student Jeff Dudiak spoke on his dissertation research on Levinas. Then in March Ruth Groenhout, professor at Calvin College, gave a paper on a Levinasian approach to medical ethics.

In April professor Lynda Lange from the University of Toronto spoke on the construction of indigenous people in Enrique Dussel's theory of modernity. The final presentation, also in April, was by Robert Sweetman of ICS, who led a discussion on his work-in-progress during his sabbatical leave on aspects of the thought of Thomas Aquinas.

All sessions were well attended, both by ICS people and academics from nearby universities. At each symposium a simple lunch was served which provided the dimension of fellowship among those who participated.

Kuyper conference examines a hundred-year heritage

by Robert Sweetman

Living in a tradition is a complex and absorbing affair. There are moments of celebration when we remember past accomplishments, vowing to do our utmost to live up to their high standard. Just as often we confront past shortcomings and must give thought to how we are to live them down. For scholars formed in the tradition of Abraham Kuyper, this past February offered a four-day chance to do both.

It was 100 years ago, in 1898, that Abraham Kuyper travelled from the Netherlands to Princeton, New Jersey, to deliver the annual Stone Foundation Lectures at Princeton Theological Seminary. These lectures gave Kuyper and his way of thinking and speaking a heightened profile among English-speaking Reformed and Presbyterian Christians. Any who have read Kuyper's Stone Lectures know how he used them to celebrate what he understood to be central to healthy Christian involvement in culture: a vibrant Calvinist world and life view. In those lectures he was also living down those dimensions of Calvinism which he judged not to



— speak to the needs of Calvinists, and indeed the culture of his day.

In honour of the 100th anniversary of Kuyper's Stone Lectures, Princeton Theological Seminary invited Nicholas Wolterstorff, a

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prominent philosopher working in the Kuyperian tradition, to give the Stone Lectures for 1998. In addition it sponsored, along with the Center for Public Justice and the Free University of Amsterdam, a conference on Kuyper entitled "Religion, Pluralism and Public Life," a conference wrapped, so to speak, around the Stone Lectures, allowing conference participants the opportunity to swell the numbers of those who attended the Stone Lectures.

Attendance at the conference was good.



Indeed if an anti-Kuyperian terrorist had planted a bomb in the building in which the Stone Lectures were given, he or she would have dealt the worldwide community of Kuyperian scholars a mighty blow. Naturally enough ICS sent a contingent, headed by president Harry Fernhout and including myself and fellow senior member Carroll Guen Hart and junior members Michael Kelly and Peter Noteboom. Together with Harry Kits of Citizens for Public Justice we made the long trek, first to Ancaster, Ontario, where we piled into a Redeemer College van piloted by the indefatigable Redeemer president Justin Cooper.

The conference and the Stone Lectures provided plenty of opportunity to experience both the highs and lows of living within a tradition. We were treated to papers that developed further the enduring strengths of Kuyper's social vision and the deft way in which he conceived religious and institutional pluralities within societies. Here was a legacy to live up to. We were also confronted with dimensions integral to Kuyper's thought which have become a deep embarrassment to the tradition, his views on women and on race. We were shown how these embarrassing strands of Kuyperian thought

are fully interwoven with the other admirable strands to make up a profound but ambiguous whole. Because of the tightness of the weave, it is no easy matter to live down these less savory dimensions of his legacy. Yes, living in a tradition is quite a piece of work.

So what does one make of all the Kuyperian hubbub? There is no easy moral to the story that I can see. To be reminded that traditions are complicated things that take the patience and care of a farmer to tend is, I suppose, worthwhile. But one does not have to travel to New Jersey to have that experience. What I treasure most from the experience was the chance to be a

part of, to see for myself, how many scholars across this continent and beyond still feel themselves connected, whether in relations of sympathy or antipathy, to the legacy of Abraham Kuyper. I was gratified by how earnestly and intelligently they explored what that connection could mean to them and the scholarship they produce. Finally, I was encouraged by experiencing again how a searching critique of a tradition is often the most telling sign of continued belonging, and that it is in the belonging that the real celebration lies.

Michael Kelly, Harry Fernhout, Carroll Guen Hart, Bob Sweetman, and Harry Kits of Citizens for Public Justice at Princeton.

faculty activities

Robert Sweetman attended the 32nd International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in May, and while there he set up two sessions for next year's meeting as chair of the organizing committee of "Dominican Studies," a series sponsored by the Dominican Higher Education Council.



