



Tyndale Open  
Learning Centre









For over 120 years, Tyndale has faithfully served the church by preparing men and women to step into a variety of roles. We believe that a big part of our success has been the determined commitment to being innovative in how we deliver learning opportunities while maintaining a firm grasp on solid theology. In recent years, that innovation has led to modular programs, weekend and one week intersession courses, and extensive online courses, including a fully online MTS degree.

Tyndale Open Learning Centre (OLC) is the latest example of that sort of innovation. Our commitment is to serve the church by offering non-credit seminars and courses, delivered in a variety of formats and locations. We pride ourselves on our ability to custom design programs for specific clients and deliver those programs through world-class faculty to meet our clients' specific needs. We are quick to respond, adaptive and very client-focused in our approach.

Whether your needs lie in leadership development, intercultural ministry or spiritual formation, I invite you to let us know how we can best serve you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Peter Dickens'.

Peter Dickens, PhD  
Executive Director of Tyndale OLC



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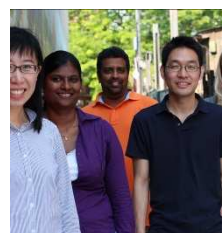
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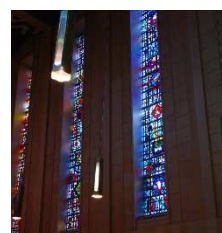
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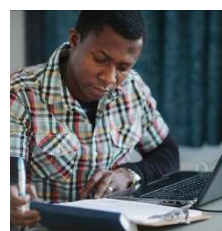
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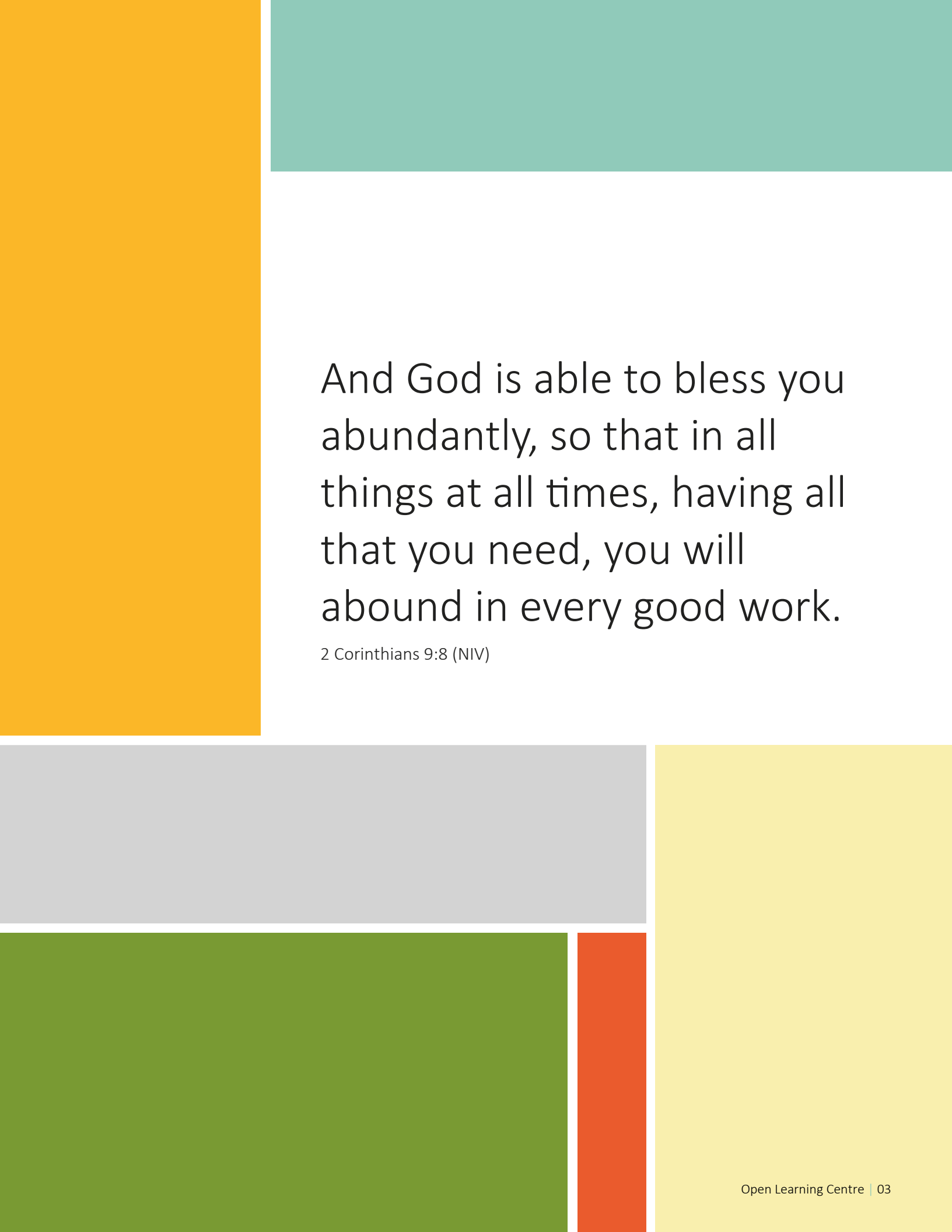
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And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)





