



# NEWSLETTER

## Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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### ***A Christmas Greetings from the Provost***



Dear Friends: Blessings of Advent and Peace of Christmas! Thank you for all you do for the College in your prayers, donations, support and encouragement.

This is a transition time of year. We are slipping from fall to winter, from one year to another, and from one semester to another. These natural and rhythmic changes are accepted and we adjust to them. In midst of these changes we have the celebration of Christmas. It is marked by religious, civic and family events. There is a special excitement and busyness in the Christmas and Holiday Season and celebrations. It can be exhausting or renewing. The renewal comes from the essence of Christmas ... the Incarnation ... God has come into the world and continues a special presence through the disciples of Jesus. What awe there is ... God, the second person of the Trinity has entered creation and become one with us in the person of Jesus. What awe ... that God calls us and inspires us to right relationships among individuals in families, among races, and nations, and with creation. God has embedded in us a deep yearning for "justice, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit", which is how St. Paul described the Kingdom of God (Romans 14:17). In moments of silence and contemplation we allow that Spirit within us to stir our deepest longings for right relationships, the Spirit can and will bring those deep yearnings for justice, peace and joy to displace the distracting innate impulses that nurture selfishness, conflict and neglect. Occasional times of silence and reflection during Christmas will help us further appreciate how, through the birth of a tiny, poor and vulnerable baby, we live in hope for this deepest yearning to be fulfilled. We know this because we know that it is not through our own instinct that we forgive others who have offended us, that we are moved to offer assistance to the needy through church and community groups, that we give away our money to help others through local and international relief funds. We know this hope for authentic and right relationship is real because it is awakened deep within us, through the cry of a newborn child. The cry that echoes when we notice injustice, conflict and sadness ... and recognize that we can and should respond in special ways because God is with us.

May the Joy of Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year be with you and your loved ones.

*Rick Singleton*

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### ***A Christmas Greeting from the Chair of the Corporation***



Greetings! It is a privilege for me to extend faith-filled Christmas Blessings to the students, faculty members, staff, alumni, benefactors, fellow members of

Corporation, and all friends of Queen's College. As Chair of Corporation, I am pleased with the growth and developments at Queen's. Our College is certainly a treasure for the Church in Newfoundland and Labrador, and we reach far beyond our own shores and the Anglican Church. At our Corporation

Meeting in October, the Provost reported that we had students registered from ten provinces in the fall 2019 semester, as well as Cyprus, the Middle East, the UK, the USA, and Australia. He also reported that Queen's has students from nine difference denominations and religious traditions. Now that the lease arrangement with MUN is finalized, the space is being refreshed with new flooring and a much-needed paint job.

Again, blessings on you and your families for the Christmas Season, and good wishes for the New Year.

*Gerald Giles,  
 Chairperson, Corporation*

## ***A Christmas Greeting from the Alumni***



Christmas Greetings to all alumni and friends of Queen's College from your Alumni Association. This holy season comes with its message of hope in the midst

of despair, peace in the midst of turmoil and joy in the midst of sadness. However, today that message often gets garbled in its transmission. An important role of Queen's College is to train persons to convey the message - by word and deed - wherever we live and work. The modern world, through the use of technology, has become a global village in which Queen's uses that technology to prepare persons, who live in many areas of our planet, for that mission. We thank all of you for both your prayerful support and your financial support of the college - especially through our Alumni Scholarship Fund. If you have not already done so, you may contribute by telephoning Queen's College at 709-753-0116. An official receipt for Income Tax purposes will be issued. In conclusion, our wish for each other is that all will have a Christmas filled with the joy of "the birth in time of the timeless Son of God" and that in the New Year we will continue our efforts in His Name to make our world a better place for all people. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*The Rev. Canon Dr. Frank Cluett*  
*President*

## ***A Christmas Greeting from the Editor***



If you visit the Roman Catholic Museum (next to the Basilica) this time of year you will find about a hundred nativity scenes from around the world. What I find

interesting about the exhibit is the variety of expressions and yet the same story is repeated over and over. Some scenes are hand sized while the largest is almost life size, and each one tells the same story of faith - the gift of God to us of Jesus. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16 NRSV).

In our home, we have a number of nativity scenes we put out each Christmas. While some we purchased over the years, the ones that mean the

most to us are the ones given to us by family and friends. Among them are several that are hand crafted. In particular, there are two that were made with a skill saw showing the patience and love in creating them for us. All nativity scenes are physical reminders of God's love, yet God's love doesn't end with that moment in time in Bethlehem, it continues to span all time. I continue to keep a small nativity scene on my dresser as a constant reminder of that greatest love.

Just as you will open gifts given by family and friends, remember God's Gift of Jesus must also be opened to be truly received, it must be opened in our heart, and when opened in our heart we are called to share the Good News with others in all that we do.

May your Christmas be a time of renewing God's relationship with you and others, a time of peace, joy, hope and love.

*Father John*

## ***Provost's Review of Fall Semester 2019:***

We had a very exciting fall semester. We had challenging and interesting courses, stimulating continuing education sessions, inspiring liturgies, impressive visitors, and days of awareness. We continue to build collaborations with other organizations and groups that share an interest and desire to advance theological education, ministry and/or service. This has been a busy and rewarding year: we had our strongest ever student enrolment; we renewed our lease with Memorial University; we have refurbished our space; and we are reaching out to ensure the Dioceses and the Church have people trained and competent for ordained and lay leadership. In 2019, we had 10 Queen's students and graduates ordained deacons and 11 ordained priests for Dioceses in Newfoundland and Labrador.

