



# NEWSLETTER

## Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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### **Message from the Provost**

Hi. We are now in to the last few weeks of the semester. While this is typically the quieter part of the term, with focus of students on writing papers and exams and faculty members focused on grading papers and exams. However, this term, the College is a buzz with the refurbishment work underway. We are pleased with the support and work from MUN Facilities Management Team and Darwin Cromwell Painting contractors. The students and faculty members have been great in adjusting to room changes and pitching in with moving things around. We are confident the work will be completed in December and we will be back to normal for the start of the winter semester.



We are planning a Queen's College Open House for Sunday, February 02, 2020, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please plan to drop along and see the space and hear about some of our work at Queen's College.

The Provost Recruitment Committee is busy with screening applications and preparing for the interview phase. I understand that the Committee is pleased with the response to the advertisement. The Recruitment Committee had a consultation session with students and a session with faculty members on November 07. The Committee also invited input by e-mail to help them prepare for the task of selecting a new Provost.

At Queen's College, we have been working hard to ensure we are offering courses and programs that match the needs and interests of those called to serve as clergy and laity in the Church and in the community. An important part of our mission and mandate is to prepare people for ordained ministry. We have adjusted our programs to provide theological education and pastoral training across the province and beyond. Our students receiving the education and competencies to be ordained are to the priesthood and to the diaconate. These are all Queen's College students and graduates. We also have student and graduates bringing the benefits of their theological education and pastoral training to the world through the professions and careers such a social workers, teachers, physicians, nurses, police officers, lawyers, heavy equipment operators, food service workers, retail and manufacturing, and we could go on. Many are volunteers who enrich the community by their participation.

Just this week, we have established a new collaboration with the Order of St. Lazarus to design and deliver a training program for pastoral care and palliative care volunteers within the four Regional Health Authorities (RHAs). This collaboration between the RHAs, the Order of St. Lazarus and Queen's is another opportunity to ensure our mission effectiveness. The Order of St. Lazarus is contributing \$10,000 this venture.

The Queen's College Appeal will be Sunday February 09, 2020 throughout the three dioceses. Needless to say, we will be promoting the Appeal and asking for support. In the meantime, I ask your suggestions on how we might better advertise the Appeal and make more people aware of the work of Queen's College.

Finally, as we approach the Advent Season, please pray for Queen's College and pray that people will continue to discern and discover the call to ministry for all baptized people and for some to special ministry as ordained deacons, priests and bishops. In addition, never be shy to suggest to someone that they may have a vocation, and do not be afraid to consider it yourself.



Blessings,  
 Rick

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**Meet the Staff**



Emily Rowe is the librarian at Queen’s College. She is a graduate of the University of King’s College, Halifax where she earned an advanced major in History with minors in English and Comparative Religion. Emily first moved to Newfoundland in 2002, and has lived in Woody Point, Heart’s

Delight, and St. John’s.

Emily was first hired to help create a reading room in the space that is used for a library at Queen’s, to catalogue the books and to maintain the periodicals and subscription lists for the college. Currently, she works on Thursday mornings, and her work continues in the reading room and with other filing and cataloguing jobs around Queen’s.

In her other job, Emily is the current editor of Anglican Life, the newspaper for the three dioceses in Newfoundland and Labrador. She has held that position for about four years, and enjoys the cross-overs that come with editing a church paper and working at the seminary.

Emily and her husband Jonathan (who is the rector of St. Michael and All Angels’ Church in St. John’s) have one daughter, Frances, who has just entered junior high school, and they have a dog named Margot. Emily enjoys walking, reading, and spending time with family.

**Meet the student:**

The Rev. Jane Allen is a student of Queen’s College in the B.TH By Distance program, and has been a priest for the past five months at St. James Anglican Church, Port aux Basques. She started her courses at Queen’s in January 2017 and completed her A.TH. Rev. Jane was ordained a deacon in June 2017. She now



has just one semester left for her Diploma in Theology (Deer Lake), that will be completed in Spring 2020 and will begin phase II of the Bachelor in Theology by distance in January 2020. She was

able to complete many of her courses online. With easy access to online webinars and classes she encourages other interested people to pursue study in theology. Rev. Jane says “the professors and instructors are very easy to access whenever you need help!”

