



NEWSLETTER

Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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Note from the Provost

I am excited to be preparing for my first Fall semester as your Provost. Planning is well underway and we are preparing to navigate this “new normal” that folks are talking about. We are receiving applications and course selection forms daily and we encourage you to think of taking a course with us. It is not too late!

We will continue monitoring the Public Health guidelines and will follow the direction given by them as well as those of Memorial University and the Dioceses in which we reside. COVID-19 continues to have an impact on our daily lives and how we meet and learn together. At this point in time it is our plan that most classes will be hybrid – meeting both in-person and online and some will be completely online or in-person (Pentecostal Studies). We ask that people monitor their health and join classes online if they display any COVID-19 symptoms.

We have some new technology this year. We have moved to ZOOM as our online platform for classes and we have purchased a new 360-degree webcam so students in the classroom can more fully interact with those online. This camera and its multiple microphones should make it much easier for people to be seen and heard.

We are continuing to learn and adapt as we go. We have had amazing feedback to our online worship last year. The ability to gather and pray together is central to what we do. We are hoping to continue to explore ways we can do this with a balance of worship lead from our chapel and available online and worship lead by those online and available in our chapel.

I am so grateful for all of the help and support I have gotten since taking on this position in May and I am going to continue to rely on the assistance and guidance of our faculty, staff, students, alumni and supporters. In all of this we are learning, growing, and responding to God’s call to be present to one another and to be a witness to God’s love in our world. We will make mistakes and we will adapt; we will pray for guidance and we will grow.

Joanne

Access to Queen’s College: Our building, like many others on MUN campus are open to public but with restrictions still in place. Admission should be for matters essential for academic and administrative continuity. To make an appointment, contact the College at 709-753-0116 or email queens@mun.ca.

Changes to Mask Policy: As part of MUN’s policy, Queen’s will be following the same protocols concerning mask wearing. More information can be found at [Change to mask requirements \(mun.ca\)](http://Change to mask requirements (mun.ca))

Upcoming Ordinations to the Order of Deacon: Geraldine Louise Poirier at St Peter’s Church, Twillingate on August 25th, Deborah Pantin on the Feast of St. Matthew, at St. Thomas’ Church, St. John’s on September 21st at 7 pm and Amber Tremblett at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, St John’s on August 29th at 7pm.

Upcoming Ordination to the Order of Priest: The Rev Sheila Christine Hoffe at St Margaret’s Church, Change Islands on the Feast of the Holy Cross on September 14th, the Rev Vernon Short, Church of St Barnabas, Flower’s Cove on September 8th, the Rev Arthur Kinsella, Church of St Mary the Virgin, St Anthony on September 14th, the Rev Marie Smith, Church of St John the Divine, Port Saunders on September 21st, the Rev Terry Loder, Church of St Nicholas, Cox’s Cove on October 18th, and the Rev Cynthia Haines-Turner, Church of St Mary the Virgin, Curling/Corner Brook on October 28th.

Congratulations to our Chancellor, the Rt Rev John Watton and family on the birth of their eighth grandchild on June 28th and on his 5th anniversary to the episcopacy on June 29th.

Congratulations to those who are celebrating ordination anniversaries: The Rev Marilyn Moore her 40th as priest on September 7th, the Rev Christine Lynch her 5th as priest on September 14th, the Rev Linda Budden her 25th as priest on September 15th, and the Rev Gloria Wendover on her 5th as deacon on May 31st

Are you celebrating a diaconal, priesthood or episcopate anniversary (5, 10, 20, 25, 30 etc)? Help us keep up to date by emailing the editor jjcourage@mun.ca with your ordination dates for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Our Sympathy is extended to Father Michael Horlick and family on the death of his brother Gerald Horlick of Mount Pearl on May 22nd, to adjunct faculty, the Rev Robert Cooke and his wife Lorie on the death of her grandmother, Frances Hallett (nee Rowsell) of Musgrave Harbour who died June 24th, to the family of the Rev Nathan Cutler of Ramea who died July 30th, and to Graham Greeley (B.Th.2019) on the death of his father, Daniel Greeley of Foxtrap who died on August 16th. May each rest in peace and rise in glory.

Grant Presentation: On June 2, 2021, The NL Commander of the Order of St. Lazarus, Lewis Stoyles, visited Queen's College and presented a cheque to the Provost, Dr. Joanne Mercer. The cheque for \$6,000.00 was a grant to support the



on-line Volunteer Training Certificate Program in Grief and Bereavement offered in Winter 2021. The course and program was designed to equip interested individuals with the knowledge and skills for effective pastoral visitation and spiritual support ministries to people who are dealing with loss. The program was a great opportunity for churches, parishes, hospitals, long-term care facilities, pastoral care committees, and community groups to ensure their visitation and outreach volunteers are adequately trained for grief and bereavement support.

The grant from the Order of St. Lazarus allowed interested individuals to complete the program without charge. Sixty-six people from across Canada availed of the opportunity offered by the Order.

The Order of St. Lazarus offered similar support for a training program for pastoral and palliative care volunteers in 2020. The Order of St Lazarus and Queen's College look forward to future collaborations.

Change of Address: Have you moved in the past year or so? The College is updating home and email addresses. Please send your updated contact information to the office by email queens@mun.ca

Summer Activities: During this summer when the unmarked graves at the former Residential Schools made the front lines of the news and there was renewed calls for commitment to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Queen's quickly responded. We provided clergy an opportunity to gather online and watch "Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen lands, Strong Hearts", followed by discussion. On June 15th we gathered with clergy from all over Newfoundland and Labrador to watch this film together and to ask questions and discuss its impact and importance for us today. It was a very moving time as folks shared their own experiences. We highly recommend that you take the time to watch this film which is available at: <https://www.anglican.ca/primate/tfc/drj/doctrineofdiscovery/>

Also in June and in response to the renewed calls to pay attention to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission we gathered students and faculty involved in our SPM program in different locations to record all of the 94 Calls to Action and post them on our Facebook page as well as our YouTube channel. We also shared the texts of the Calls to Action on our Facebook page and in direct response to the 60th Call to Action, we have begun the development of a new required course that will address the reality of residential schools in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Convocation: Gown rental and hood order deadline is August 20th. Those who wish to rent a gown or purchase a hood, please email queens@mun.ca.

Fall Worship Schedule:

Monday
8:45 Morning Prayer
12:00 Holy Eucharist
Tuesday
8:45 Morning Prayer
12:00 Mid-day Prayer
Wednesday
12:00 Holy Eucharist
3:30 Evening Prayer
Thursday
8:45 Morning Prayer
1:00 Contemplative Devotion
Days of Awareness (as announced)
9:00 Morning Devotions
11:30 Holy Eucharist

Queen’s College Appeal: In consultation with the Executive Archdeacons of each of the Anglican Dioceses in Newfoundland and Labrador, the Finance Committee of Corporation has decided to postpone the Queen’s College Appeal until Fall 2021. We all recognize and appreciate the current financial pressures. We look forward to your support in the fall, and we certainly appreciate donations at any time. You can contribute to Queen’s College by donating on line at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/16498>, by mailing a cheque to 210 Prince Philip Drive, St. John’s, NL A1B 3R6, or call the General Office to use your credit card. Tax receipts are issued for all donations.

The Newsletter: the Next Newsletter with Convocation information will be distributed September 16th.



A bequest to Queen’s College keeps on giving for years to come.

Please consider us in your estate planning.

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.

