



NEWSLETTER

Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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Notes from the Provost

We are nearing the end of the fall semester. We have had many activities. Here are few highlights.

We had very good enrolment this semester. We have approximately 150 students. This reflects the initiatives to introduce Diploma Programs in Gander, Corner Brook and Labrador. It also reflects the Collaboration with the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf to offer our Discipleship and Ministry program.

At our Faculty Meetings we have begun discussions on the future of theological education. We some major change in the church and in the world. Over the next while we will examine how we, as theological college, can best be a resource to the church in preparing people for ministry and support those in ministry. We will be asking for your input. Stay tuned on this one!

We had seven students complete internships this semester. I have visited all sites and met with the Field Supervisors, interns and the Intern Support Teams. We truly appreciate the support for all who are involved in the Internships at Grand Falls, Fortune, Hearts Delight, All Saints & Ascension Parishes, Holy Innocents in Paradise, Faith Development, Archdiocese of St. John's, and Turnings, St. John's.

This semester we continued to emphasize on spiritual development in our college activities. We have put emphasis on our Chapel as sacred space, we have regular Days of Awareness, and regular practice of silence. The leadership of Fr. Neil Kellett and support from Dr. Carmel Doyle and The Rev'd Dr. David Bell, Fr. Gerald Westcott and Fr. Earl Smith, SJ is allowing us to establish and maintain the foundation for spiritual resilience.

We have had great support from clergy who have come to preside and preach at the college. We appreciate the interest and support.

Blessings and best regards,

Rick

Auden Out Loud: A great start to the Advent and considerations on Christmas, see the poster below.

AUDEN OUT LOUD
presents a public reading of W. H. Auden's
FOR THE TIME BEING
A CHRISTMAS ORATORIO
at the
QUEEN'S COLLEGE CHAPEL

210 Prince Philip Parkway
Eastern most building on the North side
Across from the Arts & Culture Centre

First Sunday of Advent – 3 December 2017
Doors open at 2:30 – reading starts at 3:00
Free admission to reading and reception

Click link below for reserved seating
<mailto:tor@mobilewords.ca>

Book Review: A new feature to our monthly Newsletter is the Book Review. We will have faculty members and others present a short review of a recent publication recommended for clergy and pastoral workers. This review is by Dr. Carmel Doyle, D. Min.

Joining God, Remaking the Church, Changing the World: The New Shape of the Church within Our World. Alan J. Roxburgh. Morehouse Publishing, New York. 2015.

This very slim volume is written by a pastor, teacher, writer and consultant with more than 30 years' experience as a church leader, consultant and seminary professor. The main premises of his book are the same as those of *The Missional Network*.

- We believe that God is abundantly and prolifically out ahead of us in our neighborhoods and communities. We are prejudiced to a hopeful future already present in God's people.
- We believe that we have only scratched the surface in terms of learning and listening to the ways in which the Spirit of God is reshaping and reorienting local ministry and mission.
- We believe that we need each other. We need to learn from one another, to hear each other's stories and to discern together in this journey.
- We believe that asking the right kinds of questions is crucial – starting from “God” questions rather than “church” questions. <http://themissionalnetwork.com/who/our-story/about-us/>

Part One of the book presents an analysis of the state of the church in the West with a particular focus on the main-line churches as the inheritors of the Euro-tribal churches. For some the analysis may seem overly harsh but Roxburgh calls us to acknowledge some of the ways in which the Church is “broken” and how it is seen by a less forgiving world than existed when Christendom held sway.

Part Two presents a series of Christian practices, which when taken together and practiced by a community that loves both the Church and the world, can serve as a catalyst for joining with God, changing the church and saving the world. In this section, Roxburgh provides a detailed description and guide for the practices of listening, discerning, testing and experimenting, reflecting and deciding in community. He provides step-by-step instructions on how we may recover, renew and ultimately transform who we are as a people called by God.

Joining with God could serve as a fine book for reading and reflection by pastors and those engaged in various ministries during the Lenten season. One caveat: if you choose to study this book together you must be prepared to begin to shift the focus of your ministry – the Spirit is calling us to begin to more consciously work to be transformed into the church of the future that exists for the sake of the gospel and the transformation of God's world.