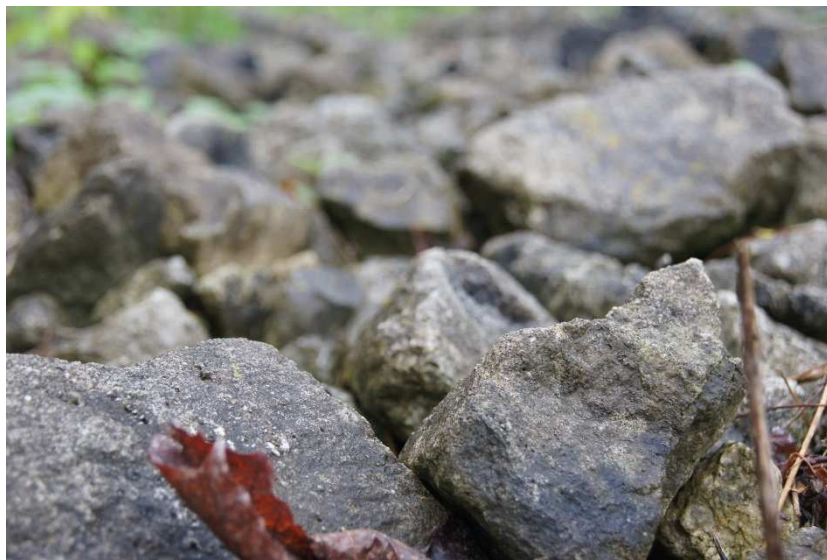
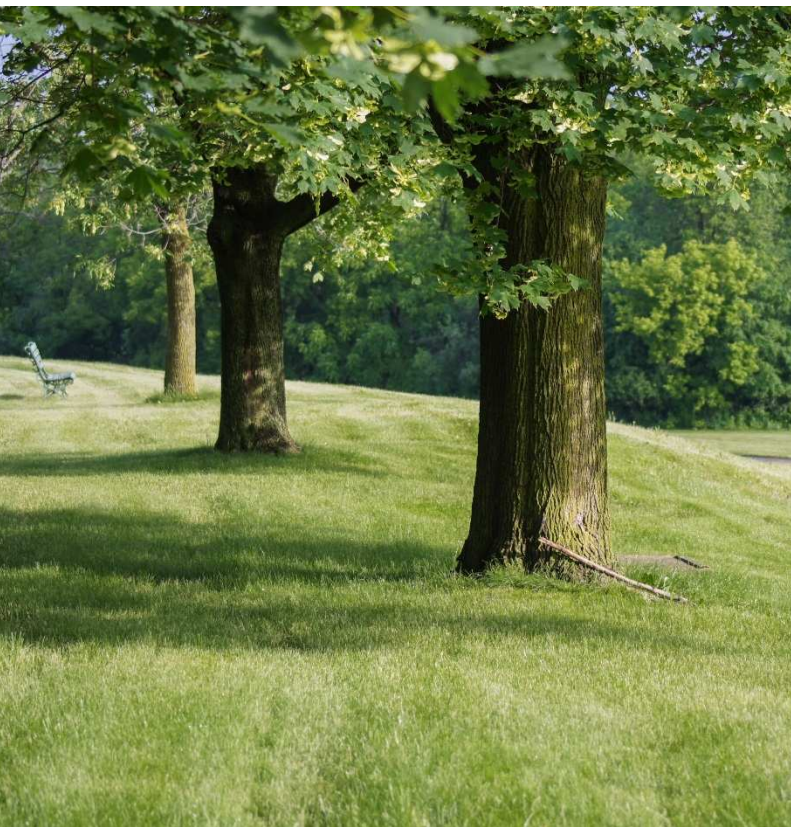


# The world never stops changing.

In the midst of these changes, learning needs to inspire growth for the Christian community to make a world impact. This growth must incorporate spiritual, personal and professional development.

Tyndale Open Learning Centre tackles challenges the Christian community faces by delivering relevant learning opportunities and resources for you to be more effective in your environment. Tyndale Open Learning Centre makes it easy for you to experience quality learning while staying fully engaged in your daily life. Are you ready to take on your future?





Tyndale Open Learning Centre offers faith-based, non-degree continuing education that delivers professional and personal development tailored to meet your needs and the needs of your organization.



## What Are You Looking For?

Today's challenges and changes require reflection and a vibrant faith. Tyndale Open Learning Centre makes learning relevant and accessible. Theory, theology and practical application are integrated to prepare you to be Christ-like in your setting.

### **Enrich your perspective.**

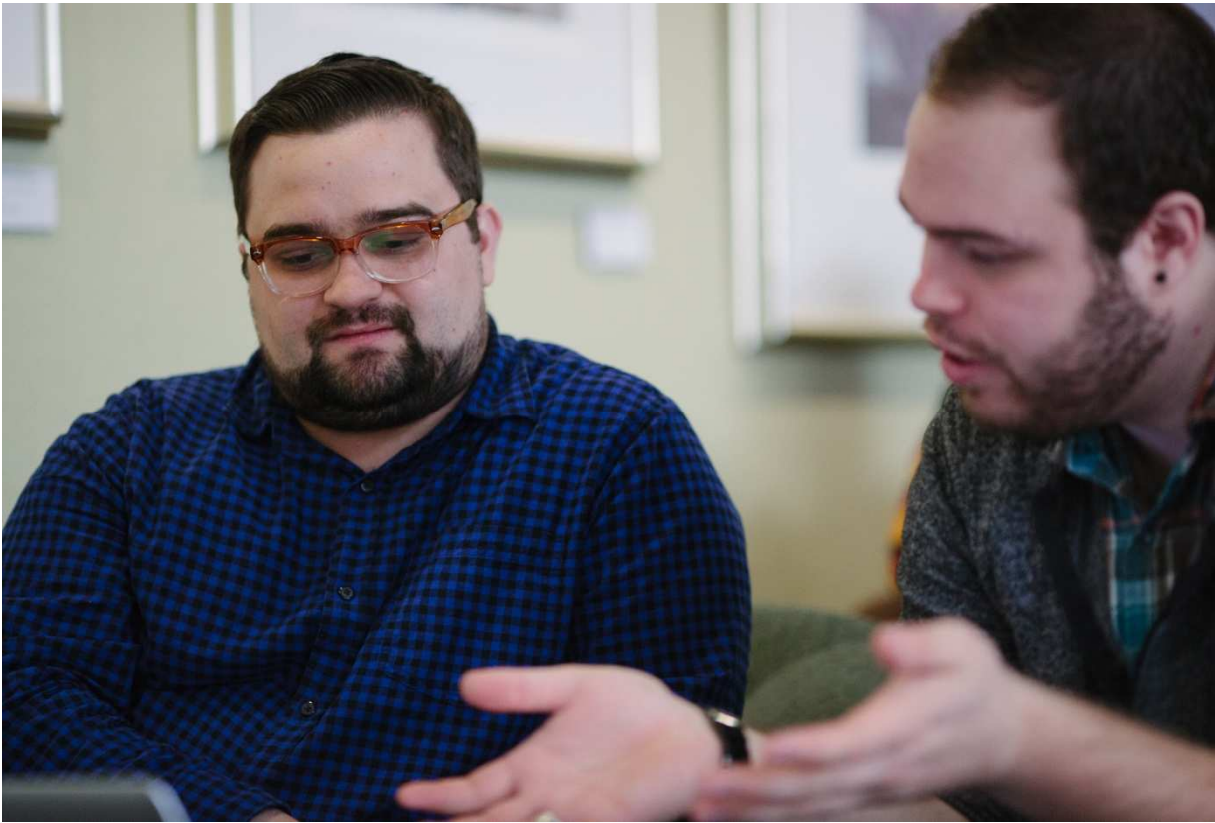
For continuing education, students choose Tyndale Open Learning Centre (OLC) because of its integrated approach to learning. The intersection of theology with practice empowers you to lead from your faith with clarity and purpose. Tyndale OLC also covers a broad spectrum of careers and callings, from pastoral ministry, to leadership, to missions, to counselling, to spiritual formation and more.