## ***Provost's Preview of Winter Semester***

**2020:** As we look to the New Year, 20-20 Vision ... I could not resist that one, we continue with many of our initiatives through our Master, Bachelor, Associate, Diploma, and Certificate programs. I am pleased to announce that we are launching a Pastoral and Palliative Care Volunteer Training program. This venture is a collaboration between Queen's College, the Order of St. Lazarus, and the Pastoral Care and Ethics Department of Eastern Health. The program will be available to individuals

and groups across the province and beyond by webinar. This will be a great training opportunity for those interested in home and institutional visitation ministries to acquire the training and competencies for that important missional work.

**Student Association** is happy to report that the inventory of Queen's College clothing has been replenished, with a good variety of colours and sizes now on hand. Hoodies cost \$45 and t-shirts \$25. Get yours now and wear your Queen's colors proudly. The Students' Association thanks everyone for their generous support of our community outreach efforts this semester. Our recent collection for the MUN Food Bank was also very much appreciated. With well wishes to everyone for the blessings of a Happy Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Deborah Pantin*  
*Student Association President*

**Our Sympathy** is expressed to the Rev. Fred Parrott and family on the death of his brother Robert Parrott who died on November 27<sup>th</sup>; to the Rev. Canon Carl Major and family on the death of his wife Norma Marie Major on December 1<sup>st</sup>, and to Archdeacon John Holdsworth, Director of Ministry Cyprus and the Gulf, on the death of his wife Sue who died on December 8<sup>th</sup>. May they rest in peace and rise in Glory!

**Winter 2020 Courses** Have you looked at course offerings for the Winter 2020 Semester? [http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page\\_id=406](http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page_id=406) It is not too late to register! Contact Dana at 709-753-0116 or email [queens@mun.ca](mailto:queens@mun.ca)

**Mark the following 2020 dates:**

January 6<sup>th</sup> - Winter Semester begins.  
May 14<sup>th</sup> - Queen's College Convocation

**An Open House** has been scheduled for Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m. If you are in the St. John's area why not drop by and



meet former and current faculty, students and benefactors for a time of food and fellowship and a chance to catch up on all the news. Put the date in your calendar!

**The Annual Queen's College Appeal** takes place Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> throughout the three dioceses. Please continue your support of the college by promoting our 'Appeal' and by making a contribution.

**The Rev. Canon Ron Lee** was recently interviewed by Matthew Barter on his life-time of service. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dg\\_3dyXwJMg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dg_3dyXwJMg)

**Week of Prayer** takes place at the College from January 16<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Guest preachers from faith traditions have been invited to share with us in the mid-day prayer in the Chapel. The theme comes from Acts 28:2 "They showed us unusual kindness." (Note: the Eucharist will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on both January 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>).

**The Ordination** to the Diaconate of Christine



Hoffe took place at St. Margaret's Church Change Island on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Deacon Christine will assist at St. Margaret's. The ordination of the Rev. Doug Kean to the Sacred Order of Priest took place in St. Paul's Church, Labrador City on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Along with fellow Labrador clerics, several former rectors also traveled to share in the celebration and in the fellowship which followed. Rev. Doug will assist at St. Paul's.



**Pre-Christmas Social:** The College and



Student Association hosted a gathering on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the freshly painted Common Room. It was an excellent opportunity for faculty, students and families to meet each other and to share in the cheer, food and fellowship.

**January Newsletter** deadline for submissions is January 20<sup>th</sup> for email distribution January 22<sup>nd</sup>

**A Debrief on Advent and Christmas Liturgies** took place on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Again this year as we did last year we took advantage of the four Advent and the Christmas liturgies prepared by Father Boyd for the final five Eucharistic celebrations before the end of semester. The response was very favorable and sincerely appreciated. The lunch time gathering gave Father Boyd an opportunity to hear firsthand the ‘things we commend’ and there were plenty as well ‘recommend’ of which there was only two. Father Boyd thanked all for the contributions and the debrief time. We in turn thank Father Boyd for his ongoing support of the College.

**Readings** by 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 took place December 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. John’s College Chapel. The evening was presented by students and faculty of Queen’s and directed by Morris Hodder. All proceeds went to the Queen’s College Student Association for their various undertakings of community service. A sincere ‘Thank-you’ to all who took part.

**Support Teams** are a very important part of the



Supervised Parish Internship Program (SPIP), which provides students placed in parishes with the opportunity to have a rector and a lay team share the experience

together. In Portugal Cove, St. Lawrence Parish Support Team gathered on November 27<sup>th</sup> for their final evaluation for Dale Careen and a fellowship hour. Gander Bay Parish Support team met December 4<sup>th</sup> with Diana Sacrey for her final evaluation. Both Dale and Diana had very positive learning and growth experiences in their placements.



**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.

**Continuing Education of Wellness** links for each of the three sessions led by Dr. Khalili.

Session #1: <https://youtu.be/emWe2xzfdvw>

Session #2: <https://youtu.be/CY1x0jlpQJI>

Session #3: [https://youtu.be/\\_1uRyb1OrQ](https://youtu.be/_1uRyb1OrQ)

**Exciting News For The Diploma In Missional Leadership Program** We would like to thank the Lightworks Foundation for their generous grant of \$3,000 in support of our new Diploma in Missional Leadership Program. This support helps to ensure the growth of the program and that it continues to meet the needs of our students. If you would like to learn more about the program or how to support it financially, please contact our office at 753-0116.

**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 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.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year