



NEWSLETTER

Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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Notes from the Provost

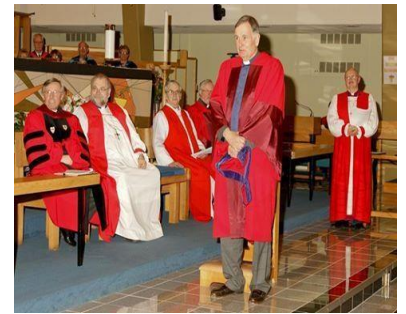
We are well settled into the fall semester. We have had many activities. Here are few highlights.

Programs: We are offering Master, Bachelor, Associate and Diploma programs this year. Thanks to the adjustments we have made in our curriculum review and the available technologies, we have a good mix part-time and full-time students doing courses on-campus and on-line. This is our first venture at offering our Diploma in Theology and Ministry Program in Gander, Corner Brook, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, as well as in St. John's sites in a specific year. We received a special grant from the Anglican Foundation of Canada to support this initiative, and the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador is providing support for the program in Labrador. This fall we will have over 30 students in the Diploma in Theology and Ministry Program. We have students from across Newfoundland and Labrador, the Maritimes, the USA and the Diocese of Cyprus and Gulf.

Enrollment: We have a significant increase in the number of students this year. Here's the enrollment by program: Bachelor Degree – 36 students; Master Degree - 38 students; Associate – 25 students; Diploma – 30 students; Continuing Education courses – 21 students. **Total: 150 students.** We are still enrolling students in the Diploma Program. Plus we have 23 students in the B.Th. for Discipleship and Ministry in the Diocese of Cyprus and Gulf.

Memorial Liturgy for Reverend Dr. Randy

Daley: The Rev'd Dr. Alexander (Randy) Daley died in August. He was great friend of the clergy and Church in NL, and a friend and supporter of Queen's College.



Randy was awarded the Honorary Doctorate of Divinity at Queen's College Convocation 2011. On September 22, friends gathered at Queen's College Chapel for Memorial Liturgy. The Rev'd Dr. Boyd Morgan presided, and The Rev'd Dr. Canon Frank Cluett was homilist. Friends then gathered in the Common Room for a social time and to reminisce about Randy. The words generosity, gentleness, humor, and humility were

some of the words used over and over. May he rest in peace!





Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Queen's College and Diocese of Cyprus and Gulf. On September 14, Queen's College

finalized an agreement to facilitate theological education and training with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. At a ceremony in Queen's Chapel, which included members of the Faculty of Theology, the Rev'd Dr. John Holdsworth, Executive Archdeacon of the Diocese of Cyprus and Gulf and Dr. Rick Singleton, Provost of Queen's College, signed a Memorandum of Understanding which signals the beginning of the new partnership. Twenty-four students from the Diocese have now been enrolled, and there are likely to be more students recruited. Dr. Rick Singleton said this was an exciting day for the College, making a positive statement about partnership within the Anglican Community. Rt. Rev. Dr. Geoff Peddle, Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, also present welcomed this innovative link and commended the initiative to support the Church in a part of the



world where Christianity is in a small minority of the population. The Dean of Theology, Rev'd Dr. David Bell, noted that this initiative is commendable and courageous, as we reach out to support and facilitate opportunity for theological education in part of the world that does allow for easy access to education and training for those who will equip the church to maintain its presence and grow. The link to the Diocesan website will help you become familiar with our partners in the Middle East. <http://cypgulf.org/>

Getting out and about Fogo Island: Fr. Kellett and the Provost visited Fogo Island for a weekend in September. The Rev'd Gail Williams and The Rev'd Ken Abbott invited them to visit and speak about Queen's College at the Sunday Liturgies. It was a great experience. The hospitality was wonderful.

Labrador Planning and Strategy Conference (LPSC): The Provost attended and participated in the LPSC. It was a great opportunity to hear of the interests and concerns of parishioners and clergy. Also wonderful hospitality.

Corporation of Queen's College: The Corporation met on October 03, 2017 at the College. During this meeting, the Corporation elected the Executive Committee for the next two years.

Executive Committee

- Mrs. C. Haines-Turner, *Chair*
- The Ven. S. Rose, *Vice-Chair*
- The Rev'd B. Candow, *Secretary*
- Mr. F. Janes, *Treasurer*

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- Dr. R. Singleton, *Provost, Ex Officio*
- The Most Rev'd P. Coffin,
- The Rt. Rev'd Dr. G. Peddle
- The Rt. Rev'd J. Watton
- Mr. D. Hillier
- The Rev'd B. Candow
- The Rev'd D. Bishop
- Ms. L. Vivian-Book
- The Rev'd G. Giles
- Charlie Cox, *Student Representative*

The Ven. Neil Kellett's 50th Anniversary into the Priesthood. We offer him our congratulations on his anniversary, and we say thank you for the ministry at Queen's College and in parishes and dioceses in Newfoundland and England. In this photo, The Rev'd Dr. David Bell,



Dean of Theology, toasts Fr. Neil as a Community Meal attended by students, members of the Corporation, and faculty members.

Smart Room: We have equipped one of our classes with more modern equipment to allow for easier participation of students in classes offered over the internet. This has proven to be a good investment. It is making the delivery of on-line courses in real time much more user-friendly for all. Many of our part-time students would not be enrolled, if it were not for this technology. All faculty members are getting more at ease with the equipment and skills to engage remote students in discussion and debate.

