



NEWSLETTER

Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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Message from the Provost

Hi: We are now over halfway through the semester. It has been busy and exciting. The students had the week after Thanksgiving away as study break. It provides time to focus on reading and research ... and have a break. The second half of the semester gets even busier as more work is due and we wrap up the semester.

We have few special projects at the College right now. For the most part, these are initiatives that need to be attended to ensure the place is ship shape, now that we have a new long-term agreement with MUN. The projects include:

- Space refurbishment: Painting and flooring in Common Room, Chapel, Corridors, Classrooms, Washrooms, and General Office.
- Update to the website: A more modern server is recommended.
- History of Queen's College: Research and publishing of update since 1993 volume.
- Development of an Administration and Operations Policy Manual.
- Open House for Alumni, Benefactors and Friends of Queen's College will be scheduled when the refurbishment work is completed.

Corporation has a Provost Recruitment Committee in place and a detailed Provost Recruitment Plan. Acceptance of Applications finished on October 18. The Committee is now reviewing applications and screening to move to the interview phase of the process. We wish them well.

Thank you for your prayers, interest and support of Queen's College.

Blessings,

Rick

Corporation News: On October 16, 2019, we had a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Corporation of Queen's College. The members of Corporation and the Executive Committee elected for the next two-year term are:

- The Rev. Gerald Giles - Chair
- The Ven. S. Rose - Vice-Chair
- The Rev. Keith Denman - Secretary
- Mr. Frank. Janes - Treasurer
- The Rt. Rev. John Watton – Bishop on Executive
- Dr. Richard. Singleton, Provost - Ex Officio
- The Rt. Dr. Rev. Geoff Peddle
- The Rt. Rev. John Organ
- The Rev. Derrick Bishop
- Mr. Derek Hillier
- Ms. Lynn Vivian-Book
- The Rev. Kris Gosse
- Mr. John Moores
- Mrs. Deborah Pantin, Senior Student

Ministry of Supervision: The United Church has always trained people who wish to supervise ministry students at a two-week residential course. This course has proven too costly and too demanding for many who feel called to this particular ministry. In a casual conversation with Rick Singleton, I discovered that Queen's College already had a long-standing course in Supervision and capability and experience in offering on-line courses. Seeing an opportunity that would benefit the United Church and Queen's College, Rick proposed an on-line course to train people for the ministry of supervision and thus a grand experiment was launched.

The course is ten sessions covering the basics of supervision and an online practicum experience that allows students to practice and hone their skills. There are readings and assignments assigned each week. Thirty-four people are currently enrolled from across the country and even as far

away as Australia. They include Anglican and United Church clergy and lay people.

The Ministry of Supervision has never been offered online but judging from the high registration it certainly seems to meet a need. The course has uniquely offered students from across the country the opportunity for high quality training at a relatively low cost and a convenient format. The course will be rigorously evaluated but we have every hope it may be offered again.

We wish to thank Dr. Rick Singleton for being so accommodating and helpful and all the administrative staff who answered all the various registration questions.

Ministry of Supervision is taught by two United Church clergy. The Rev. Dr. Andrew Richardson an experienced supervisor and university instructor with 31 years in the pastorate and The Rev. Brenda Fawkes who was formerly Field Education Director at Vancouver School of Theology.



She worked for 12 years in congregational ministry in Vancouver and as regional staff for student and candidacy processes Both Andrew and Brenda currently work for the Office of Vocation of the United Church of Canada and responsible for oversight of United Church students and Clergy.



Meet the student: Tracy Sullivan is a second year Bachelor of Theology/Master of Divinity student in the ordination stream with the Diocese of ENL. She comes from a strong Roman Catholic background but spent most of her adult years in a non denominational, evangelical church. In 1998, shortly after losing her dad to cancer she moved to St. John's from Bonavista to attend school. In 2000 she graduated from Academy Canada with a diploma in Social Sciences and after working in that field for a few years she returned to school in 2005 and graduated in 2007 as a Funeral Director and Embalmer. After working in the funeral industry for several years she still felt a pull to



Meet the student: Daniel Morrissey is from Harbour Grace but has lived in St. John's for most of his life. He moved to Ontario after graduating high school and obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from York University in Toronto. Daniel moved back to NL when he was hired by the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC). He has worked with various units within the RNC including Patrol Services, the Media Relations Office and the Criminal Investigation Division. In 2015 Daniel enrolled in the Master of Theological Studies program at Queen's College and has been pursuing part-time studies ever since. Post-

something more. She found her way into Queen's in 2015, as a full time student in the Associate in Theology program after the loss of her mother and a life changing experience on a local Alpha program.

Her dream is to one day become a chaplain at HMP and has been a volunteer there with the prison ministry team for over a year now as well as helping out at Turnings where she recently completed her Supervised Practice of Ministry program. Her heart is in prison ministry and prison aftercare as well as dealing with those who suffer from mental health and addictions issues.