Sylvia Keesmaat has had some of her work on the biblical concept of jubilee incorporated into the publication *A New Beginning: A Call for Jubilee. The Vision of*

the Canadian Ecumenical Jubilee Initiative. She also presented a paper on "The Biblical Jubilee and Reformed Theology" at a forum of the Canadian Council of Churches which met in Montreal in May.



Hendrik Hart spoke in Ottawa in May for the Society of Christian Philosophers on "Objective Text Readings as Subjectivities" and also for the Canadian Philosophical Society on "Philosophy's Prejudice against Religion." He gave a paper on the topic "Worldviews in the History of ICS" at the conference on "Reformed Institutions in Transition."

Hart reports that his health is excellent, and that he has fully recovered from his cancer surgery. He intends to spend most of his summer working on his new book, *The Book of Healing*, which is a follow-up to his earlier book, *Setting our Sights by the Morning Star*.

George Vandervelde has published his paper "Native Self-Government between the Spiritual Fire and the Political Fire" in the journal *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue*,



issue no. 7, 1997. He gave two papers in April at the National Workshop on Christian Unity, "Evangelical Ambivalence re the Joint Declaration on Justification by Faith" and "Ut Unum Sint in Ecumenical Discussion," was his presentation on a three member panel.

Vandervelde travelled to Tübingen, Germany, in May for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Theology Commission of the World Evangelical Fellowship, which is working on conversations between the WEF and the Roman Catholic Church. He went to this meeting in place of Paul Schrottenboer, whose health did not permit the trip.

For the past term Vandervelde taught at Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand

Rapids, as part of a planned substitution for professor Cornelius Plantinga. He taught a core seminary course on the Doctrine of Humanity, and a doctoral course on the Nature and Unity of the Church.



Vaden House spoke for a group of ICS friends in Thunder Bay in April on the subject "Whose life is it anyway? Christian compassion and the question of euthanasia." There was a great turnout and good discussion afterwards, which continued at an ICS member's home until 3 am.

Paul Marshall's celebrated book *Their Blood Cries Out* placed ninth on *Christianity Today's* list of the "Top 25" books for 1997.

Doug Blomberg, half-time Senior



Member in Education, is co-editor with Ian Lambert of the new book *Renewing the Mind in Learning*, published in Australia by the Centre for the Study of Australian Christianity. The 199-page book contains chapters by such people well-known at ICS as Brian Walsh, Albert Greene, Robert Bruinsma and Blomberg himself.

Blomberg also edited the recent book *Humans Being: Essays dedicated to Stuart Fowler*, in celebration of Fowler's contributions to Christian scholarship.

Emeritus senior member **Calvin Seerveld's** lecture on "Minorities and Xenophilia" has been published in the proceedings of the International Christian Artists Seminar, *The Role of the Arts in Europe on the Way to Integration*. In May Seerveld attended by invitation a Hermeneutics Consultation held in England at Cheltenham and Gloucester College of Higher Education, sponsored in part by the British Bible Society. The consultation was organized by ICS alumnus Craig Bartholomew and focused on "Speech-Act Theory" and biblical interpretation.

INTRODUCING A DOCTORAL STUDENT

From Liberty Seminary to ICS Ph.D. Studies

Kevin O'Brien applied to enter the doctoral program at ICS after receiving two master's degrees from Liberty Baptist Seminary in Virginia. He had written a Master of Theology thesis on an evangelical Christian response to the understanding of truth of members by Generation X, which is to be published in condensed form in the *Journal of the American Society of Church Growth*.

Kevin had studied postmodernism and had much liked the book by Richard Middleton and Brian Walsh *Truth Is Stranger Than It Used To Be*. A friend at Liberty recommended that he study for the doctorate at ICS, and he's glad he decided to do it.

When he first studied at Liberty University Kevin was interested in politics and foreign affairs, but his interests changed and he took his bachelor's degree in Pastoral Ministries. In seminary he became attracted to the study of postmodernism, which is now the focus of his study of philosophical theology at ICS.

He appreciates the approach of James Olthuis, and is also grateful for his studies with Vaden House and Hendrik Hart. He's fascinated by the thinking of Jacques Derrida, and would like to write his doctoral dissertation on an aspect of his thought. He likes the fact that ICS studies lead to a European degree.