### **Expand your network.**

Want to learn together with colleagues from all over the Greater Toronto Area? Tyndale OLC draws learners from across disciplines, denominations and cities. Connection with diverse colleagues increases your opportunities for collaboration. Foster meaningful relationships within a variety of course formats that suit the demands of your busy lifestyle.

### **Engage your people.**

When you take time to grow, it creates a ripple effect in the lives of those around you. Your development enhances your support of others and furthers your impact in their lives. As God calls you — whether to family, ministry, the marketplace or across cultures — Tyndale OLC provides learning opportunities that develop your professional competence, transform your character and ignite your faith.





## Custom-designed Formats

“Tyndale Open Learning Centre encourages leaders to create possibilities and opportunities when faced with times of significant change.”

Charlie Guy

VP People and Culture, World Vision Canada

You have many important commitments. Yet you know that it is crucial for you and your organization to address specific areas of need in order to thrive. Tyndale OLC understands the challenges of continuing education and growing together as an organization. That’s why all its programs are designed with your needs in mind.

### **Examples of Tailored Programs**

Tyndale OLC has partnered with a number of denominations, churches and organizations to help meet their goals. Here are a few examples of our custom-designed programs:

- World Vision Canada intentionally invests in its leaders through continuing education programs. World Vision recently partnered with Tyndale Leadership Centre to design a 2-year program that developed its key leaders while strengthening relationships and unity within the organization.
- TIM Centre provides resources tailored to the needs of Canadian churches and church planters. In 2010, TIM Centre collaborated with World Vision Canada and the Centre for Community Based Research to investigate how Canadian churches are welcoming new immigrants. Their research allowed them to offer practical advice for improving the relationship.
- Tyndale Spiritual Formation Centre has conducted retreats for training spiritual directors with churches in Malaysia and India. These retreats have led to unexpected breakthroughs for both the Tyndale spiritual directors and the local church leadership.
- A Korean church in the Greater Toronto Area wanted to help congregants learn about theology and prepare for local church ministry and mission. Tyndale OLC hosted a flexible night course taught by qualified Korean missionaries and instructors. Anyone could sign up for one of their weekly sessions, and it was delivered entirely in the Korean language.



“The content is specific to the organization and the needs of the classroom.”

Bruce Mann

Director of Camping Ministries, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

“This program brought my pastoral identity to a different level.”

Katherine Burgess

Pastor, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



## Student Stories

### **How Bruce’s learning benefits IVCF.**

Bruce Mann oversees Inter-Varsity’s (IVCF) camp and conference centre operations across Canada. He and a group of senior leaders at IVCF are working through a specialized leadership program offered through Tyndale Open Learning Centre. In this program, Bruce sees the IVCF leadership team gaining clarity and unity on key issues in the organization. “Because [the content] is specific to our organization and everybody in the room knows each other, there’s a high level of conversation and awareness,” he says.

Bruce looks forward to completing the hands-on learning components of his program, which “relates to my current duties and work, so it should have a benefit to the organization as well.”

### **Katherine transformed her identity as a faith leader.**

Katherine Burgess is the minister of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Quebec City. Sensing a need to be “spiritually formed,” she explored learning opportunities through Tyndale Open Learning Centre. While juggling full-time pastoral work and other responsibilities, Katherine completed the Spiritual Formation program by distance learning. “As a minister, I can’t really say my time is my own; I’m on call 24-7. However, I was able to fit the required course work in around the work I had to do in the congregation.”

Katherine reflects that her experience through Tyndale Open Learning Centre “brought my pastoral identity to a different level, making me a better, more effective pastor to my congregation.”



