



NEWSLETTER

Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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Greetings from the Provost

Hi: This is break week at the College and the University. It is an opportunity for students to have a slower pace, do some reading, study and research. It is also a time for some to visit family and complete other winter tasks and chores.

After the break, we are on the home stretch for the semester. As you will see below, we have a lot of activities and events at the college and available by distance. Please see the information below regarding our Continuing education Series on Creation, the Day of Awareness in March, the Series on Christian Unity, and the ordinations.

The Queen's College Appeal was on February 9th. Thank you to all who have already made efforts to promote the Appeal, and we ask those who have been delayed, to please find a suitable time to promote the Appeal.

Most of the refurbishment work is completed. We hope to reschedule our Open House to a suitable time later in the semester. We are very pleased with the work that has been done.

Rick Singleton

Meet the Staff

The Rev. Derrick Bishop is originally from St. John's but currently calls Conception Bay South home. His journey to Queen's has been a long one, in that he is now solidly into his sixties. Deacon Derrick can thank his parents and other family members for starting him on a journey that would bring him to ordination and to his current position at Queen's College.



Derrick will never forget the night his father died at the age of 43 – he was age 7 at the time. Just a few hours before his death, he was brought into the bedroom to receive instructions from his father for the last time. In those last words to Derrick, he reminded him of the importance of an Education. Derrick also recalls many happy times before his death that his father would tell him that he would one day 'become a minister'.

For most of his working life, Derrick was a nursing instructor in the Health Care System. He looks upon those years in nursing as being a ministry in and of itself. He had the privilege of working beside many wonderful health care professionals. He is thankful for his years working in Acute Care Psychiatry where he had mentors who inspired him to work with and for those people who are mentally ill and

who are so often marginalized in society, and who taught Derrick the value of just being present and listening.

Upon retirement, Derrick had the opportunity to begin participation in the Exploring Faith for Discipleship and Ministry Program introduced to Queen's College by Bishop Geoffrey Peddle. That program provided participants with knowledge and skills to work in God's kingdom, as a layperson, or the opportunity to pursue ordination. He was ordained to the Diaconate in April of 2016 and is currently serving in the Cathedral Parish of St. John the Baptist in an honorary capacity.

Derrick's work at Queen's began in September of 2019 with responsibilities that include the coordination of the (1) Associate in Theology Program, (2) Discipleship and Ministry Program (3) Pastoral Care Volunteer Training and (4) assisting in the preparation of Queen's College for Theological School Accreditation.

Currently Derrick is responsible for the coordination of online training for volunteers in a newly developed program delivered by Webinar. This is a collaborative effort between Queen's College, the four Health Authorities in Newfoundland and Labrador, and The Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem, in Canada.

Meet the Students



Mary-Anne Stevens is a full-time student in the MTS program. Mary-Anne has lived in five provinces (and lived part-time in two more.) For a while, she and her husband, Don, made it a project to have a baby in each province they lived in. That stopped after three children, when they moved to St. John's, in 2004, and that's when Mary-Anne stopped moving too. She has claimed St. John's as her home for 16 years, more than four times longer than she has lived anywhere else..."It's a grand place to live!"

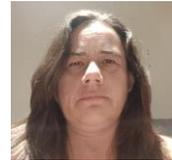
On her life journey all over Canada, Mary-Anne has journeyed with God everywhere she has gone. Mary-Anne claims Joshua 1:9 as a life verse, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (NIV) The daughter of Salvation Army officers, Mary-Anne spent her childhood in church and her faith was formed in the trenches of service. Mary-Anne has been immersed in about every type of lay ministry, first with the Salvation Army, and now with The Crossing Church (formerly West End Baptist Church in St. John's.)

Mary-Anne holds Bachelors' degrees in English from the University of Guelph, and Education from the University of New Brunswick but she has spent most of the past 2 decades as a primary caregiver of three children, Laura, Zachary and Gillian. After many thousand volunteer hours logged in school libraries, chaperoning field trips and cooking for children's camps, and finding her children grown, Mary-Anne found herself at a crossroads. Her decision to come to Queen's was at the same time both an impulsive decision and a long-standing persistent nudging of the Spirit heard primarily through the voice of her mother. With no specific plans for future work or ministry, she is totally enjoying each day as a step on the journey of discovery to where God is leading her next.

Mary-Anne is passionate about intergenerational ministries, spiritual formation, and music and her most favorite thing to do is to worship, through music, with God's people. She knows more obscure hymns and choruses, particularly those of the Salvation Army variety, than anyone you might ever meet. A second verse that Mary-Anne has identified

as life forming is from Ephesians 5:19b-20, "Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (NIV) Mary-Anne loves to read, play the piano, to travel and to look at art of any type. She never leaves home without a little bit of candy tucked away in her bag or pockets. And she will share.

