



an UPDATE for friends of TAYLOR

April 2016

Dear friend of Taylor,

We have so much to share with you after a busy Spring! Many people have attended some of our recent events, and if you couldn't be with us we hope you will take advantage of the recordings online. We also have some other upcoming events that are worth checking out -- read on for more!

Cameroon Update

President Dr. David Williams has just returned from a second trip to Cameroon to continue developing an important educational partnership. Taylor Seminary has partnered with the Cameroon Baptist Convention and Sioux Falls Seminary to develop theological education in Canada, the United States and Cameroon, and this visit saw further development on a five year plan to work together for training and education.



Dr. Williams also taught a week-long intensive course on Christian Ethics, and [you can read more about his experience here](#).

2016 E.P. WAHL LECTURES

Dr. Norman Wirzba presented a series of lectures on the topic of Sabbath Rest during the 2016 E.P. Wahl Lectures at Taylor.

Through his talks and the Q&A sessions, he discussed whether Sabbath is a Christian concept, and how our lives and ministries could/should reflect a rhythm of rest.



You can enjoy this day of discussion and learning for free by listening to recordings of the event in the [Taylor Audio Archives](#) by clicking here.

CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS: Christianity & Islam

On Friday April 8, 2016, over 400 people -- Christians and Muslims -- joined us on the Taylor Campus for a moderated discussion about Islam and Christianity. Local Imam Sherik Ayoup (MCE Mosque) and Dr. Andy Bannister of Toronto (Ravi Zacharias International Ministries) engaged in a dialogue moderated by Dr. Randal Rauser of Taylor Seminary, and then took questions from the audience.

It was fascinating to hear some of the similarities and differences between these two major faiths. For example, Imam Sherif said that in Islam it would be unthinkable for someone to reach heaven except through their own merit, and striving to do good and NOT to do wrong is a high priority. Conversely, Dr. Bannister said that the key concept is Christian faith is that we can never be good enough to earn heaven on our own, but that God Himself provided us with His righteousness through Jesus Christ.



The audio and video from this event will be posted online in the coming days. Visit the [Audio Archives](#) to enjoy these recordings for free.

We also invite you to watch for other events in the Crucial Conversations series, and in other educational and training events of the E P Wahl Centre.

THRiVE! (Healthy Pastors Initiative)

One of the highlights of the year for the Healthy Pastors Initiative of the Wahl Centre is coming up: the THRiVE! retreat in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains (at Camp Caroline). This event is all about rest and resilience, exploring the key issues that are necessary for long-term fruitful ministry. The team that will be leading this event is a group of experienced ministry leaders. This will be the third annual THRiVE! event, and each year has grown; this year, we are seeing more married couples register to attend together (check out the special rate for couples).



If you are in pastoral ministry, please join us for this special time of rest, reflection and teaching.

[Learn More about THRiVE here.](#)

Healthy Churches -- New Workshop for Church Ministry Teams

We invite you to join us for a training day on team-building that focuses in upon how to leverage the strengths of the individual members of your church staff for the purpose of maximizing your team's impact in service of your church body.

A total of seven presenters will take part in a variety of sessions and workshops throughout the day, exploring such topics as:

- Leading from the First Chair (for lead pastors, administrative leads)
- Leading from the Second Chair (for associate pastors, directors, administrative assistants)
- Typologies for Healthy Team Dynamics
- Sticking together: Practical Guidance for Intergenerational Ministry Teams
- Interpreting and Applying the StrengthsFinder Tool
- Building from Strengths into Strength Summary session

Attend as an individual or as a ministry team (check out our special ministry team rate). It's a day that will prove to be valuable for any church or organization.

Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Time: 9:00am-4:30pm

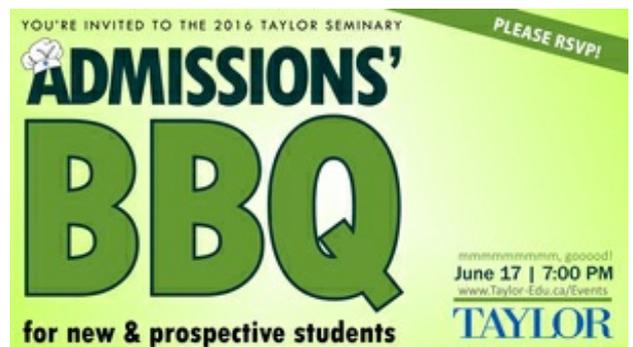
Cost: \$65.00 per person, or \$250.00 for a team of up to six members. *(More than six people, add \$65.00 per person)*

Location: Imagining Church (beside Taylor Seminary: 11525 - 23 Avenue NW, Edmonton, T6J 4T3)

[Register online now by clicking here.](#)

Admissions BBQ

Join us on June 17th for a FREE BBQ, hosted by the Taylor Seminary Admissions Department! This will be a fun and informative evening for any students considering taking course(s) or enrolling in a program program. More details will be available on our website soon - for now, save the date, and if you know that you'd like to attend, simply send an email to Admissions Counselor Rick Heavenor - rick.heavenor@taylor-edu.ca.



If you are reading this newsletter, you clearly share our love of theological education. Perhaps this is the year that you investigate the possibility of beginning work on your masters degree. With our convenient scheduling of block classes, and our modular and online course options, it's much more possible than you might guess.

Spring Session

Taylor will once again offer modular courses during Spring Session next month (May 2016). Two of the courses you may be interested in taking -- for audit or for credit -- are:

- Spiritual Formation, with Dr. Allan Effa (taught in a retreat setting at Gull Lake) (this retreat is very close to SOLD OUT)
- Essentials of Christian Leadership, with Dr. Terry Fossen and Dr. Jim Leverette

Vanguard-Taylor Language Institute

Also in May is the VTLI program: TESOL Training for those who want to teach English to speakers of other languages. These courses are offered through the Vanguard-Taylor Language Institute, and we would love to heard from you if you have interest in getting your masters degree in this area.

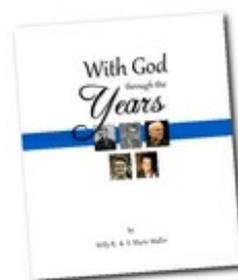
If you'd like to learn more about studying at Taylor Seminary, contact Rick Heavenor at 780-431-5215 or email Rick.Heavenor@Taylor-Edu.ca with any questions.

Dr. Willy Muller's Autobiography

Many people have asked that we let them know when copies of Dr. Willy Muller's autobiography is available for purchase. Well -- it's here!

This family history was written with Willy's wife Marie, and includes the stories of their personal and family lives as well as their ministry in churches, at Taylor

(NABC and Taylor Seminary) and on various mission fields. The publication of this manuscript was the institution's retirement gift to Dr. Muller in 2015, and he has graciously granted Taylor the rights to publish this book and to make it available to anyone who is interested. If you'd like to ask about a copy for your library, contact the Taylor General office at 780-431-5200, or write info@Taylor-Edu.ca



NOW AVAILABLE!

With God Through the Years
The autobiography of
Dr. Willy & Marie Muller

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