Rev. Jane has always been involved in church and ministry: Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Sunday School teacher and superintendent, Vestry, ACW and Lay Minister. While she has always felt a call to ordained ministry, she kept putting it off until she could not ignore the call any longer. She was ordained a priest August 27, 2019. While there have been challenges in being both student and priest, Rev. Jane says “My dream and hope has been achieved, and to be able to serve God is a privilege.” Prior to her Queen’s College program, Rev. Jane worked in accounting. She and her husband James have two adult children and three wonderful grandchildren.

**Meet the student:**

Linda Saunders-McLean has been a volunteer to the Happy Valley Moravian Church since July 1995. She has immensely enjoyed serving in all areas of the church from cleaning tables during the annual Moravian Women’s Fall Sale to providing Sunday morning services. By profession Linda is a social worker, which she finds compliments her service to the church. Linda is in the M.T.S program, completing her final two semesters as a full time student on campus.



In her spare time she enjoys taking her dog Myla for a walk, going to the gym and reading. In her home community of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Linda also enjoys relaxing, reading and playing with her 2-year-old grandson Samuel. After Linda completes her Master’s program, she plans on returning to her home community where she can utilize her education to provide outreach work to community members who may struggle with drug and alcohol addictions. Linda says “I hope to revive our church Sunday school and assisting any other way that I

can.” As Hebrews 6:10 says, “For God is not unjust; he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do.” (NRSV)

**NEWS FROM THE GULF:** (Archdeacon John Holdsworth)



The most striking feature of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf is diversity, and so you could expect that our students will reflect that, and you wouldn't be wrong. We have students currently from Switzerland, South Africa, Nigeria, Canada, India, Sri Lanka, USA, Dubai, New Zealand and the UK. Many of them gathered in Beirut this summer for our first Diocesan Summer School, which augments what we call the Exploring Faith course, aka B.Th. in Ministry and Discipleship. We have few opportunities to gather together over a Diocese that covers 2000 miles and ten political jurisdictions, and we wanted to establish a sense of cohort amongst our learning community.

Shared worship, lectures, and Bible studies were combined with visits to some very interesting places. A visit to the Armenian Genocide Museum



in Byblos provided a reminder of the terrible inhumanity that lurks in the heart of humankind. But it also provided an inspiring example of Christian witness. A tour of the Shatila refugee camp introduced attendees to the work of the Joint Christian Committee for Social Services, a Centre run by the committee provides skills training to young Palestinians and literacy classes for elderly women. We also visited a reconciliation education project in Sidon and St. Luke's Anglican Institute for Disabled Children, where some of the more musically talented visitors strutted their stuff.

Our students are enjoying their courses and are pleased to feel part of the larger family of Queen's. Next year we may well have graduates from here who will want to receive their degrees in Newfoundland and that would be a great way to cement relationships. As a Diocese we have made



representations about the kind of person we would like to see as the new Provost, but we shall be sad to see Provost Rick retire.

He has been a great support and inspiration to us. In the meantime, we hope to establish new learning groups to complement those that are meeting in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Jebel Ali, Doha, Kuwait and two Centres in Cyprus.

**Continuing Education on Wellness** with Dr. Khalili concludes on November 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:45 a.m. or online by following this link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/745783261> You may also dial in using your phone: 1-647-497-9376 Access Code: 745-783-261

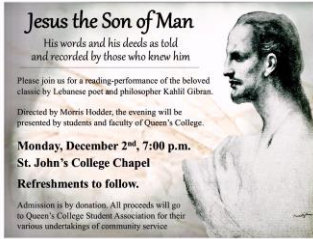
**Winter Semester 2020:** Registration and current information maybe found at found at [http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page\\_id=406](http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page_id=406)