Kevin is not sure whether he would most like to be a professor or serve as a college pastor or youth pastor in a church. He sees in postmodernism a way of thinking that will be attractive to many intelligent young people and in which they will need guidance.

The challenges to his evangelical way of thinking that the ICS Reformed approach brings have stimulated him, and they push him to think in certain new ways. But he's grateful that he can do that at ICS in an environment of strong biblical Christian faith.

Kevin is a native of the Chicago area and met his wife Loretta, who grew up in Brantford, Ontario, while they were both students at Liberty.



Marcille Frederick was married on March 7 to **Paul S. Cook**. She is shown here with Paul and **Rev. Doris Weber**, who officiated.

ICS Summer Conferences

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Economic Stewardship – Still meaningful for work, family and society?

This is the theme question for the ICS Alberta Summer Conference to be held again at beautiful Deer Valley Meadows this summer, July 31 to August 3. Alberta ICS supporters volunteer each year to put on this successful and popular event.

The conference is pleased to host Dr. Elwil Beukes, professor of economics at The King's University College, Edmonton, as keynote speaker. In a four-part series, Dr Beukes will address:

- Our worrying economic situation: How did we get here? The results of the relentless pursuit of material gain in our rich world
- Serving God or Mammon: Have we finally

made too many compromises? Looking critically at a society that trusts too much in market-driven profits

- How should Christians understand a responsible economic life? Our economic lives as a confession of faith in God's promises
- Changing our economic patterns: Can it be done? Options for reforming how we make a living and organize our lives

Discussion groups will follow each keynote presentation.

Programs for teens and children round out the conference to make a full family event. The band *Then Again* (formerly *Heart Attack*) will be back to give a concert on Saturday evening and lead teen workshops. Communal campfires and sing-alongs add to people's experience of fellowship at this conference. Campsites, lodge accommodations and meals are available with pre-registration.

For more information and to request a brochure please call Jim Choles at 403-455-4812 (evenings only).

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Proclaim Jubilee: A New Beginning!

This is the compelling theme of the 40th annual ICS Ontario Summer Conference to be held August 7-10, 1998.

In Leviticus 25 God directs the people of Israel to declare every 50th year a Year of Jubilee, a time for restoring relationships with God, the land and each other. This conference will focus on the various ways to revision and renew our place in the world and make connections between these biblical times and our daily lives.

ICS is delighted that Dr. Bob Goudzwaard will be the keynote speaker this year. Dr. Goudzwaard, professor of economics and social philosophy at the Free University in Amsterdam, has long been a distinguished associate of the Institute. He is also co-author with Harry de Lange of the popular and profound 1997 book *Beyond Poverty and Affluence: Towards a Canadian Economy of Care*. Dr. Goudzwaard will lead several talks on the Jubilee theme, particularly as it relates to the current debates on poverty and debt issues for Third World, under-developed, economies.

A series of practical and locally-minded

workshops will bring home the theme, with subjects including starting an urban community garden, fair-trade coffee, teaching Jubilee to children, Jubilee for Canada's aboriginal peoples, employment for at-risk youth, creating a worship service around biblical social justice themes, the Canadian Economic Jubilee Initiative, housing for the homeless (a deep reflection on the biblical passages on Jubilee), Third World debt, and women's issues in international development. A new Monday program will concentrate even more on very practical ways in which we can practice Jubilee, with a talk by Ottawa public policy analyst and consultant Kathy Vandergrift to start the day off.

A great new location

This year the conference will be held at Maple Grove Christian Retreat Centre, a heavily-wooded, camp-like setting with all of the amenities to suit the needs of conference participants. Accommodations include cabins, dorms, serviced trailer sites, and tent-only sites. In addition, Maple Grove offers full meals, a small general store, a very large auditorium, indoor and outdoor workshop spaces, plenty of sports facilities (including an outdoor pool), and a horseback riding stable nearby.

The conference was relocated this year following word in December from Ridley College, host to the conference for the past two years, that they are cutting back on spaces available for summer rentals. This caused an intensive search for a new location, and ICS is pleased to have found Maple Grove (through an internet search, no less!). It is associated with the Free Methodist Church, and offers programs for Christian groups throughout the summer.

A new date

A previous booking prevented ICS from reserving the traditional August long weekend for the conference, so the following weekend was chosen. A variety of choices for registration allows participants to register for a short (Fri-Sun) weekend or a long (Fri-Mon) weekend. Many people have commented that this weekend is more convenient for them because they have other plans for the holiday weekend.

