

## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Press Release: March 24, 2020**

**The Corporation of Queen's College wishes to update the Church on the recruitment of a new Provost. The Bishop of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland, who was unaware of the recruitment announcement details, inadvertently announced the appointment.**

**The Corporation launched a recruitment process early in 2018 with the development of a recruitment plan. The plan guided consultations to identify the credentials, competencies and experience needed to lead Queen's College Faculty of Theology. After a thorough process of advertising and interviewing applicants without identifying a qualified candidate, the Committee asked Corporation members for nominations of suitable individuals to approach. The Recruitment Committee were pleased, that The Rt. Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Peddle, who had not applied for the position, agreed to consider taking on the role of Provost and Vice Chancellor. The discussions with Bishop Geoff Peddle were put on hold, at his request, at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. To be clear, Bishop Geoff has not made a final decision on the matter and Corporation apologizes to him for the distraction this inadvertent announcement has caused.**

**The current Provost, Dr. Rick Singleton, has generously agreed to extend his contract until a new Provost is in place. Dr. David Bell, Dean of Theology, has agreed to continue with that role until a new Provost is ready to appoint a new Dean.**

**The Corporation extends a sincere thank you for the fine work by the Recruitment Committee: Lynn-Vivian-Book (Chair), Bishop John Watton, Frank Janes, and Dr. David Bell.**