Tracy is married to her extremely supportive husband Joe and they've been together for 9 years. They have an amazing son, Tai who is 7 and two beautiful foster children who recently came into their care. They also have 3 cats, Bigfoot, Blue and Lainie and a stubborn but adorable beagle named Stevie (after Stevie Nicks)

In her spare time (not like she has much of it these days) she enjoys being with her church family at Holy Innocents in Paradise, running a coffeehouse on Friday nights with several of her friends at Cornerstone ministries downtown, and spending time with her growing family . Oh and let's not forget watching old WWE wrestling events, horror movies and true crime documentaries. Some Tracy trivia ... Her favorite car is a 1980 Camaro, her favorite music is rock and metal, her favorite hymn is "It is Well with my Soul" and her favorite book is "The Loved One" by Evelyn Waugh.

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graduation Daniel wants to become involved in chaplaincy with the RNC and/or the Canadian Forces. He currently leads a group called the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers. This is an interdenominational group of peace officers committed to developing their faith and putting it into practice. Daniel is engaged to Gillian Sheppard, a professional musician and staff member at the MUN Faculty of Business. They are to be married in July 2020 at St. Patrick's Church in St. John's. He also feels called to the permanent diaconate and hopes that one day the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's will embrace this ministry.

Meet the Faculty: Jill Rose is a graduate of



Memorial University and an instructor of Biblical Studies at Queen's College. Her research and teaching interests include the New Testament, Gospel of John, Book of Revelation and Psalms. At Queen's College, Jill

has contributed to the offering of theological education using online, virtual classrooms and hopes to pursue a PhD in the delivery of theological education using meaningful online course delivery platforms.

Jill also works as an Instructional Resource Teacher with the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District. With a focus on students with learning disabilities, Jill is involved with adjusting the learning environment and instruction through the use of assistive technology and teaching strategies to provide an inclusive educational experience and increased independence for students. She is currently in the final stages of a Master's degree in educational leadership with a focus on mental health in youth, school absenteeism and the importance of staying connected.

Jill, and her husband Sam, have two children; Amy who is 14 and Samuel who is 12, and they live in Paradise. She enjoys travelling with her family, riding her bike, reading, and working with students to encourage social justice leadership by supporting Thrive initiatives, the WE school program and community involvement and leadership.

Bible Basics: Resources for Online Study

(recommended by Nathalie LaCoste)

The Bible is an ancient collection of books that took over 1000 years to write. As a result, modern readers often find it difficult to understand. Here are two helpful online resources that can help you deepen your understanding.

1. Bible Odyssey Project: <http://www.bibleodyssey.org/>
Written by Biblical Studies scholars, this website contains brief articles about a range of topics, including profiles of people and places in the Old and New Testaments.

2. The Bible Project: <https://thebibleproject.com/>
For those who benefit from visual learning, the site contains short videos that animate different aspects of the Bible. They have videos on different collections within the Bible as well as on individual books.

Our sympathy is expressed to the family of David Drinkell who died September 26th in New Brunswick. David was Choir and Music Director at Queen's College from 2012-2016 and was remembered at the Eucharist October 23rd; to the family of Rick Tessier who died October 15th. Rick facilitated outreach ministries for Queen's Students at both Turnings and HM Penitentiary, and to the Rev. Eric Squires and family on the death of his father Raymond Squires on October 10th at St. Anthony. Our sympathy is also expressed to the family of Ralph Barrett of St. John's (formally Upper Island Cove) who died on October 10th. Ralph was featured in the September newsletter when he presented three framed paintings to the College.



Thanksgiving Food Bank



The annual collection by students, faculty and staff once again contributed to very good response for the MUN Food Bank, The next collection will take place late November.

Advent Liturgies: The Rev. Dr. Boyd Morgan has developed liturgies for use in parishes in Newfoundland and Labrador. The liturgies have been reviewed and approved by the three bishops. Copies of the Advent Liturgies for Year A will be available through each diocese or you can request an electronic copy by e-mail to queens@mun.ca

Cosmology and Ethics

A new Centre for Bioethics was opened at MUN on Friday, October 4, 2019. The mandate of the centre is to facilitate discussion on ethical matters within the full scope of research and development regarding life in all forms. The Centre will be a resource for health ethics, and matters pertaining to human, plant, animal, environment and other life related matters.

Our Provost, Dr. Rick Singleton, has been an adjunct faculty member with the Division of Ethics and Humanities at MUN Medical School and with Philosophy in the Faculty of Arts for many years. Dr. Singleton was asked to bring together his work in theology, philosophy and ethics at a plenary session presentation to attendees at the inauguration of the Centre of Bioethics. He presented on *Cosmology and Ethics*. Here's an abstract of his presentation, which will be published later this year.