There are many more exciting conference features, like programs for children and youth, childcare, a theatre production by the Redeemer College alumni theatre company called *Dry Bones Theatre*, a variety night, songfests, Bible studies, and a major communal worship service at 2 pm on Sunday.

To request a brochure or more information please contact Connie Kuipers, Conference Coordinator: local call 416-979-2331, toll free 1-888-326-5347, E-mail ckuipers@icscanada.edu.

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Dr. Bob Goudzwaard

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Date: July 31-August 3, 1998
(holiday weekend)

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Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bob Goudzwaard, *Professor of Economics and Social Theory at the Free University, Amsterdam*, author of *Beyond Poverty and Affluence: Towards a Canadian Economy of Care*

New Date: August 7,8,9 (and 10 optional)
New Location: Maple Grove Christian Retreat Centre, Thamesford, Ontario (near Ingersoll), which features Great Camping (serviced sites) plus cabins or dorms, dining facilities, outdoor pool, nature trails, beach volleyball and more

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Dooyeweerd writings being published

The Collected Works of Herman Dooyeweerd are now coming off the presses at Edwin Mellen Press, and you may wish to buy a number of the volumes written by this outstanding Christian philosopher.

The books are being published in two series, one made up of multi-volume works as well as larger single volumes, and the other of smaller volumes and volumes made up of a combination of related articles, essays, speeches and other material. In addition, the Proceedings of the First International Conference organized by the Dooyeweerd Centre in June 1996 is being published, and an annual *Dooyeweerd Yearbook* will be published.

All the books will come out in hardcover format and the prices range from \$60 to \$100 in US funds. Individuals can buy books at 40% of the regular price by payment of a one-time fee of \$50 US (\$25 US for students).

Information and ordering are being handled by Irene Miller at Edwin Mellen Press, PO Box 450, Lewiston, New York, 14092-0450, USA, phone 716-754-2788.

Jubilee: pipedream or audacious hope?

by Sylvia Keesmaat

ICS has been an active partner from the start-up of the Canadian branch of the global initiative called *Jubilee 2000*. With the coming of the year 2000, church groups and social justice organizations are lobbying for the forgiveness of the international debt of the world's poorest countries. I have been part of the Canadian Ecumenical Jubilee Initiative, which has broadened the scope of the initiative to include the three Levitical themes of forgiveness of debt, slavery and the renewal of creation. ICS shares the belief that biblical justice provides a vision of hope for our world.

One of the most powerful visions of a new beginning in the biblical tradition is that of jubilee. Every fifty years slaves were to be released from bondage, property returned to its original owners, and the land be given a time for rest and renewal.

Jubilee began on the day of atonement with an acknowledgement of how the people had failed in their calling to image God in the land (Lev. 25:9), and it provided a radical means of social forgiveness. All were permitted to begin again--slaves (usually enslaved because of unpayable debt), those who had lost their land and livelihood because of debt, and the overworked land. Jubilee called people to image their God, who had freed them from slavery (Deut. 15:15) and who had forgiven them again and again.

To find out more about how you can be involved in the good news of jubilee, a workshop is being offered in Toronto on July 25 which will explore the biblical roots of jubilee as well as the concrete ways in which the jubilee vision can give hope for some of the problems facing our world. Contact John Franklin at ICS (extension 241) for more information. And you can join the ICS Ontario Summer Conference, whose theme is "Proclaim Jubilee: A New Beginning." Call ICS for a brochure.

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Junior member presents papers

Doctoral student **Shane Cudney** has presented papers at two recent academic gatherings and has been active in academic writing and editing.

He spoke for the Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion at a meeting in Toronto in April on "Repetition, Recollection and Remembrance: Reflections on the Development of Kierkegaard's Existential Theory of the Self." Also in April he gave a paper titled "Religion Without Religion: Caputo, Derrida and the Violence of Particularity" at ICS's colloquium on John D. Caputo's latest book *The Prayers and Tears of Jacques Derrida: Religion Without Religion*.