## Holistic Learning

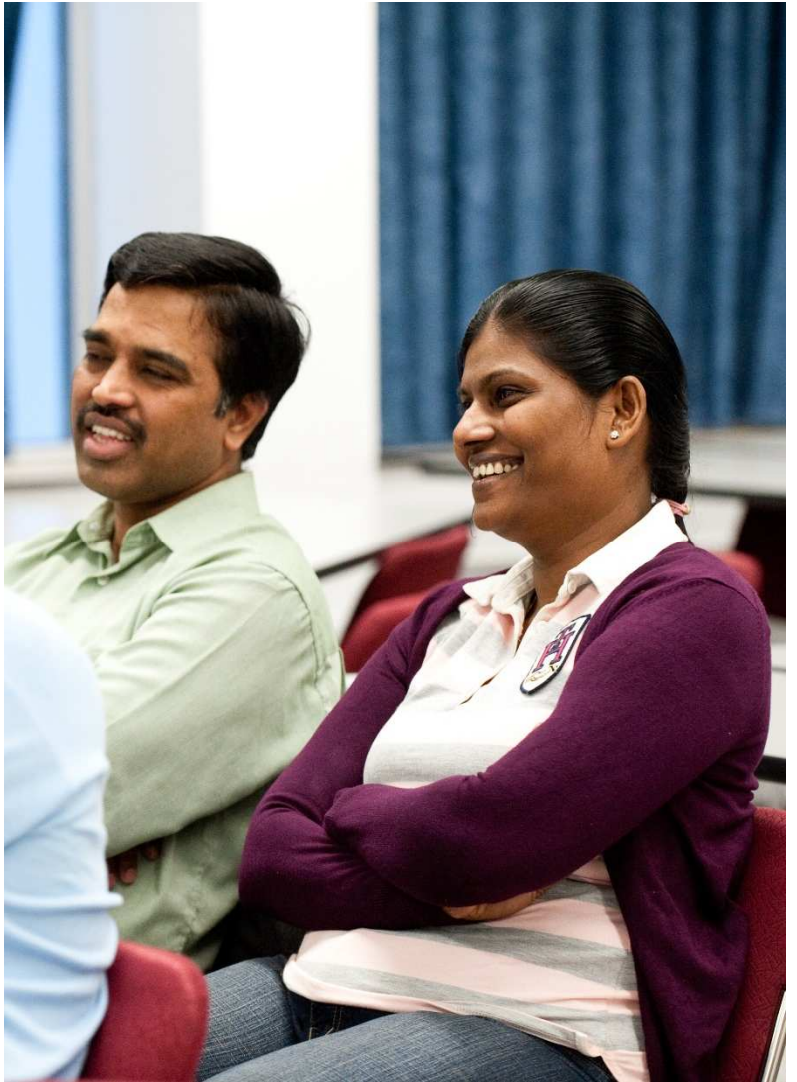
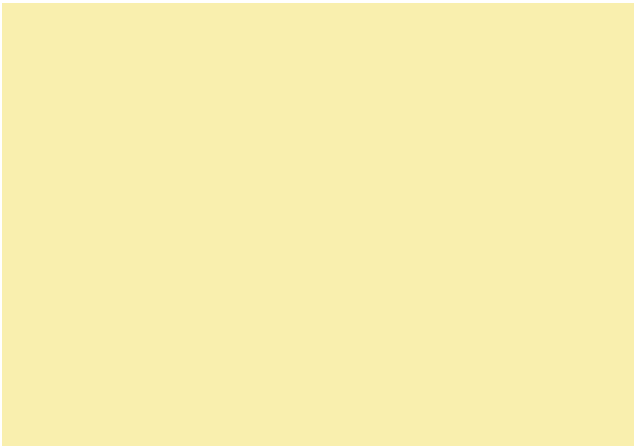
“Tyndale is near and dear to my heart. This is the one place that I can get the integration of theory and theology.”

**Marion Goertz**, DMin, RMFT, CTS  
Marriage and Family Therapist

If you want to advance your career or ministry but also want something that will help you grow spiritually, come to Tyndale OLC. Our programs and instructors encourage students to develop professionally, cognitively, relationally and spiritually. This means you will be prepared with the resources to think biblically. It also means you will be supported to put your learning into practice, through hands-on learning projects, retreats, overseas internships, workshops, individual mentorship and various other learning opportunities.

Here are the top five reasons why students recommend Tyndale OLC:

- Students expand their knowledge and resource base and grow more confident in their role.
- Learning experiences improve the way students do their work.
- Course content is relevant and comprehensive.
- Instructors and guest speakers have strong credentials and are highly experienced.
- Students experience a high level of interaction with their colleagues and other professionals in their field.
- Programs are well suited to students with many competing responsibilities.







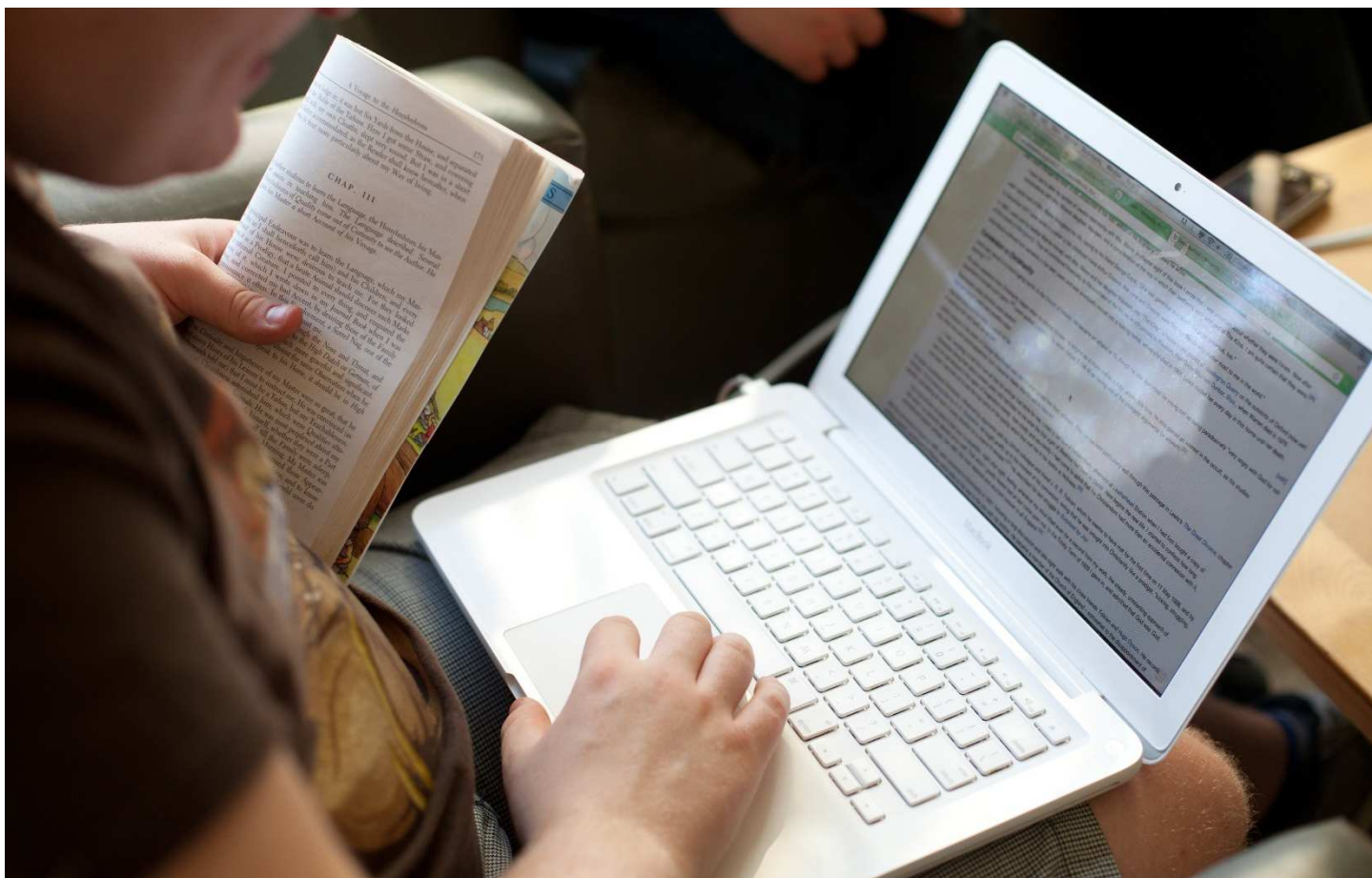
# Tyndale Leadership Centre

# Leadership is facing a crisis.

A report in the Financial Post states that only 20 per cent of respondents felt their organizations could support leadership development. In addition, 41 per cent of executives expressed low confidence that their organization would be able to maintain current succession plans. What does this mean for the future of leadership?