Winter Semester Learning Opportunities: Course offerings, schedules, timetables, and registration material are easily accessed at this page on our website

http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page_id=406

Internships: We have seven students doing internships this semester, five are in Anglican ordination stream. We have visited sites and provided orientation to the Field Supervisors and Intern Support Teams. We appreciate the contribution and partnership of pastors and parishioners in accommodating the internships, which are essential to pour students education, formation and discernment.

Spirituality Component of our Program:

This term, we continue to emphasize the place of spiritual development in rounding out the experience of theological education and pastoral skills in preparation for ministry. This year we continue to ensure that all students preparing for ministry are availing of a spiritual director and we have structured programs with spiritual guides to provide students with exposure to spiritual practices such as praying with scripture, silence, meditation, prayer groups and reflection. We have monthly days of awareness. Our Vocational Development Seminar this semester is entitled Spiritual Resilience. Our students gave strong and positive feedback on these experiences.

Chapel activities are central to our community life at Queen's and key to our students' preparation for ministry. Students, faculty and visitors participate in daily Liturgy of Hours, regular celebrations of Holy Eucharist, and our Days of Awareness that are enriched by music, singing, homilies, and silence.

The Student Association is established for an active year. They are committed to organization and service in the College as well as outreach projects. The executive for the Queen's College Student Association are:

President: Charlie Cox, *B Th. Program*

Vice President: Greg Warford, *B Th.*

Discipleship and Ministry Program

Secretary: Anna Rowsell, *MTS Program*

Treasurer: Lisa Payne, *M Div. Program*

The Corporation of Queen's College amended its Constitution at the May 2017 Meeting to include a student as a member of the Corporation. The Senior Student attends the Corporation meetings and presents a report to the meeting.

Convocation 2018 is on Thursday May 03, 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!!!

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 18, 2018**. Your support will be appreciated.

Retirement: Ms. Susan Foley will retire in December. Members of Corporation, Faculty members and Susan's family gathered on October 03 to celebrate her years of service and wish her well. A toast was proposed by The Rev'd Dr. Boyd Morgan, former Provost. The Rev'd Dr. Canon Cluett, The Rev'd Dr. Morley Hodder, The Rev'd Dr. David Bell, Dr. Carmel Doyle and Dr. Rick Singleton all had a few words to add.



Recruitment: Over the spring and summer we went through the process of recruiting an Administrative Assistant. We have hired Ms. Dana Bishop. She started with us on October 02, 2017. She is fitting in really well, we are pleased to have her part of our team.

Continuing Education – Exploring Islam, September 26, 2017 PowerPoint & Audio Presentation is now available on our YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lw44DvSXLo&t=3s>

Presenter: Dr. Michelle Rebidoux, Ph.D., Professor of Religious Studies at M.U.N. and

Professor of Ethics at Queen's College Faculty of Theology.

As the second largest and the fastest growing religion in the world, Islam is quickly becoming a global force. Nevertheless, many people, including many Christians, know little about the core beliefs and practices of this tradition which, as the third of the Abrahamic religions, shares much in common with Christianity. Indeed, popular media portrayals of Islam continue to fuel misunderstandings. This session is designed to help participants understand and appreciate the religious beliefs and practices of the vast majority of Muslims, who detest violence and terrorism as much as any typical Christian and Canadian. It will also address some of the factors involved in the rise of radical Islam in today's global society.

Continuing Education for Clergy and Pastoral Workers

TITLE: Overview and Updates on the Proposed Revisions to Marriage Canon.

Friday October 20 September 26 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: The Rev'd Dr. Joanne Mercer, Ph.D., Rector of the Parish of Twillingate and Adjunct Professor of Theology at Queen's College Faculty of Theology.

This session will present the historical background and theological themes relevant to the current discussions and initiatives to revise the Marriage Canon in the Anglican Church of Canada. The session will also present some ideas for pastors and pastoral workers to facilitate debate and discussion on the matter with members of the Church.

There will be opportunities for questions and answers. 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>

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.

Symposium on Mental Wellbeing: With the support of Denominational Leaders, the St. John's and Area Council of Churches will be hosting a Symposium on Mental Wellbeing at the Salvation Army Citadel, 25 Adams Avenue. The focus is Mental Health Care from a Faith Based perspective. There is no charge, and the Symposium is open to everyone who is interested. Lunch and refreshments are provided. Friday, October 27, 7:00 – 8:00 pm; and Saturday, October 28, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Details of speakers forthcoming.

2017 Jewish, Christian and Muslim Dialogue session is scheduled for Nov. 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bruneau Centre at MUN. More information will be distributed when it becomes available.

Thank You! Though Thanksgiving is past, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to the numerous people who collaborate, participate and support our work at Queen's. Our students are wonderful individuals who bring joy and excitement to the College and the Church. Our faculty members generously teach, coach, mentor and guide our students in academic, spiritual and pastoral formation. Our Leadership Team, The Rev'd Dr. David Bell our Dean, The Ven. Neil Kellett our Chaplain, and Dr. Carmel Doyle our Director of Student Programs enrich Queen's by their presence, example and attention to detail that sustains the 177 year old spirit and character of Queen's College.

Finally, I thank the Corporation of Queen's College for the support of the College and our initiatives to make theological education available and relevant in the Church and broader community.

Our Mission ...

to equip those called to ministry through

- *Theological Education*
- *Pastoral Training & Practice*
- *Spiritual Development*
- *Participate in Community*