Shane has written two papers which have been accepted in scholarly journals. His critical review of Roger Lundin's book *Disciplining Hermeneutics: Interpretation in Christian Perspective* is to appear in *Christian Scholar's Review*, and his article on "Metaphysics, Myth and Myopia: Religio-deconstructive Reflections on Philosophy, Hermeneutics, and the Human Condition" will come out in *The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies* of McGill University. He is working with Keith Putt on editing a collection of essays to be published in book form by InterVarsity Press titled *Where the Truth Lies: Further Reflections on Biblical Faith in a Postmodern World*, a book of essays by a wide range of contributors from across the Christian academic spectrum who are responding to the book *Truth Is Stranger Than It Used To Be*, written by J. Richard Middleton and Brian J. Walsh.



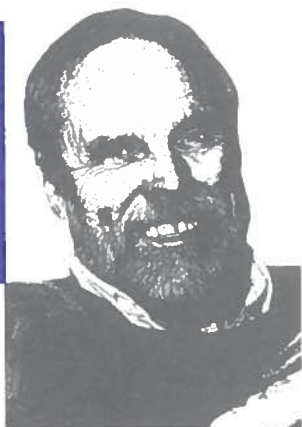
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Art Talks!

The Ruth Memorial Series
on the Arts & Culture

Rudy Wiebe featured

by Hugh Cook



Distinguished Canadian writer Rudy Wiebe was the featured artist at the second annual Art Talks! event sponsored in March by the ICS. Author of 17 books, two of which have won the Governor General's Award for fiction, Wiebe spoke on "Finding a Writer's Life," an autobiographical exploration of the factors in his own life that led to his development as a writer.

Can you work to become a writer the way you plan and work to become a lawyer or a figure skater? Wiebe asked. Or do you *grow* a writer, the way a field of wheat, or an apple tree, grows? As an answer to these questions, Wiebe described formative events in his own life: his boyhood on the family's Mennonite farm in northern Saskatchewan, his study abroad in Germany, and his research into the lives of some of his characters, including giant figures in Canadian history such as Cree chief Big Bear and Métis leader Louis Riel.

The final segment of Wiebe's presentation, an emotionally wrenching account, described his conversations with Yvonne Johnson, a Cree woman who is the great-great-granddaughter of Big Bear, and who is in Kingston Penitentiary for first degree murder. These conversations with Johnson led to Wiebe's most recent book, a work of non-fiction titled *Stolen Life: The Journey of a Cree Woman*, to be published by Knopf Canada.

Readers familiar with the writing of Wiebe are struck by his pervasive Christian and moral purpose. His novels explore deeply what it means to remain true to one's religious belief while living in our modern world, what it means to live in community, whether that community be Mennonite or Native. In that sense Wiebe is a witness to truth, not only to Christians, but to the world at large.

About 200 people attended the presentation held at Toronto United Mennonite Church on Queen Street East.

Hugh Cook teaches literature at Redeemer College and is the author of Cracked Wheat and The Homecoming Man.

Fernhout chairs higher education meeting

The Association for Reformed Institutions of Higher Education (ARIHE) held its annual meeting in April in Indianapolis in conjunction with a major conference sponsored by the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities. Colleges which are members of ARIHE are Geneva, Covenant, Calvin, Trinity Christian, Dordt, Redeemer and The King's, as well as ICS. ICS President Harry Fernhout is chair of ARIHE.

The meetings heard presentations on the future of Christian higher education from Dr. Joel Carpenter, Provost of Calvin College, and Dr. Harold Heie, President of Gordon College. The Association endorsed an Educational Leadership initiative in collaboration with Christian Schools International (CSI) in Grand Rapids, Michigan. CSI is developing a certificate program for new and aspiring school leaders. The ARIHE member institutions will supply courses, seminars and workshops for this program, and also provide appropriate academic credit.

Korean visitors

In recent months the Institute welcomed two visitors from Korea. First came Dr. S.K. Chung, President of the Institute for Calvinistic Studies (ICSK). This Institute works to bring a Calvinist worldview to bear on Korean culture through a program of courses, conferences and publications. His visit was designed to foster academic contact.

Mr. Hwang Woo Yea, an elected member of Korea's National Assembly, visited ICS during a North American tour to make contact with Christians involved in politics. Mr. Yea wanted to consult on effective ways to make a Christian political contribution in a multi-religious country. Conversations with ICS's Paul Marshall and with Harry Kits, Executive Director of Citizens for Public Justice, proved very helpful.

ICS President, Harry Fernhout, meets with Dr. S.K. Chung, President of the Institute for Calvinistic Studies (ICSK).



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