Strong faith-based leadership development builds your collaborative and global competencies, a servant approach and your ability to lead others through change. Leaders and their organizations need quality leadership programs. Tyndale Leadership Centre helps you maximize your leadership potential by identifying and developing your core strengths.





“Tyndale Leadership Centre offers a unique opportunity to develop your understanding and application of cutting-edge leadership principles while staying fully engaged in your everyday life.”

**Mike Baer**

Founder, The Jholdas Project



## Responding to the Crisis

Tyndale Leadership Centre is committed to enhancing the capacity of individuals and organizations to be leaders who confidently represent Christ in any role.

In a world where change is often emergent, complex and continual, true leadership needs to be collaborative and inclusive. Like Christ, truly impactful leaders have the heart and mind of a servant, intentionally putting others' needs before their own.

Leadership is something anyone can have, even if they lack a formal title. In fact, leadership is the

ability to do what you are called to do in whatever context God places you. It means rising to the challenge of living out your purpose and values.

### **Learning Features:**

- A servant-based leadership approach.
- An adaptive learning environment.
- An organic way of thinking about organizations.
- Guest speakers in faith-based leadership.





## What You Will Learn

Tyndale Leadership Centre develops your ability to lead more effectively.

### **Strategically manage complex situations.**

Promote productivity, agility and sustainability in rapidly changing environments.

### **Improve your inclusive collaborative management.**

Identify and foster the strengths of your team members, create a culture of shared responsibility and move together towards a common purpose.

### **Represent Christ in your context.**

Nurture Christ-centred ethics to make a positive sustainable impact.

Tyndale Leadership Centre is committed to helping you and your organization be world changers in the private, public, non-profit and ministry sectors by upholding the following values:

### **Partnerships**

Drawn from the unique capabilities of Tyndale and others.

### **Excellence**

Setting the standard in continuing education and capacity-building strategies, tools and research.

### **Accountability**

Taking responsibility for our actions and outcomes in a spirit of humility and respect.

### **Relationships of Integrity**

Bringing the very best of who we are to our work and relationships.

### **Learning**

Engagement in innovative, courageous and evidence-based work.

### **Practicality**

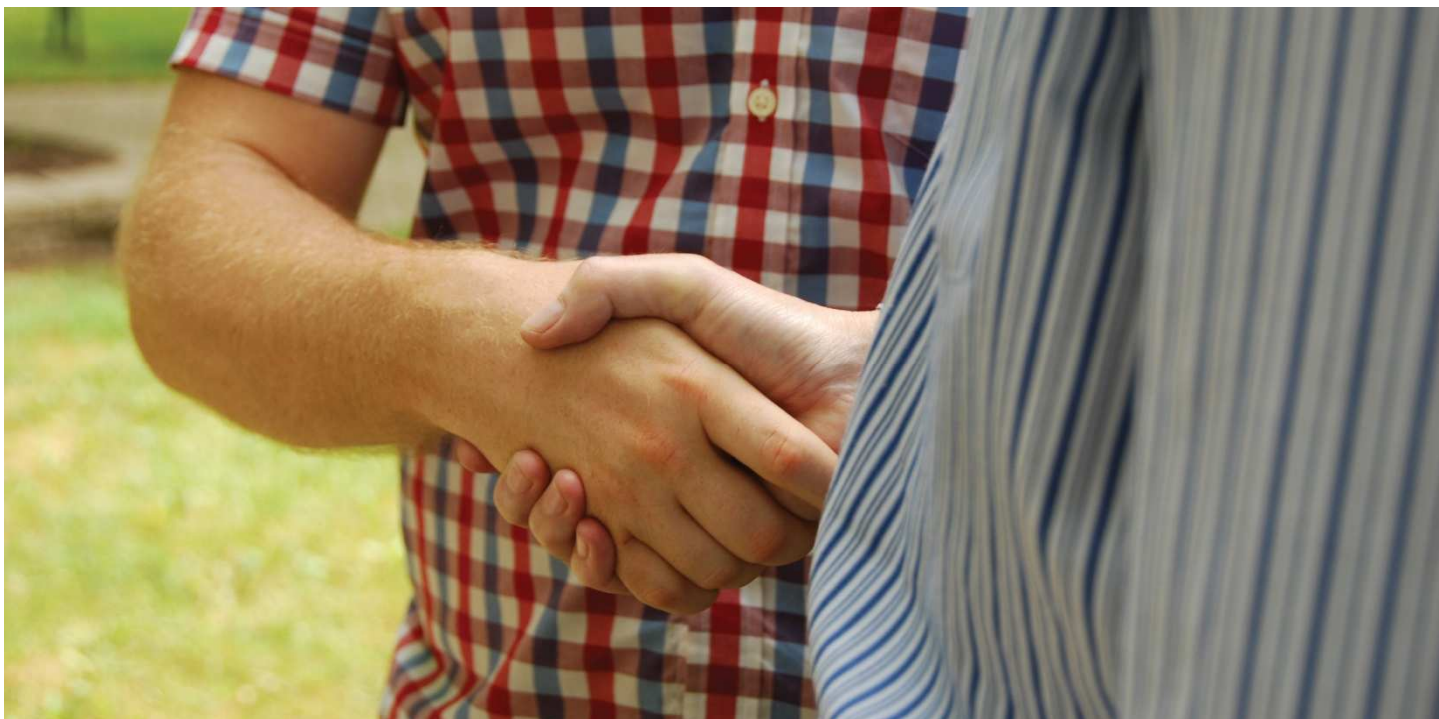
Constantly seeking, creating and seizing opportunities to make a positive difference.