**Parishes take note:** The Christmas Liturgies and revised rationales prepared by Father Boyd Morgan are now available from Dana through the office [queens@mun.ca](mailto:queens@mun.ca). The link to the webinar of November 14<sup>th</sup> is <https://youtu.be/ki9ORYH8IKM>

**Our Sympathy** is expressed to Bishop John Organ and Family on the death of his mother Sadie Elizabeth (Harvey) Organ of Isle aux Morts on October 28<sup>th</sup>; to the family of Deacon Stella Mair Evans (M.Div 2005) of St. John's (via Wales) who died November 5<sup>th</sup> at St. John's, to the Rev. Lisa Payne, husband Glenn and family on the recent death of his mother Marina Iris (Yvonne) Hicks in Gander on November 6<sup>th</sup> and to Deacon Rowena Wareham and family of Arnold's Cove on the death of her husband Roy Wareham, brother of the Rev. Alfred Wareham on November 13<sup>th</sup>. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**The Christmas Newsletter** deadline for submissions is December 16<sup>th</sup> with distribution on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:mrebidoux@mun.ca)).

**The November Day of Awareness** was led



by the Rev. Tony Bidgood CSsR of St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Parish, St. John's. The day began with Morning Prayer. Father Tony led us through

Psalm 46 with emphasis on verse 11 'Be still then and know that I am God' and the importance of nurturing our faith life in Christ. Father Tony spoke of the importance of being deliberate in making quiet and still time away from our increasing busyness. He concluded with the thought that we cannot model what we don't practice. "If we are to help people experience God we have to experience God, to nurture ourselves and to reach out to others to assist us in our own faith journey." The day concluded with a celebration of Holy Eucharist.

**College Refurbishment:** follow us on our Facebook page for updates.

**Ordination:** Cynthia Haines-Turner (Continuing Education) was ordained a deacon in St. David's Church, Pasadena on November 16<sup>th</sup> by Bishop John Organ. Cynthia is the past chairperson of the Queen's College Corporation.



**Upcoming Ordinations:** God Willing, the Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland will ordain to the diaconate Christine Hoffe on November 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Margaret's Church, Change Islands. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Peddle, Bishop and Dean of the Diocese Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador, will ordain to the Sacred Order of Priests, the Rev. Douglas Kean, on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Labrador City.

**Toasty Toes**, a collection of warm socks and personal items was a great success! This initiative was coordinated by Glenda Brown, a student in the A. Th program. The college is thankful to the faculty, staff, students and to the Parish of



Living Water for their generous contribution to our College effort. All items were given to THRIVE to assist young people from ages 12-19. Glenda writes: "Your support to this Project helped to make it a huge success. The donations in aid of THRIVE will greatly benefit the individuals that this organization provides services and support." Besides Queen's, the parishes of the Ascension and Good Shepherd (Mt. Pearl), St. Lawrence (Portugal Cove) and St. Augustine's, St. Mark's, St. Michael & All Angels, (St. John's) and St. Peter's (CBS), MacDonald Drive Junior High, St. Clare's Hospital Mobile Crisis Team, and Women Involved In Kindness (WINK) collected close to 3200 items. Amanda Snow and Aaron Parady of the THRIVE executive were overwhelmed. Thanks so much!"

**Student Association Notes:**

**Advent Food Bank** – Students, Staff and Faculty are again collecting items for the MUN Food Bank in preparation for Christmas. This outreach is an initiative of the Student Association. As always we are thankful to all who assist in this endeavor.

**Thank-you Notes** were received from The Anglican Foundation and the Queen's College Alumni Association in appreciation of donations made by the Student Association.

**An order** has been placed to replenish our stock of Queen's College t-shirts and hoodies. They arrive this week, just in time for Christmas giving!

**The College pre-Christmas Social** will take place November 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-10:00 in the Great Hall. Further details to come.

**Queen's College Apartment**

Queen's College has available 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.

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](http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page_id=439)

**NOTE:** The Apartment has recently undergone some refurbishment with new furniture, art, and a smart TV. New rental rates for the Apartment take effect 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 the deposit will be made if a reservation is cancelled by the College.

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**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](mailto: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.