"You sow a thought, and you reap an act; you sow an act, and you reap a habit; you sow a habit, and you reap a character; you sow a character, and you reap a destiny" (William James). This quote lays out the influence of thoughts on actions and attitudes, both individually and collectively. Thus, it is relevant to our consideration of the relationship between cosmology and ethics. Our understanding of the origin of the universe gives shape to how we think about many things, including humanity, and how that way of thinking influences our values, and thus our ethics. It is important that we consider the new cosmology (informed by insights from the sciences) and the new Christology (informed by an understanding of Cosmic Christ as the one who unites all that is ... a new appreciation for the Alpha and Omega). The new cosmology and new Christology calls for a fresh world view that connects humanity with all exists. It calls for a fresh anthropology that displaces the notion that humans can use and abuse all of creation at will for human

purpose. Pope Francis said, "The human root of ecological crisis lies therefore in human freedom, which can choose a tyrannical anthropocentrism." Laudito Si (2015) #68. And, it calls for fresh values, particularly a value of unity. The insights from the new cosmology and insightful theology can come to action through prophetic imagination, pastoral imagination, and personal imagination The new cosmology inspires prophetic, pastoral and personal imagination and action, which for the Christian disciple, will help "to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ" (Ephesians 1: 10).

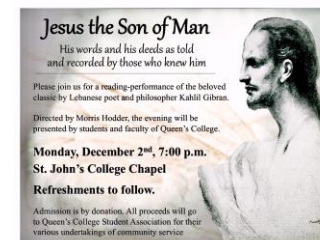
Birthday Greetings to Bishop Martin Mate who is celebrating his 90th birthday in November. Bishop Mate entered Queen's College in 1951, was ordered deacon in 1952 and ordained a priest in 1953. Bishop Mate is our oldest alumni member.

Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Vigil



was held at the Cochrane Centre, St. John's on Friday October 4th. For the third year, Queen's students were present and provided the tea/coffee and hot chocolate.

Please join us for a reading-performance of the



great Lebanese poet and philosopher Kahlil Gibran's classic, 'Jesus the Son of Man: His words and his deeds' as told and recorded by those who knew him. Directed by Mr. Morris Hodder, the evening will be presented by students and faculty of Queen's College, and will take place in St. John's College Chapel on Monday, December 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is by donation. All proceeds will go to Queen's College Student Association for their various undertakings of community service. Refreshments to be served afterwards. For more information, please contact Michelle Rebidoux (mrebidoux@mun.ca).

From the Editor: The next issue of the Newsletter will be emailed November 21st and year end on December 10th.

A Day of Awareness was held Friday, October 4th at the Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice Sr. Mary Tee (facilitator). It was a timely presentation as we took part in the cosmic walk and discussed the responsibilities of church, college and individuals and our roles in looking after our earth. The next Day of Awareness is November 4th.

Daily Devotions: Fr. Jonathan of St. Michael's Parish, St. John's broadcasts the Daily Offices (8:30 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays) and (4w3:30 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays) live from the parish's Facebook page by visiting www.facebook.com/stmichaelandallangels/

Project Toasty Toes has been launched by Queen's student Glenda Brown to collect donations of warm socks and personal care items to support Thrive Community Centre, St. John's. Thrive is a non-profit organization in St. John's providing support and services to empower vulnerable individuals (ages 12 and up) who struggle with issues including education, sexual exploitation, trauma, mental health and addictions. Drop boxes are available in the College Common Room, or at St. Augustine's, the Church of the Ascension, St. Lawrence, St. Mark's and St. Michael's.

Upcoming event: 14th Annual Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue: Religion in an Age of Anxiety Tuesday, October 29, 2019 7:30 – 9:30 pm. More info at <http://queenscollegenl.ca/?p=5605>

A bequest to Queen's College keeps on giving for years to come. Please consider us in your estate planning.

Information on this can be obtained by contacting our planned giving consultant Mr. Kevin Smith at kevinsmith709@gmail.com or by calling 709-739-5667

Also, some individuals and families contribute to the Appeal and to Queen's through In Memoriam, In lieu of flowers, and bequests on the death of a loved one.

Queen's College Apartment

Queen's College has available a small apartment. It is self-contained with private bathroom, small kitchenette and bedroom. When it is not in use by the College, it may be rented. We see this as an opportunity for others to come and share in our community life. The following information is intended to make your visit a comfortable one.

Fees up to end December, 2019:

- \$40.00 - one night rental
- \$30.00 - two night rental
- \$25.00 - three or more night rental

If you are interested in using the College apartment, it is best to make reservations. Any questions should be directed to Ms. Dana Bishop by telephoning the General Office at (709) 753-0116 or fax (709) 753-1214. More information at: http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page_id=439

NOTE: We have done some work to refresh the Queen's College Apartment. It has new furniture, new art, and a smart TV. We have also revised the rental rates for the Apartment. New rates are effective as of January 1, 2020.

1. Rates
 - First night \$50.00
 - Second and all following nights \$35.00
2. Reservations require \$50.00 deposit for the first night. The deposit is non-refundable if cancelled within a week of the reserved date.
3. The College reserves the right to cancel reservations if the apartment is needed for College use.
4. Full refund of deposit would be made when a reservation is cancelled by the College.