“For those who are about to take off, Tyndale Leadership Centre is going to be a catalyst for the next level. It’s going to help those who are established in their leadership role to solidify their skills so that they can really optimize their position on behalf of the organization.”

**Chris Bosch**

Director, Program Strategy, World Vision Canada





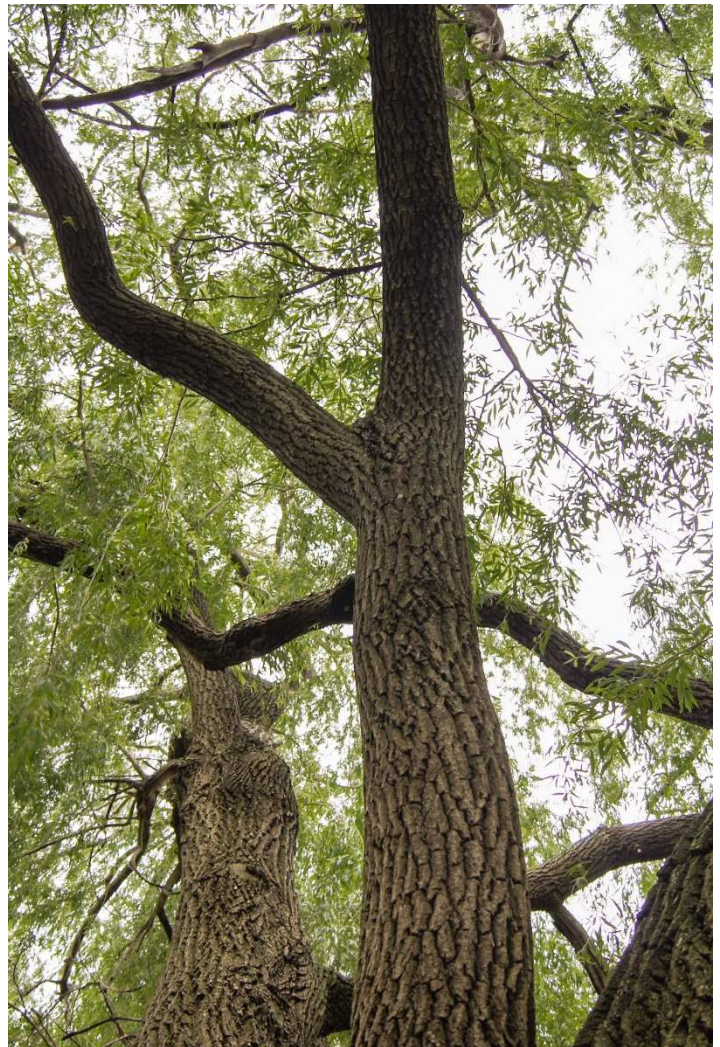
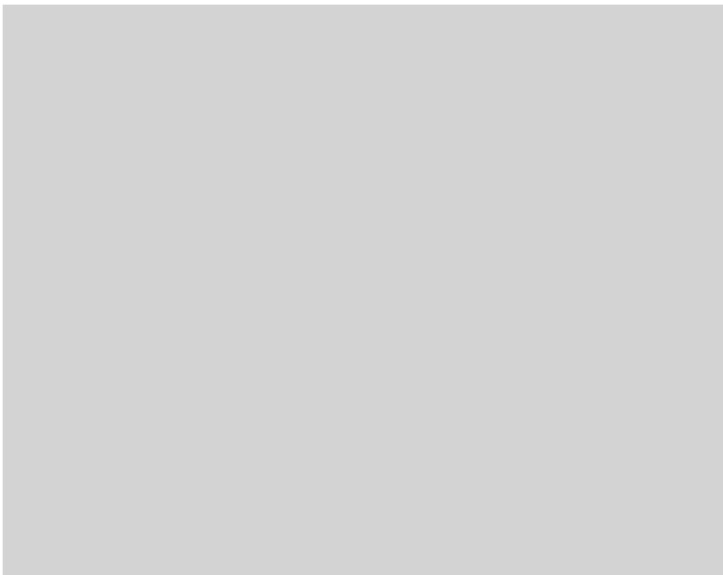
“The out-of-the-box thinking with strong theological and academic offerings provides a unique framework to wrestle through various issues related to leadership.”

**Alana Walker Carpenter**  
CEO, Intriciti

An educational culture that values both theological reflection and experiential learning means you can experience dynamic group discussions while learning more about yourself and your organization. Carefully selected instructors and guest speakers add that much more depth and relevance to the course content. Each learning opportunity draws from Tyndale’s strengths in spiritual formation, allowing you to develop holistically as you grow in your leadership potential.

Here are some of the outcomes that past and current students have reported:

- Greater alignment within their organization.
- Leaders acquired new and helpful ways of looking at their organization.
- Colleagues fostered unity as they learned together and built a common vocabulary around issues in their organization.
- Students gained deeper self-awareness as leaders.
- Class projects benefited their organization.







# Tyndale Intercultural Ministries (TIM) Centre

# The face of Canada is changing.

According to Statistics Canada, by 2031 nearly one-half (46 per cent) of Canadians aged 15 and over will be a first generation immigrant or will have at least one parent who is a first generation immigrant. What does this mean for the Canadian church?

Christians need to know how to embrace Christians of other cultures, and how to interact with people from different faiths. Tyndale Intercultural Ministries (TIM) Centre is located at Tyndale University College & Seminary. Tyndale is one of Canada's largest seminaries, and it is located in Toronto, Ontario, one of the world's most culturally diverse cities. This allows TIM Centre to provide intercultural resources for networking, training and research, while using the city's diversity as a setting for practical application of course work.





## Intercultural competence: the ability to communicate and interact appropriately in a variety of cultural contexts.

TIM Centre is inspired and motivated by its vision, "the church from all nations bringing Christ to all nations." This is an unprecedented opportunity to interact with people representing many different nationalities and cultures, all within a single geographic area.

Interdenominational seminars, outreach and other learning opportunities allow you to connect more skillfully and meaningfully with all kinds of people in one of Canada's most multicultural cities.

