



# NEWSLETTER

## Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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### ***Greetings from the Provost***

Hi and thanks for taking the time to have a look through our Newsletter, and please pass it along to others who might be interested in the activities and initiatives of Queen's College.

We are well underway in the **Winter Semester**. It has been anything but boring or typical. The refurbishment project became more complicated because of asbestos in the building, and then we had the winter storm to beat all winter storms. These circumstances gave us opportunity to test and demonstrate our resilience and competency as a modern institution. Our committed faculty members and students showed that we have the stamina to handle challenges that come our way. The partnerships and collaborations with Memorial University, the cooperative contractors and tradespeople have made the challenges manageable. Our technology allowed us to continue with classes. The biggest headaches had to be endured by our Administrative Assistant, Ms. Dana Bishop, who had to keep the office work moving in the busiest time of the year ... wind up of fall semester and startup of winter semester while her office, computer, files, and equipment were being moved around. One disappointment we experienced was the interruption of our scheduled activities for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We have rescheduled the visiting homilists, liturgies and gatherings for Tuesdays during Lent.

We have a few exciting things planned for the semester. I will mention them here, there is more information elsewhere in this Newsletter. They include:

**The Pastoral and Palliative Care Volunteer Training Certificate Program** is designed to equip interested individuals with the knowledge and skills for effective pastoral visitation and spiritual support ministries to people in their homes, in hospitals and in long-term care facilities. The program is available online. This program is a great opportunity for churches, parishes, hospitals, long-term care facilities, pastoral care committees, and community groups to ensure their visitation volunteers are adequately trained. See the information below.

Queen's College awards **Honorary Doctorates** to individuals for distinguished service to the Church. It is a privilege to announce that two individuals will receive Honorary Doctorates at Convocation 2020. Ms. Susan Foley will receive the Doctorate of Canon Law (honoris causa), and Sr. Elizabeth Davis, RSM will receive the Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa). We will have a profile of both in later issues of our Newsletter. Our entire community extend congratulations to Sr. Elizabeth and to Susan, and we thank them for their service to the Church and community.

**Queen's College Appeal** is scheduled for Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. We have more information below. Your prayerful and financial support of Queen's College is appreciated.

**Queen's College Open House** is postponed. The shutdown caused by the storm has delayed our completion of the refurbishment work. We hope to have the Open House later in the semester.

The Video on Queen's College is quite informative. I suggest you take five minutes to watch it. It is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugkx42zmgnA>

*Rick Singleton*

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## Meet the Students



**The Rev. Eli Cross** is the first-born child of George and Joan Cross, Come By Chance in 1957. When George accepted a teaching post the family returned to his father's native Badger's

Quay and Eli entered kindergarten. After graduation from Lester Pearson Memorial High, Wesleyville in 1974 he furthered his education at MUN. This was his first introduction to Queen's College, as a resident at Field Hall for four years. While recently sitting at Bitters he fondly describes the lounge area of the old residence where students would watch hockey on TV in the seventies. Eli was very involved politically with residence life which would resurface later in retirement with a term as MHA (2011-15). In 1979, his teaching career began in Cow Head. After 31 years he retired as principal at his alma mater at Wesleyville. He completed his M.Ed. concentrating in literacy in 2000 from Mount St. Vincent University. His university and personal life benefited by meeting Jocelyn Watkins, whom he would marry in 1981. They shared in the raising of two sons Matthew, who has produced two fine granddaughters and Jeremy, who sadly passed away at aged 29. Jeremy's lifelong affliction with Cerebral Palsy would develop a passion for inclusion and compassion for focusing on ability, rather than disability. Throughout his career Eli was very involved in community life through Lions, Scouts, Recreation, Minor Hockey and as the last mayor of Wesleyville and the first of newly amalgamated New-Wes-Valley. Eli has served on the church vestry and NLTA local executive. God has been toying with Eli throughout his life – a staunch grandmother, a father who has been lay ministering for 65 years and a father-in-law, the late Rev. Canon John Watkins with over 50 years in ministry, all have had profound spiritual connections. Deacon Eli says "Ultimately, as a response to my Bishop's (John Watton) charm and to heed a call, I left retirement at 61 and returned to Queen's College." He is in his concluding semester of a Master of Theological Studies. He was licensed as lay minister at Cow Head in 1980 and was ordained to the Diaconate in

June 26, 2019. "Upon graduation I excitedly anticipate whatever ministry I'm blessed to respond to," he stated. This life-long learner will probably continue further study in some form.

