

NEWSLETTER Queen's College Faculty of Theology February 2022

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Message from the Provost

Oh my - is it really mid-term already!!!

This semester seems to be flying by. We are now back to hybrid learning, with some students in the classroom at the college and others online at home. It is wonderful to connect with one another across the miles!! It is amazing how we are able to build strong relationships with those we know online. This truth was brought home to us as we were all wonderfully surprised when Darlene and McKinley Winters showed up at the College. They have been studying with us full-time for two years but had never before visited the College. They got to meet in-person with their fellow students and it was obvious that a strong relationship had already been built through their time studying together over great distances. God forms community in so many diverse ways!

It is the middle of February so that means our eyes are already looking ahead to our upcoming convocation on May 12 at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in St. John's. We are delighted to have Bishop Riscylla Shaw give the convocation address and if COVID 19 rules allow, she will also lead an education event on the morning of Convocation. Planning is well underway and more information will be coming to you soon.

Thank you for your support of our Queen's College Appeal Sunday on February 13th. It was so wonderful to have all of your praying for us. We appreciate all of the support that you all continue to provide. We are on this journey together. Thank you so much.

We are now planning how we might best serve the wider church during the season of Lent. We will continue to share the liturgical resources prepared by Fr. Boyd Morgan, as we have in years past. This year we are excited to introduce a new project: "Preaching in the Wild: A Homiletical Journey Through Lent." This will be a podcast (available as video and/or audio) discussing the lectionary for the upcoming Sunday featuring myself, Rev'd Robert Cooke and a different guest each week. These recordings will be made available on Mondays to give you lots of time to use them as you prepare for Sunday.

The Rev Dr Joanne Mercer - Provost



Chapel Worship (on-line)

- Monday 8:45 Morning Prayer 12:00 Holy Eucharist
- Tuesday 8:45 Lexio Divina 12:15 Mid-Day Prayer
- Wednesday 12:00 Holy Eucharist

Thursday 8:45 Morning Prayer 12:15 Mid-Day Prayer 3:30 Evening Prayer

In person classes resumed January 31st. With our restricted numbers, Chapel worship was limited to 11 people, which is now increased slightly. The most current COVID19 regulations for MUN apply to Queen's College. You can always join us online at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89891865583?pwd=N0t KM25TaEo2eFdNbjErenphYjRPUT09 Meeting ID: 898 9186 5583 Passcode: 897453

The Queen's College Appeal liturgy may be found at:

https://www.facebook.com/queenscollegenl/videos/ 4629832260456731/?extid=NS-UNK-UNK-UNK-IOS_GK0T-GK1C&ref=sharing

Ways to make a donation:

On-line: canadahelps.org and search for Queen's College Credit card: call the office at 709-753-0116 Or by cheque to: Queen's College – Faculty of Theology 210 Prince Philip Drive, Suite 3000

St. John's, NL A1B 3R6

Greetings from our partners in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf may be found at: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCLROfIGBdw</u>



Congratulations to the Rev. Christine Hoffe who was ordained to the sacred priesthood on December 8th, 2021 at St. Margaret's Church, Change Islands.



Happy Birthday to the Rev Dr Morley Hodder who celebrated his 93rd birthday with a limited gathering in the College common room on February 16th.

Ordination Anniversaries: The College 'Boards' show a number of our graduates will be celebrating special anniversaries in years ending in "2" or "7". If you have not sent in your date of ordination(s) would you take a moment to email the editor at jjcourage@mun.ca

Our Sympathy to students Darlene and McKinley Winters of Hopedale, NL on the death of her mother Sarah Nochasak on December 30th; to the Rev Cindy Graham and family on death of her husband, the Rev Tim Graham of Grand Falls/Windsor on January 20th and to student Joshua Haggstrom on the death of his grandmother Hilda Hillier of Fortune on February 15th.



What a surprise when students Darlene and Mckinley Winters of Hopedale showed up at the College on February 8th. Mac and Darlene are in their second year and this was their first ever visit with us in person. It was a real joy and blessing to have them with

us. Mac and Darlene are members of the Moravian Church in Hopedale.

The second Day of Awareness of the Winter Semester took place February 11th in person and on-line with the focus on 'What gives you life and energy?' The opening Liturgy of the Word and closing Holy Eucharist were led by the chaplain, Father John. Our provost, Dr Joanne facilitated the conversations posing several questions for reflection and discussion: 'What is God calling you to do? What is God saying to you? How do we listen to God, others and yourself? What gives life and energy? What takes life away? How can we provide, encourage, enable others within our community to hear what God is calling us to be? It was an enriching and spiritual time of inner reflection and sharing of our own experiences. The next Day of Awareness is scheduled for March 4th with Sr Mary Tee. Join us at link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89891865583?pwd=N0t KM25TaEo2eFdNbjErenphYjRPUT09 Meeting ID: 898 9186 5583 Passcode: 897453

The Student Association for the month of February are asking members and others to help the Ronald McDonald House through donations of items that are found on their wish list. The full wish list can be found at <u>https://rmhcnl.ca/getinvolved/wish-list/</u>

Have you moved lately? Please take a moment to call Administrative Assistant Sharon Anne at 709-753-0116 or <u>queens@mun.ca</u> with your updated contact information.

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The Next Newsletter will be circulated the week of March 21st.