



Thursday, July-24-14

Dear Friends,

Greetings in Christ!

It was with surprise and some concern that I recently read Archbishop Don Harvey's farewell interview with *The Anchor*. I should begin by stating the respect with which I have always held the Archbishop, whose visits to the College I always enjoyed.

"Those who are not against us are for us." I believe that conservative Anglicans in North America have the on-going challenge to find in charity a sense of solidarity with colleagues who have chosen a different ecclesiological path. We at Wycliffe seek this charity.

ANIC (and ACNA) students have always been, and continue to be, most welcome at Wycliffe College. Those who have graduated will testify to how well they were treated.

In this same spirit of charity, let me offer several points of clarification:

1. The effort to start an ANIC school in Ottawa has been helped by two of their faculty members with Wycliffe Ph.D.'s.
2. Our theological and moral commitments, expressed in our Six Principles and Statement of Moral Vision remain unchanged.
3. The September 2013 gathering to recall the 1963 event was an academic *conference about* the past *congress*. It thus had no procession to which one would have invited Archbishop Duncan. Its speakers were scholars or Majority World bishops. It was advertised primarily on our website – all were welcome, as with all our conferences.
4. Our alumnus, Eluid Wabukala, Archbishop of Kenya, head of GAFCON, friend of the college, was in attendance.
5. Both the recent pastors of the ANIC congregation in Toronto have been Wycliffe doctoral students

We want to be a friendly resource in training for ANIC. Any bishop, church leader, or potential student is invited most warmly to visit the College at any time.

Peace,

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