**Don Devine** was born, raised and presently resides in Renews, Southern Shore, NL. He received his early education from the Presentation Sisters. Don received a B.A. (Ed.) and a B.A. Religious Studies, from



MUN. He also received an MRE from St. Michaels College, University of Toronto. He came to Queen's College in 2015. Since then he has completed a Diploma in Theology and Ministry, an M.T.S. (June 2019) and is presently enrolled in the M.Div. which he hopes to complete in December 2020. Don was an educator for thirty years serving as a teacher, Principal and Assistant Superintendent. He was a principal/teacher on a first nations reserve in northern Manitoba for two years. He was a Principal/Teacher for five years in an independent Catholic School in Quesnel, BC. Don is married to Isabella and they have four children and ten grandchildren. Together they enjoy moose and rabbit hunting as well as berry picking, music, travel and photography. Their dream is that the exhortation of Pope Paul VI, Sacrum Diaconate Ordinem (18/06/68), will be initiated.

**Major Janice Rowe** started the M.T.S. Program at Queen's College in September 2017 and is completing her last semester in preparation for May 2020 convocation. She, along with her husband, Major Peter Rowe, were ordained and commissioned as



Officers of The Salvation Army in 1993. She has had varied experiences leading congregations across Canada, along with some specialized training in Long Term Care Chaplaincy. She is currently pastoring at The Salvation Army St. John's Temple, which has given her the privilege to attend classes at Queen's College in person and to be able to share learning and community face to face. Janice has a son who is an RNC Officer in St. John's, and who has just announced his wedding for 2020, and a

daughter who will be receiving her Nursing Degree in May 2020! She and Peter and her family love the outdoors- hiking, canoeing, fishing, and just being in nature, no matter the season. Her motto for outdoor activity is "There is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing" (A paraphrase of Alfred Wainwright's quote). From early childhood, Janice had no doubt that God would be asking her to engage in full-time ministry as her vocation, and she has never abandoned that sense of calling to obedience. Her joy in ministry is found in one-to-one relationships, sharing life and faith in the simplest of ways. She is a lifelong student, with no thought toward a higher position or increase in pay. Her professional and personal development is solely to provide her with tools for her ministry tool kit, and to feel that she has made particular effort, within her skill and gifting, to learn for the sake of being effective in ministry for others. She is grateful for the investment that The Salvation Army has placed in her to enroll in the Masters in Theological Studies and her goal for 2020 is not to see more clearly, but to trust where she cannot see.

### **Meet the Staff – Dana Bishop**



Meet the voice which greets every call with 'Queen's College': Dana Bishop was born, raised and still resides in Foxtrap, CBS with her mother, Cynthia, sister Lenora and niece Denene.

Since 1988, Dana has steadily worked in an office environment, completed her Diploma in Business Administration from CAN (2006) and has been our Administrative Assistant since October 2017. Her experience and vast amount of knowledge has been a true asset in the day-to-day operations of the General Office.

While Dana comes from a family of 6, she and her siblings were raised by their mother after the death of her father as a young man. Dana is the proud auntie of nieces RoseMarie and Denene, nephew Derrick and great niece Addison.

During the Fall, Dana and her sister, Lenora operate the home-based business 'Grammies Goodies' and exhibits at various craft fairs in and around the CBS/Paradise/St. John's area. She loves to knit,

watch hockey and baseball, walking and a new found love of snowshoeing which she discovered since NL Snowmageddon 2020.

***The Annual Queen's College Appeal*** is scheduled for February 9, 2020 in the three dioceses in NL. Some parishes may schedule the Appeal to another Sunday. We are asking that every parish make a personal and special effort to please promote the Appeal. Please tell others of our efforts at Queen's College to strengthen the Church for the 21st century and beyond. Tell them of our efforts to ensure the Church is relevant and the Gospel is proclaimed, and that the joy of the Gospel is a resource for people who need direction, consolation, encouragement and purpose. Tell them that their support of Queen's is a means to proclaim the Kingdom of God by ensuring women and men have the knowledge, skills and character to build community, to collaborate with others, and make Jesus Christ present in the world that needs the his peace.

Appeal envelopes have been sent to all parishes. Thank you for your support! To donate online: <https://www.canadahelps.org/dn/16498>

***Our Facebook and Twitter links*** provide up-to-date 'goings on' at the College. Go to [www.queenscollegenl.ca](http://www.queenscollegenl.ca) and click the links on the homepage top right corner.

### ***Upcoming Ordinations:***

God Willing, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Peddle will ordain Mr. Dale Careen to the transitional Diaconate on Sunday March 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Church of St. Lawrence, Portugal Cove and the Reverend Beverly Buffett to the Priesthood on Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Hodges Cove. (Liturgical colour is red for both ordinations).

God Willing, the Rt. Rev. John Watton will ordain the Rev. Charlie Cox to the priesthood on Thursday March 19, 2020 at 1:30 pm in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Fogo Island. (The liturgical colour is red.)

