

THE MCCOLLUM FUND

On November 25, 2014, the Trustees of Archdeacon A.C. McCollum Fund met to review ten strong applications. This year, the committee decided to award a \$5,000 bursary. After much discussion, we selected three students to share the bursary. All awardees attend Wycliffe College and are currently pursuing a Masters of Divinity. The co-chairs wish to thank all the members of the committee for their hard work in reviewing the applications.

John Sundara (awarded \$2,000)

I am currently a student at Wycliffe seminary and a recent recipient of the McCollum scholarship. I hope to become a postulant in the Diocese of Toronto. Naomi, my wife, is also a lifelong Anglican from Alberta and a part-time student at Wycliffe while she continues working full-time in a Christian university ministry. Born and baptized in Chennai, in the (Anglican) Church of South India, I grew up in a very multi-religious context with Hindu and Muslim neighbours. As well, studying at a Hindu private school helped me appreciate other religions and faiths, but more importantly, it helped me deeply understand and love Christ's uniqueness. My family immigrated to Vancouver when I was in high school. I attended St. Cuthbert's (Anglican Church of Canada) and was confirmed in the Diocese of New Westminster in 2004. I was the youth worker at St. Cuthbert's for 5-6 years. Around that time I was also a pre-med student at UBC, and involved with Power to Change (P2C), an interdenominational Christian university ministry that emphasizes Bible study, outreach, and discipleship. It was a very spiritually formative season, especially since many of my classes emphasized a very secular and unexaggeratedly anti-religious perception of the world devoid of a practical relationship with God, and definitely not God in Christ. After graduation in 2007, I interned with P2C, which led to my joining staff with P2C for a few years, helping students find real faith in Christ and live out God's Word in their contexts. As you can tell, Med School was not really the next step after my time at UBC. Much of this was because I sensed Christ drawing me to follow him by participating in full-time ministry. Now, being a student at Wycliffe, I am sensing a further call to ordained ministry and am prayerfully seeking how I can continue being faithful and obedient to our Lord. I am in the process of being accepted as a postulant in the Diocese of



Toronto. I thank you for your generous bursary to help Naomi and me pay for my fees as I follow the Lord.

Elizabeth Martin (awarded \$2,000)

Elizabeth Achimah (Martin) is a Masters of Divinity Student in the pioneer stream at Wycliffe College. She is passionate about joining God's heart for those in the neighbourhood who do not know God's love. She has offered contextually based youth mentorship programs in various churches in Toronto. She is now working with the Church of the Resurrection to explore the need for Anglican ministry in the St. Clair/O'Connor area. She is currently leading a team to start a youth drop-in, Side Door, which seeks to provide a safe environment for youth to explore questions of life over board games, art, sports, and conversation. In her free time, she can be found hanging out with her cat Shalom, cooking food from around the world, playing the guitar, or working on some kind of writing project.



Stephen Monk (awarded \$1,000)

I have attended Wycliffe College as a part-time student since 2010. I've discerned my ministry for almost ten years. I originally thought that my role was as a Permanent Deacon, serving my parish and the community. Prayer, service to SJYM, my studies, and further discernment have led me to discover that my calling is as a full-time priest in the diocese of Toronto. SJYM has a history of church planting and I hope to continue that tradition—not building a congregation from nothing but taking a struggling parish and helping it to go through the transformation that St John's has gone through. I hope that you can take part in this transformation by praying for me. I thank SJYM for the faith that it has in me by awarding me this bursary. I hope to do you proud.



**Max Dioniso,
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