



NEWSLETTER

Queen's College Faculty of Theology

February 2018

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Note from the Provost

We are now well into our Winter Semester and things are going well for all. We have strong enrolment in all our programs. There is more information below about our all that and more. But I must first express our condolences again on the death of Bishop Mark Genge.

Bishop Mark seemed to have a unique gift for bringing



people together and bringing them to Christ. His character has been described by many and illustrated with numerous stories of compassion, empathy, humour and loyalty. His commitment to Queen's College was firm throughout his life. Since his death, his family has asked that donations in his memory are directed to the

College. On behalf of Queen's College, I again extend condolences to the Genge family.

In Memoriam: Bishop Mark Genge

We have received some donations in the memory of Bishop Mark. Some have contacted to ask how they make a donation. Donations can be made in Bishop Mark's memory to Queen's on-line at <http://queenscollegenl.ca/> Just go to the **Donate** button in the upper right corner, or you can call 709 753-0116 and donate by credit card or send your donation to Queen's College Faculty of Theology, 210 Prince Philip Drive, St. John's, NL A1B 3R6. Charitable donation receipts will be issued and the family will be advised of donors. We appreciate the support and memory of Bishop Mark. Thank you to the Genge family.

This Newsletter has information about **Queen's College Appeal** that will hopefully inspire people to contribute to the Queen's College Appeal. Please take a look and pass it along to others. I think you will be surprised and impressed at the initiatives and efforts of Queen's to prepare people for leadership in the Church for the years ahead.

Rev'd Renee Easton's Ordination to the Diaconate.

On Sunday January 28th, 2018 Renee Easton was ordained to the Diaconate at St. Hilda's Church in Bay L'Argent. She has been appointed a Deacon in Charge of the Parish and will be ordained to priesthood later in the year.



Renee first connected with Queen's College in the Diploma in Theology and Ministry Program offered in Clarenville. Through that program she discerned a call to ministry. She continued as a part-time student while she completed the Associate program. She will receive her B Th. at Convocation 2018.

Queen's College Honorary Doctorate



nominee at Convocation 2018 is **Hans Rolmann PhD.**

When the planning was underway to reopen Queen's College about four decades ago, it was clear that individuals with strong academic credential, good teaching skills and genuine sensitivity for the mission and ministry of Queen's College would be critical. Morley Hodder, Sheldon McKenzie and Hans Rolmann became part of the Faculty of Theology at Queen's when the College reopened. It is for this enduring and loyal commitment to Queen's that he will be awarded the Honorary Doctorate.

Continuing Education for Clergy and Pastoral Workers

The following two series are being offered in the Winter Semester. Please note they are free and all are welcome.

Our Creeds: a refresher.

"Begotten not made ..." and many other statements of the Christian faith are often recited without much reflection on the theological and spiritual truths that lie behind them.

Rev'd Dr. David Bell, Dean of Theology, will present three sessions on the Creeds. In these sessions he will provide some historical, theological, and spiritual considerations of the main themes of the so-called

Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed and the so-called Apostles' Creed. "Both titles are inaccurate", says the Dean.

The sessions are scheduled for Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

January 25, February 22, and March 14.

This date was changed since originally scheduled.

You can attend and participate at Queen's College or you can attend on-line. The link to join on-line is <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/745783261>

It is very simple to join, just hit the link or paste it into your browser.

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

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Lenten Five Session Series on Contemplative Leadership.

Those who lead in congregations, families and organizations have the privilege, opportunity and challenge of refreshing others like offering a drink from a fresh spring well. But what if the well run dry, or the debris of life clogs the flow of that living water? The thirst and dryness is felt by many.

This series is intended to help individuals learn contemplative leadership, to learn to be deeply grounded in God in the midst of the challenges of leadership. The sessions will allow opportunity for contemplative practice, as well as instruction and guidance. The program is developed in collaboration with Shalem Institute, Washington DC. <https://shalem.org/>

The sessions are offered to clergy, pastoral workers and other interested individuals.

The session will be offered via webinar and available on-campus at Queen's College. The sessions will be led by Margaret Benefiel, Ph.D. Executive Director, Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation, Washington. There is no charge for these sessions.

Dates: Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Session 1 February 20

Session 2 February 27

Session 3 March 06

Session 4 March 13

Session 5 March 20

Please feel free to forward this to others who might be interested.

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Day of Awareness

We have a Pre-Lenten Time of Awareness on February 08 and 09. These sessions will be led by Fr. Earl Smith, SJ.

The Session times are as follows:

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday
February 08

8:50 to 1:00 p.m. on February 09 at the College Chapel.



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Student Association: We are well into the winter semester with reading break just ahead and the Student Association is keeping very active with a greater number of students on site. We have had two student meetings and we all agree that outreach to the community is still a main focus for us. We have placed a container in the common room for an ongoing collection of nonperishable items for the MUN student food bank. We will be making a monetary donation this term to Choices for Youth and the Anglican Foundation of Canada. We have also chosen a team of students and staff to visit the

Ronald McDonald House on March 3 to prepare a meal for the families of children receiving treatments. We are accepting donations for this last outreach since it will cost about \$300.

The fundraiser for the Tanzanian mission, held in December, was a tremendous success. We presented Anna Rowsell, one of our fulltime students, a cheque for the amount \$2179.90 toward the ongoing construction of a local nursery school in Bukumbi, Tanzania. Anna was very happy to deliver this contribution and the money has already been put to use. Many congratulations to all students for their continued contribution to our outreach endeavors. Anyone wanting to make donations of any kind, find out more about ongoing matters of the QCSA, or offer ideas for future events and activities may contact our president, Charlie Cox, or any other member of the Association.