The Rev'd James Spencer Ordained a Priest, October 18th in Burin



One of the highlights of the fall semester was the ordination to priesthood of James Spencer. James graduated with M. Div (honors) at Convocation 2017. His ordination by Bishop John Watton was inspiring to all who attended. His father, a graduate of Queen's College (1961) delivered the homily. His wife - Stellar, his children Simon and Isabella, and his mother participated in the liturgy.

Visit to Cyprus: The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf invited the Provost to attend their Theological Educators Meeting in November. Dr. Singleton said, “It was an impressive gathering of individuals from that very large diocese, along with representatives from other educational institutions that provide theological education throughout the Middle East. I was very pleased to hear of the interest in the program we offer from Queen's, and even more so, to hear of the desire of many people to advance their theological education in order to

provide more effective ministries as the Church continues to grow in that part of the world.”

Dr. Rick Singleton, The Rev'd Canon Dr. Leslie Francis and Rev. Dr. John Holdsworth at meeting of



Theological Educators in Larnaca, Cyprus, following an orientation session by the Provost on Queen's College.



Discipleship and Ministry students in Doha, Qatar. Following the Diocesan partnership with Queens College Newfoundland, a new Church Learning Group has been established in Doha, Qatar. The first meeting was attended in October by Diocesan Director of Ministry, Archdeacon John, along with the group facilitator, Fr Jebaraj and parish priest Fr Paul.

Convocation 2018 is on Thursday May 3rd, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary the Virgin Church on Cornwall Avenue, St. John's. Preliminary Planning is underway. Save the Date!!!

Student Association: Orders are being taken for jackets with the Queen's College crest. Contact

Charlie Cox charliektcox@hotmail.com for more information.

Food is being collected for the M.U.N. Foodbank. Donations can be brought to the college. The hampers will be delivered to M.U.N. by December 1st

Student Association Christmas Gathering: December 1st from 5:00 to 7:00 in the College Common Room. This is also a time to offering greetings to Susan Foley, our Administrative assistant. Susan will be retiring in December. Former students and faculty members are invited to drop by. We have arranged for open parking on Lot 19 for that evening. The gathering will be followed by an auction to raise missionary work in Tanzania. The auction and related activities will start at about 7:30 p.m.



Retirement: *Ms. Susan Foley* will retire in December. Representatives of the Alumni Association visited on November 22nd to present a gift and good wishes to Susan. The Ven. Tom Moulton, Susan Foley, Ms Gerry Poirier and The Rev'd Canon Dr. Frank Cluett.

Winter Semester Course and Program Offerings: It is still not too late to register for courses for the Winter Semester. Also, pass along this link to other who might be interested. <http://queenscollegenl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Theological-Bulletin.pdf>

Chapel Banners and Altar Frontals: One of our students, Ms Eleanor Ash, donated her time and

talent to adjust seasonal banners to fit the chapel. She used surplus materials to make matching altar frontals. This has freshened up the chapel and enhances the chapel space.

Congratulations to The Rev'd John Nicolle

On Saturday, December 16th, The Rev'd John Nicolle will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. A service of celebration will take place at Christ Church, Port Rexton at 11:00 am. Bishop Geoff Peddle, a classmate of Rev. John, will preach. Bishop John Watton will lead the service. The collection from the service will go to Queen's College. Following the service there will be a pot luck lunch at the Lion's Club. Congratulations Rev'd John and thank you for always supporting Queen's College.

THE PRIEST by Karl Rahner, SJ

Part of a homily at an ordination:

My friends, accept us as we are:

The priest is not an angel sent from Heaven, *(s)he* is a *(hu)man* chosen from among you, a member of the Church, a Christian.

Remaining *(hu)man* and Christian, *(s)he* begins to speak to you the Word of God. This Word is not his own.

No, *s/he* comes to you because, God has told *him/her* to proclaim His Word. Perhaps *s/he* has not entirely understood it *her/himself*.

Perhaps *s/he* adulterates it. But, *s/he* believes, and despite *his/her* fears *(s)he* knows that *(s)he* must communicate God's Word to you.

For must not some one of us say something about God, about eternal life, about the majesty of grace in our sanctified being; must not some one of us speak of sin, the judgment and mercy of God?