Susan Squires is originally from Stephenville, NL,



Sue grew up accompanying her mother to church every Sunday. They were very involved in the St. Augustine's Church community. She went with her Mom when it was her turn on the ACW's Altar cleaning rotation (Sue loved polishing the brass and silver). Sue was part of the Choir, and became a Sunday School teacher by the time she was 13. Sue attended Killdevil Camp each summer and took part in Youth Synods. After some significant family traumas, she left home to explore her own paths as being an entrepreneur, a business owner, a student, and most proudly: a Mom.

Sue says "Boy has it been an adventure! I can look at my past as wisdom gained rather than trauma or failure. For nearly 30 years I have been away from the church because I just never found a new community that felt right to me after leaving St. Augustine's and I spent a lot of time searching for a Higher Power that I could relate to".

Last summer, Sue says she was blessed with an introduction to Rev. Lisa Payne by her best friend. Rev. Lisa and Sue talked about the church and how much Sue missed being a part of it. Over the next few days it dawned on her that perhaps she was being called to something greater in this life but "hadn't been listening to the right voices". The Universe works in strange ways sometimes, as we all know.

Sue found that she was drawn to Queen's College to pursue a Bachelor of Theology. Eventually her hope is to work with families and individuals in a pastoral sense during the inevitable journey of dying and death. Sue believes dying well and having a good death is something we can all hope for and she has just begun a journey in the growing Death Positive Movement. Sue concludes "I love that I wake up with excitement every day to learn something new".

Day of Awareness: After two unsuccessful attempts due to the poor weather, we were finally able to have our first Day of Awareness on February 10th. We gathered in the Chapel for the Provost's reflection. Rick spoke on 'salt' and its four elements: Preservation, Flavor, Contact and Processing. During Morning Prayer the chaplain, Father John reflected on the value of having a companion and/or spiritual director on our faith journey. Deacon David shared his experiences in Cistercian Spirituality and the Day of Awareness concluded with the Holy Eucharist and Carmel's homily on the disciplines that arise from following the 4 paths of Creation Spirituality – the Via Positiva, Via Negativa, via Creativa and the Via Transformativa. She concluded by presenting the Examen as a spiritual practice that reminds us to look for God's presence in our lives.

Upcoming Day of Awareness March 6th, 2020 from 8:50 to 1:00 p.m.

Theme: You Are God's Beloved

Leader: Fr. Earl Smith, SJ

You are invited to join members of the Queen's College community. The session will help participants 'be made still in God's holy presence' so to deepen their self knowledge as God's beloved family, friends, and servants as disciples of the Lord Jesus. How are we seen by God's Loving Eyes? This is a crucial question that aims to focus our hearts intrinsic desire for union with God. The Christian spiritual author, **Henri Nouwen**, reminds us... *"The greatest spiritual battle begins and never ends with the reclaiming of our choosiness. Long before any human being saw us, we are seen by God's loving eyes. Long before anyone heard us cry or laugh, we are heard by our God who is all ears for us. Long before any person spoke to us in this world, we are spoken to by the voice of eternal love"*

Intensive Winter 2020

There are times when we give something to others to bless them but there are also times when we give and end up receiving more in return. This shouldn't surprise us. Jesus reminds us of this powerful reciprocal effect: "give and it shall be given to you..." (Lk 6:38). Last week was one of those times of giving and receiving. I was privileged to prepare and teach an inaugural course on Missional Leadership Competencies as a part of the Missional

Certificate Program, to a group of Queen's finest. Through engaging topics, insightful research, and hearty discussions I was doubly blessed to give and receive from the college community.

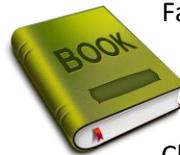
The content of the course focused on Scriptural and theological foundations, historical and cultural context, and the development of leadership posture, practices, and skills to engage a missional approach in Newfoundland and Labrador. We heard some voices from the past including Sir Wilfred Grenfell, Henri Nouwen, and Lesslie Newbigin. We heard some fascinating insights from current leading Canadian voices via the blessing of our Queen's video conferencing system. Joining us in missional conversations were Rick Heimstra (Director of Research and Media Relations at the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Ottawa, ON), Dr. Joel Thiessen, Professor of Sociology & Director of Flourishing Congregations Institute, Ambrose University, Calgary, AB), and Alan Roxburgh (missional thought leader, author of our text, pastor, teacher, writer, and consultant).

Alan and co-writer Scott Boren propose in their book *Introducing the Missional Church*: "Mission is not something the church does as an activity; it is what the church is through the mystery of its formation and memory of its calling. The church is God's missionary people. There is no participation in Christ without participation in God's mission in the world." We learned in our class that missional is not something we do; missional is who God is and something we are. There is one more short class upcoming in March to conclude the course but we will have a lifetime to live out what we experienced.

Rev. Dean Brenton

Adjunct Professor, Queen's College

Book Launch "Ordinary Saints: Women, Work & Faith in Newfoundland" by Dr. Bonnie



Morgan, PhD. This new publication tells the story of women of faith and their contributions to the Church and the community. The book

launch is Sunday afternoon, Feb 23rd from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in St. Peter's Parish Hall, CBS. All are welcome!