Queen's College Appeal 2018

Queen's College Appeal Sunday is February 18th, 2018 in the three diocese of NL. Some parishes have established other dates, that is fine! The support is always appreciated. Here is some information about Queen's College. Hopefully it will encourage you to support Queen's through the Appeal.

Information about Queen's College

Please have a look and to share with others.

- We are committed to preparing women and men for ordained and non-ordained leadership roles in the Church.
- We provide students with good theological education, training in pastoral skills, and opportunity for spiritual development in a faith-based learning community.
- We collaborate and partner with other denominations to strengthen our programs and the learning experience.
- We are revising our programs to make them more available in rural and remote locations in the province and beyond.
- We are providing monthly Continuing Education Sessions for Clergy and Pastoral Workers on topics of current interest and concern.
- We are offering Diploma in Theology and Ministry in Gander, Corner Brook and Labrador.

Some Fast Facts about Queen's College

Here are some facts about Queen's that will help you and others appreciate the place of Queen's College in the Church in Newfoundland and Labrador and beyond.

- This is the 177th year of Queen's College in operation (1841-2018) as a School of Theology

- Over 500 clergy have graduated from Queen's, along with many lay people in recent years.
- This semester (2018) we have 158 registered students. Winter semester last year (2017) we had 101 registered students
 - Eight students are full-time Anglicans in ordination stream.
 - Master Degrees (Divinity, Theological Studies and Theology) 41 students
 - Bachelor of Theology is offered in three formats. 49 students
 - Associate in Theology is a non-degree program offered by distance. 23 students
 - Diploma in Theology and Ministry is offered on weekends. 29 students
 - Continuing Education is a category for those not in a program. 16 students
 - Twenty-two of our students are at the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf.
- We offer degree and non-degree programs.
- We have full-time and part-time students
- We offer courses on campus, on line and by correspondence.
- 60% of our students are Anglican. Others are Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Salvation Army, United Church and Coptic.
 - 19 students from Western Diocese are registered in a program
 - 21 students from Central Diocese are registered in a program
 - 30 students Eastern N and Labrador are registered in a program
 - 27 Anglican clergy are doing at least one course as continuing education.

Here are Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about Queen's College.

Is there a need to continue with a school of theology in NL?

- Many people who study for ordained and non-ordained ministry at Queen's College admit *they would likely not go outside the province.*
- Many of our students have actually *started with doing a single course or one of the non-degree programs.* That exposure to the study of theology makes their ministry in the church more meaningful and prompts them to discern a call to more active ministry. Five of the six people to graduate with B. Th. and M. Div. at Convocation 2018 for ministry in NL did not start studies at Queen's with a goal to complete these degrees and be ordained.
- Prayer, theological education, encouragement from the faith community, and practice of ministry are powerful components in vocational discernment. Connection with the local community

nurtures discernment and formation for ministry.

- Queen's has an important role in helping people discern and prepare for leadership in the local Church.

Why should the Anglican Church offer programs for other denominations?

- Having students from other denominations reduces the costs of our programs. Our basic and core courses and programs are required by the Association of Theological Schools for the US and Canada, our accrediting body. We have to offer the core program whether we have one student or one hundred. Having more students makes our program more financially sustainable.
- The RC Archdiocese and the Pentecostal Assemblies pay us a fee in addition to student tuition.
- Having students from different denominations and faith traditions provides a good learning experience for all students.
- Graduates from Queen's College will need to be able to work collaboratively with clergy and lay people in other denominations and faith traditions.
- Diversity, collaboration and ecumenism are important features of ministry in the Church.

How does Queen's College compare to other theological schools in Canada?

There are many ways of making comparisons.

- Our enrolment is stronger than most other Anglican Colleges.
- We have more distance and part-time students than other colleges.
- We have students from several other provinces.
- The cost of students completing a program at Queen's is lower than other schools, mainly because we set our tuition to match MUN.
- We do not have the large endowment funds that some other schools have.
- We do not have a fundraising foundation to support our capital budgets.

Does Queen's College get money from Government?

- No. We get no funding from the Government.
- Our main sources of revenue are tuition, diocesan grants, and the Queen's College Appeal. We set our tuition rate to match MUN. MUN has had frozen tuition for nearly a decade, this year they established some new fees.
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- We get occasional contributions from *In Memoriam* and similar donations, sometimes with a designated purpose such as a scholarship fund.

- The Appeal is essential to support our attempts to adjust to current needs within the church and explore ways of preparing people for leadership roles in the Church.

Links to our online resources and Information about Queen's College.

<http://queenscollegenl.ca/>

PRAYERS SUITABLE FOR THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE APPEAL

<p>For Theological Education God of all truth, whose Son sat among scholars, asking them questions: bless all theological colleges, and especially Queen's College, that they may be lively centres for sound learning, new discovery and the pursuit of wisdom. May all who teach and all who learn seek and love the truth, and in humility look to you, the source of all wisdom and understanding, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>For ordination candidates God our Father, the Shepherd of Israel, you entrust to your Church the care of your people: watch over your servants now preparing for your sacred ministry of word and sacrament. Fill them with faith, hope and love and make them steadfast in prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
<p>For those contemplating ordained ministry Almighty God, you have entrusted to your Church a share in the ministry of your Son, our great High Priest. Inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts and minds of many to offer themselves for your sacred ministry of word and sacrament, that as ministers of your Gospel they may draw all people to your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>For ordination candidates God our Shepherd, in every generation you call ministers of your word and sacraments. Equip them to preach the gospel, to care for your people and to show forth the fruit of the Spirit in their lives; in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.</p>