Italics in the text are my adjustments to inclusive language. Rahner's words were at a different time and place. What he said about priesthood, now applies to people who take on leadership ministries in the Church.

Flu Vaccines: We encourage students, faculty and staff to have a flu shot. It decreases the likelihood of

being sick with seasonal influenza and spreading it to others. We also ask that those with colds or the flu to take precautions to avoid spreading it to others. It is recommended to get the flu vaccine in the fall or early winter to give your body time to build up immunity before 'the flu' begins to circulate. Here is the link to the locations of flu shot clinics in [St. John's and surrounding areas](#)

Queen's College Appeal: The success of our efforts at Queen's College reflects the support we receive from the dioceses, parishes, clergy and parishioners. We do not yet have the final numbers on the 2017 Appeal, but we know it was a big improvement over 2016. This was possible only because of the interest and support for the Appeal. Thank you! The Bishops of the three dioceses have agreed to have Queen's College Appeal in all parishes across the province on Sunday **February 18th, 2018**. Your support will be appreciated.

Continuing Education for Clergy and Pastoral Workers

Churchgoing and Christian ethics: an empirical study among adolescents

Presenter: The Rev'd Canon Dr. Leslie J Francis, PhD. University of Warwick, UK

This session is part of the Ethics for the 21st Century Conference. Dr. Francis will illustrate how the use of modern methods of research helps us understand how religious beliefs and practices influences the lives of individuals, community and society.

You can attend and participate at Queen's College or you can attend on-line. We use GoToMeeting Webinar platform. The link to join the session on-line is

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/869321781> It is very simple to join, just hit the link or paste it into your browser.

The session will be recorded and available on YouTube. You can connect through our website: www.queenscollegenl.ca, just go to the YouTube icon.

Here is the link to request a Visitor Parking Permit at Queen's College:

<http://www.mun.ca/cep/parking/visitor-parking-request-form.php>

Dates for the other sessions will be provided soon. Please send along topics or suggestions for presenters.

Also, please feel free to forward this information and an invitation to anyone who might be interested in these topics.

By the way, there is no charge to you for these sessions.

Ethics for the 21st Century: Body, Mind and Spirit November 29 - December 01

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Philosophy Department), Queen's College (Faculty of Theology), the Faculty of Medicine (Community Health and Humanities) as well as Eastern Health and the Provincial Health Ethics Network are collaborating to organize a conference on Ethics for the 21st Century: Body, Mind and Spirit. You are invited to attend the conference or any sessions of the conference.

Nov. 29

- 9:30 to 3:00 p.m. Preconference on Theological and Pastoral Issues at Queen's College Faculty of Theology Suite 3000.
- 4:00 p.m. Opening of Conference Queen's College Great Hall, Ground Floor
- 4:10 p.m. Keynote address by Dr. Francoise Baylis, Ph.D.
- 5:30 p.m. Social.

Nov. 30 Queen's College Faculty of Theology Suite 3000

- 9:30 a.m. Keynote address by The Rev'd Canon Dr. Leslie Francis, Ph.D.
- 11:00 a.m. Papers on Human Issues
- 1:30 p.m. Papers on Environmental Issues
- 3:30 p.m. Keynote address by Michael Schulz, Ph.D.

Dec. 1 at HSC Medical School Auditorium

- 9:00 a.m. Keynote address by Dr. Andrew Latus, PhD, MD
- 10:30 Panel on Ethics for the 21st Century

- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Medical Grand Rounds, Dr. Judy Illes, PhD

Presenters include:

- Francois Baylis (Dalhousie)
- Read Davis (M.U.N.)
- Jennifer Flynn (M.U.N.)
- Leslie Francis (Warwick, UK)
- Judy Illes (U.B.C.)
- Christopher Kapsoy (M.U.N.)
- Chandra Kavanagh (Ryerson)
- Sean McGrath (M.U.N. & Queen's)
- Daryl Pullman (M.U.N.)
- Michelle Rebidoux (M.U.N. & Queen's)
- Michael Schulz (Bohn, Germany)
- Richard Singleton (M.U.N. & Queen's)
- Peter Trnka (M.U.N.).

To register, e-mail

munethicsconf2017@gmail.com, and please indicate you intention to attend the entire conference or specific sessions.

There is no charge for attendance at this conference.