If you feel called to engage unchurched people groups in Canada and beyond, TIM Centre wants to help you communicate confidently and effectively with people from a variety of cultural backgrounds. At the TIM Centre, you will have the opportunity to connect with experienced international mission leaders who teach and facilitate TIM Centre events and courses. You can also interact with fellow ministers from a large network of local church leaders, denominations and mission organizations as you grow together in intercultural ministry.



“Tyndale Intercultural Ministries Centre offers the best training program to equip Canadians for intercultural ministry in a multicultural context.”

Rudy Escarez, b. Philippines  
Church Leader





## What You Will Learn

# TIM Centre is committed to helping you engage more effectively in intercultural missions.

### **Increase your intercultural competence.**

Connected with immigrant or urban intercultural leaders in your denomination? Partner with TIM Centre to study toward a Certificate or Diploma of Foundations in Missional Ministry & Church Leadership. It is accessible, affordable and recognized as training for intercultural ministry by some denominations

### **Engage more effectively in missions.**

TIM Centre connects you to research and ministry tools for intercultural and urban ministry. UREACHToronto is an Internet portal developed by TIM Centre and its partners for Christians engaged in intercultural ministry.

In 2010, TIM Centre, World Vision and the Centre for

Community Based Research partnered together in a project called, “Beyond the Welcome: Churches Responding to the Immigrant Reality in Canada,” which looked at how Canadian churches are welcoming new Canadians and made practical suggestions for improving the relationship.

### **Integrate diverse cultures into your church community.**

Receive ongoing training on how to integrate diverse cultures into the Canadian church community by joining one of the TIM Centre events. You will be surrounded by people from local churches, mission agencies and Christian communities as you explore and develop the new landscape of the Canadian intercultural church.

“My biblical worldview has been completely transformed through courses like Basic Bible Doctrines and Developing Intercultural Leaders.”

**Richard Lai**, b. Hong Kong  
Adult Sunday School Teacher





“The diploma has trained me in the fundamentals of biblical interpretation and helped me understand the diverse multicultural ministry context of Toronto. It is a blessing to learn from experienced seminary professors and spirit-filled class participants.”

Dorothy Thiagarajan, b. India  
Children’s Ministry Coordinator, Kingsview Free Methodist Church







# Tyndale Spiritual Formation Centre (TSFC)

# How are you growing?

According to a recent study by George Barna, less than one out of every five adult Christians claimed they were totally committed to investing in their own spiritual growth. At the same time, a New York Times study shows that 1,500 pastors leave their ministries each month due to burnout, conflict or moral failure. There is a deeply urgent need for spiritual development in the Christian community. What does this mean for the Christian community and those dedicated to supporting it?

Tyndale Spiritual Formation Centre helps you reconnect with God in ways that lead to life transformation and increased freedom to live out God's unique calling on your life. As you attend to the well-being of your soul, you can better serve the people you support.

“Remember always, as the centre of everything, Jesus Christ.”

2 Timothy 2:8, J.B Phillips New Testament





## Tyndale Spiritual Formation Centre is dedicated to helping you transform into the image of Christ for the sake of others.

Spiritual formation begins with understanding that God is leading you on a journey of transformation and inviting you to respond. As you become more like Christ, you become freer to serve and encourage the people in your life.

Tyndale Spiritual Formation Centre (TSFC) believes that a balance between theological foundations and spiritual formation enables you to live out your faith. To help you integrate beliefs with spiritual growth, TSFC engages you in soul care practices and spiritual disciplines that deepen your walk with God.



## What You Will Gain

Tyndale Spiritual Formation Centre assists you to deepen your relationship with Christ so that you may have a greater impact in the lives of others.

### **Pursue your spiritual wholeness.**

Retreats, events and spiritual direction offer all kinds of avenues for you to attend to your soul. Christ-centred pathways to spiritual vitality will enable you to see tangible growth in both yourself and others.

### **Build your professional and relational skills.**

TSFC allows you to learn alongside your colleagues through retreats, extended trips and other networking events. Some courses also offer continuing education units by the Canadian Council for Professional Certification and the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

### **Learn how to support people who are going through significant life challenges.**

Courses addressing the most important spiritual and personal issues of everyday people enable you to directly meet specific needs. Our courses give you the resources to support biblically-based care and address sensitive issues with greater confidence.

“I have found that our church family has changed: people are growing deeper spiritually, asking good theological questions, seeking God and finding Him in the nooks and crannies of everyday life.”

**Rev. Jeff Loach**, DMin, ThM, ObISB, CSD  
Lead Pastor, St. Paul's Church  
Nobleton, Ontario





## Examples of What We Offer

TSFC addresses personal and spiritual needs facing individuals, professionals and churches both in Canada and worldwide. The following are just a few examples of how TSFC programs and instructors are addressing these needs:

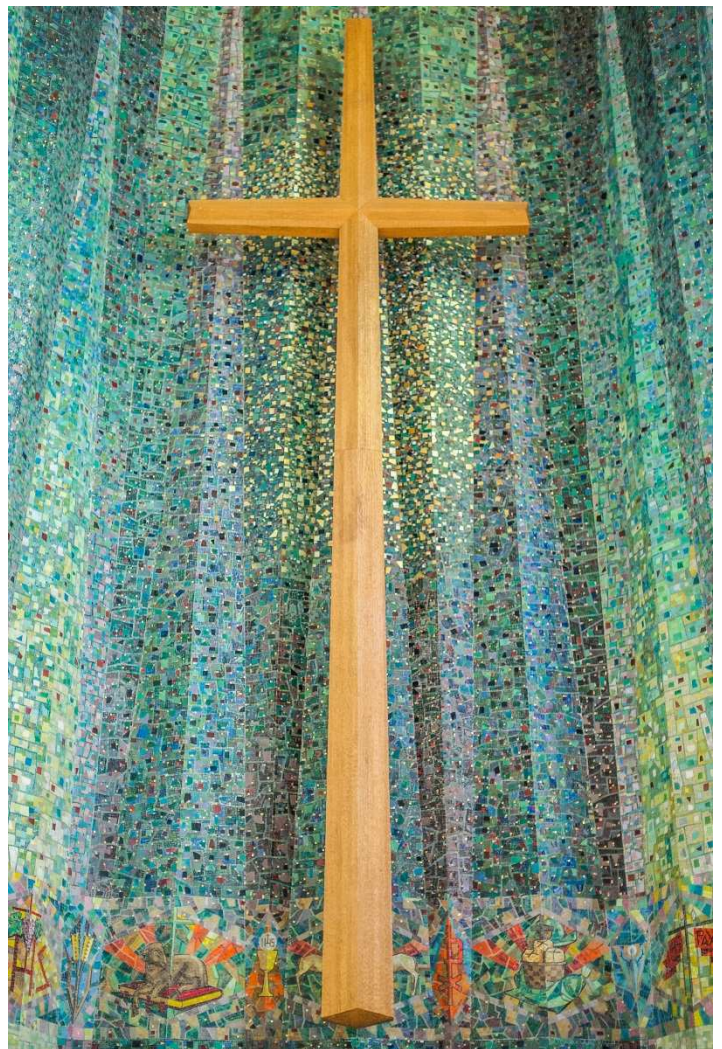
- Certificate in Spiritual Formation is designed to nurture authentic spiritual growth that focuses on intimacy with God and greater compassion towards others.
- Spiritual direction for students and others in the Christian community in cooperation with the Tyndale Association of Spiritual Directors (TASD).
- Other certificates focused on recognizing and responding to the needs of others.
- Programs to deepen spiritual practices like prayer and worship.
- International networking experiences.
- Retreats and events designed for busy people looking for rest and spiritual renewal.

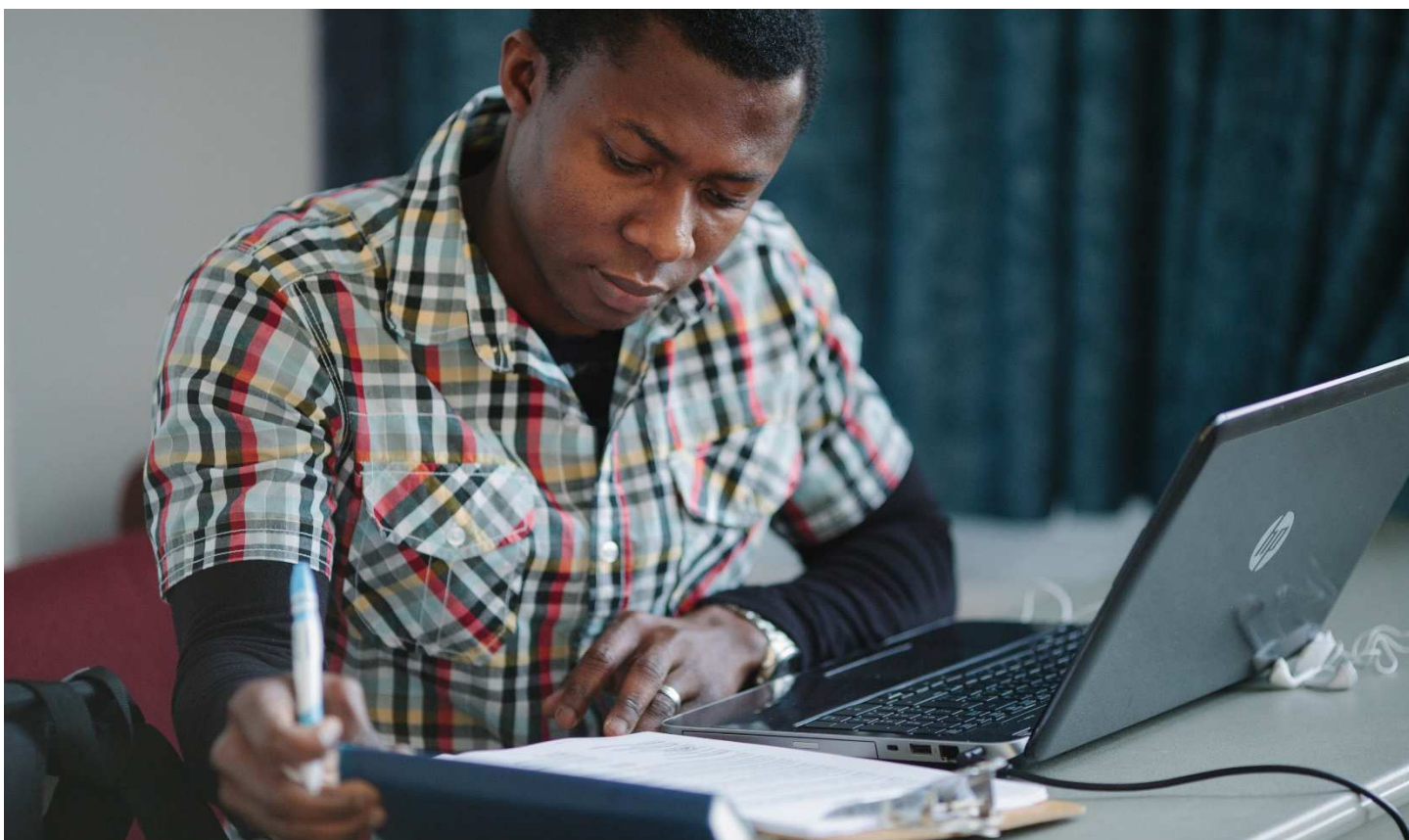
### **Student Experiences**

Here is a sample of reasons students say they loved their experience at TSFC:

- The experience developed their vocational skills.
- The content was comprehensive, relevant and edifying spiritually.
- The program blended theory with practical learning and personal application.
- The experience incorporated intimate community and hospitality.
- The program was strategically structured and well-facilitated.
- The program enabled them to complete most of the work on their own time.







## Specialty Programs

Tyndale OLC can design a program for you that meets your needs and your organization's needs. These courses can be delivered online, or at a location of your choice.

To learn more about how Tyndale OLC can meet your specific learning needs, go to:  
[www.tyndale.ca/open-learning/special](http://www.tyndale.ca/open-learning/special).









## Are you ready to begin?

Your next step is to connect with Tyndale Open Learning Centre and discover how you can grow.

### **Tyndale Open Learning Centre: General Inquiries**

For general inquiries and to find out more about specialty programs, visit:

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