**Our Sympathy** is expressed to student Bryan Abrahamse on the death of his mother Major Lorraine Abrahamse on December 31, 2019 and to Kay Waye and family of the death of her husband, the Rev. Munden Waye (Deacon 1966, Priest 1967) on January 2, 2020. Rest eternal, grant unto them O Lord and may light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

### **From the Student Association**

The Student Association has plans to prepare a Saturday supper for the families staying at Ronald MacDonald House once again this winter and are awaiting confirmation of a specific date. Our chicken dinner with all the trimmings was much appreciated last winter.

In the aftermath of Stormageddon 2020, we have all learned a lot about food insecurity. Think of the challenges for those who have far less disposable income than most of us have. To help the Campus Food Bank help others, we will have a collection of non-perishable food items ongoing for the next month, with suggested items each week. The collection bin will be on the back table of our newly-refurbished common room. Let's fill it to overflowing!

**Week of February 3:** Bottles/tins of spaghetti sauce  
**Week of February 10:** Boxes of pasta (including gluten-free)

**Week of February 17:** STUDY BREAK

**Week of February 24:** Peanut Butter

**Week of March 2:** Tinned fish or meat

### **Tuesdays in Lent**

The recent State of Emergency caused the cancellation of our Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We are pleased our guest preachers have agreed to join us at Mid-day Prayer on four Tuesdays in Lent followed by our popular Community Meal. Please join us!

**March 3:** Father Paul Lundrigan

**March 10:** The Rev. Bill Bartlett

**March 17:** Major Peter Rowe

**March 24:** Pastor Fraser Roberts

**The Sisters of the Church** are inviting any woman interested in becoming a Companion alongside the Sisters for a year to visit their website for further information: [www.ssjd.ca](http://www.ssjd.ca) or [www.ssjdcompanions.org](http://www.ssjdcompanions.org)

### **Worship Schedule Winter 2020**

Monday

8:50 Morning Prayer

12:00 Holy Eucharist

Tuesday

8:50 Contemplative Prayer

12:15 Mid-day Prayer

Wednesday

8:50 Morning Prayer

12:00 Holy Eucharist

3:45 Evening Prayer

Thursday

8:50 Morning Prayer

12:15 Mid-day Prayer

*(Other Liturgies as announced)*

**Community Meal** If you are in the area of Queen's College on Tuesdays during the semester you are always welcome to join us for "Community Meal" immediately following Mid-day Prayer.

**MUN Chaplaincy** has relocated in the University Centre to room UC4018. For information visit: [www.mun.ca/chaplaincy](http://www.mun.ca/chaplaincy)

**The February Newsletter** deadline for submissions is the 18th with distribution the 20th.

### **Pastoral and Palliative Care Volunteer Online Training Program**

Queen's College Faculty of Theology is pleased to announce the launch of an online Certificate in Pastoral and Palliative Care Visitation. This training program is designed to equip interested individuals with the knowledge and skills for effective pastoral visitation and spiritual support ministries to people in their homes, in hospitals and in long-term care facilities. This program is a great opportunity for churches, parishes, hospitals, long-term care facilities, pastoral care committees, and community groups to ensure their visitation volunteers are adequately trained.

**Here are a few details about the program:**

- Eight sessions throughout February and March on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. starting February 10 and finishing on March 30, 2020.
- The program will be available on-line, with easy access from a computer, smartphone or tablet in your own home or office. Some may wish to gather in groups in their own area or on campus at Queen's College.
- Individuals with expertise in the subject areas will present topics.
- There is no charge for participants.
- A Certificate in Pastoral and Palliative Care Visitation will be offered to those who complete the program. Evaluation will be based on attendance and participation.

This initiative is possible, thanks to a grant from the **Order of St. Lazarus and collaboration with the Order, Eastern Health and Queen's College.**

**Topics will include**

- Listening and Communication
- Home Care Support program
- Discernment for Effective Pastoral Care
- Visitation to Residents in Long Term Care
- Mental Health Illnesses and Related Legislation and Resources
- Pastoral Care for those with active mental Illnesses and addictions
- End of Life Matters and Palliative Care
- Grief
- Care for the Caregiver

**For more information, email [queens@mun.ca](mailto:queens@mun.ca) or call 709 753-0116.**

**Registration Form is available at this link:**

<http://queenscollegenl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Application-for-Pastoral-and-Palliative-Care-Volunteer-Online-Training-Program-Jan-2020.pdf>

Please complete your registration Form as soon as possible and not later than February 5, 2020.

**Queen's College Apartment** A small self-contained apartment with a private bathroom, 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. 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](http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page_id=439)

The Apartment has recently undergone some refurbishment with new furniture, art, and a smart TV. New rental rates for the Apartment took effect January 1, 2020.

1. Rates
  - First night \$50.00
  - Second & subsequent 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 the deposit will be made if the College cancels a reservation.