Our Sympathy is expressed to student Ed Kelly on the death of his brother Warrick Kelly who died Feb 8th. Rest eternal, grant unto him O Lord and may light perpetual shine upon him. Amen.

Lenten Continuing Education for Clergy and pastoral Workers series. *Living the Fifth is a three-part series focused on the fifth Mark of Mission of the Anglican Communion.*

Facilitator: The Rev. Mark Nichols, Creation Care Animator for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

The session will be:

1st. Wednesday, March 4th from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. A Missional Calling – The Church is clearly discerning a call to care for creation with intentionality and a sense of urgency. How is this call rooted in scripture? How is this call expressed theologically, and liturgically?

2nd. Wednesday, March 18th from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. A Communal Calling – Our faith is lived out in community. How can parish communities live out the fifth mark of mission in tangible and meaningful ways?

3rd. Wednesday, April 1st from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. A Personal Calling – Christians walk by faith in a God who created this world and all that is upon it, and entrusted it to our care. How can we, as individuals, manifest reverence for, safeguard the integrity of, sustain and even renew the life of the earth on which we live?

You can attend at Queen's College or you can attend on-line. We use the GoToMeeting Webinar platform. The link to join the session on-line is <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/745783261>

It is very simple to join, just hit the link or paste it into your browser. The session will be recorded and available on YouTube. You can connect through our website: www.queenscollegenl.ca Just go to the YouTube icon.

To request a Visitor Parking Permit, go to: <http://www.mun.ca/cep/parking/visitor-parking-request-form.php>

Please forward along this information to others who might be interested. It would be a good educational opportunity for liturgy and worship committee members. All are welcome. No charge!

Our Facebook and Twitter links provide up-to-date 'goings on' at the College. Go to www.queenscollegenl.ca and click the links on the homepage top right corner.

Continuing Education Session on Lenten and Easter Day Liturgies Year A:

Here is the link to the recording of the session from February 19th on the Lenten and Easter Day Liturgies prepared by Fr. Boyd Morgan.

https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/?utm_source=recordingReadyNotification&utm_medium=email#/s/0319c9f369947f289954c96592d9cc7a0671a562aa9ab122bac360524eb73f85

The liturgies are available from the dioceses or by e-mailing queens@mun.ca

Our thanks to Fr. Boyd for his contribution of these resources.

Queen's College Video is quite informative. It is worth taking five minutes to watch. It is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugkx42zmgnA>

From the Student Association:

There are two weeks left to our mid-winter food collection drive for the Campus Food Bank. Thanks to all those who have donated so far. Suggested items for the remaining weeks are:

Week of February 24th - Peanut Butter

Week of March 2nd - Tinned meat or fish.

We will be preparing a home-style meal for the families staying at Ronald MacDonald House on Saturday, March 14th. Anyone wishing to assist, please speak to Debbie, Tracy, Marilyn or Eli.

As a contribution to the refurbishment of Queen's College, the Student Association will be providing new furnishings for the alcove outside the reading room. We are pleased to be able to support our school in this practical way. Keep watch for a comfortable new sitting area coming soon!

Upcoming Ordinations:

God Willing, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Peddle will ordain Mr. Dale Careen to the transitional Diaconate on Sunday March 1st, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church of St. Lawrence, Portugal Cove and the Rev. Beverly Buffett to the Priesthood on Tuesday March 3rd, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Hodges Cove. (Liturgical colour is red for both ordinations).

God Willing, the Rt. Rev. John Watton will ordain the Rev. Charlie Cox to the priesthood on Thursday March 19th, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Fogo Island. (Liturgical colour is red.)

Ash Wednesday Liturgy with the imposition of ashes takes place in the Chapel, February 26th at noon. If you are in the area, come and join us in worship.



Tuesdays in Lent

The recent State of Emergency caused the cancellation of our Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We are pleased our guest preachers have agreed to join us at noon for Mid-day Prayer on four Tuesdays in Lent followed by our popular Community Meal. Please join us!

March 3rd: Father Paul Lundrigan

March 10th: The Rev. Bill Bartlett

March 17th: Major Peter Rowe

March 24th: Pastor Fraser Roberts

Worship Schedule Winter 2020

Monday

8:50 Morning Prayer

12:00 Holy Eucharist

Tuesday

8:50 Contemplative Prayer

12:15 Mid-day Prayer

Wednesday

8:50 Morning Prayer

12:00 Holy Eucharist

3:30 Evening Prayer

Thursday

8:50 Morning Prayer

12:15 Mid-day Prayer

(Other Liturgies as announced)

Community Meal If you are in the area of Queen's College on Tuesdays during the semester you are always welcome to join us for "Community Meal" immediately following Mid-day Prayer.

The March Newsletter deadline for submissions is the 18th with distribution the 20th.

Reserve the Date: Convocation 2020 takes place at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, St. John's on May 14th, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

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

The Apartment has recently undergone some refurbishment with new furniture, art, and a smart TV. New rental rates for the Apartment took effect January 1, 2020.

1. Rates
 - First night \$50.00
 - Second & subsequent 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 the College cancels a reservation.