



NEWSLETTER

Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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Greetings from the Provost



Greetings and blessings to all our students, faculty members, Corporation members, alumni, benefactors and friends:

Every individual, family and organization has been touched by the global pandemic. Most are drawing on their inner resources to cope, adjust and even grow as the situation unfolds. At Queen's College, we continue to evaluate what we do, we collaborate with partners within the Church, within the University, and in the broader community of theological education. We share our experiences and insights, and we learn from each other.

This spring and summer semester, our enrolment of students is higher than other years ... likely because people have more time for study. We have a great line up of courses for the Fall 2020 Semester in our Masters, Bachelors, and Associate programs. All courses will be offered via internet or correspondence. The course offerings and links are in this Newsletter.

As most of you know, Queen's College has a broader mandate than offering courses. We also provide for engagement in pastoral training and practice, spiritual development, and participation in a faith-based learning community. We are presently working on options to ensure we can facilitate the pastoral skill development ... including parish internships, spiritual formation by ensuring mentoring of students by competent spiritual directors, and engagement in our community for prayer, study and fellowship.

We are maintaining our commitment to relevant continuing education for clergy and pastoral workers. We are presently putting shape to a three-part series on Digital Ministry: Applied Theology and Technology. See the information on that series in this Newsletter.

My friends, in this time of global pandemic, we continue to adjust, as Queen's College has always done in its 179 year history. We continue to nurture leaders for ministry that will make a difference for God and the world ... by being involved in this world and not just waiting for the next one! We are convinced that the Risen Christ is always already involved in the world (we're missional); our task is to join in and go with the flow of grace wherever we find it – and it is surprising where it is found ... especially in this unusual time that summons us to a new normal with refreshed hope!

Rick

Lockdown of buildings: Our building, like many others on MUN campus and beyond, is under lockdown. Admission is for critical staff that is deemed to be those essential for academic and administrative continuity. Dr. Rick and Dana are deemed essential for the Faculty of Theology. To make contact call the College at 709-753-0116 or email queens@mun.ca.

Congratulations to Fr. John and Heather Courage who are new grandparents again. **Charles John Alexander** was born May 24th!

Congratulations to Fronie and Clarence Squibb,



Mount Pearl on their 50th Wedding anniversary May 8th Fronie has been a part of our College in the B.Th. Discipleship & Ministry and Master of

Theology programs.

Information on Fall Programming will be available shortly. Keep up to date with either our Face Book Page or Twitter found on our home page <https://queenscollegenl.ca/>

The Diploma Programs will be completed by the end of June.

Keep informed of MUN COVID-19 directives at: <https://www.mun.ca/covid19/>

Our Sympathy is expressed to the Rev. Gordon Druggett and family of Wentzell Lake, NS. on the death of his wife Donna on April 1st; to the family of the Rev. Calvin Coates, St. John's, who died April 22nd; to Mr. Graham Greeley B.Th. 2019, on the death of his mother Margaret Rose Greeley, CBS on April 29th; and to Fr Earl Smith SJ on the death of his mother Margaret Mary Smith of Halifax on May 5th at the age of 101 years. Fr Earl leads our monthly sessions on 'Experiencing Prayer and Spiritual Conversations'. May they rest in peace and rise in Glory!

The Continuing Education Series **Digital Ministry: Applied Theology and Technology.**

This three-series will focus on three related themes

1. Ecclesiology Matters: Perspectives on the Church before, during and post-pandemic.
2. A Primer on Pastoral and Technical Tools and Skills. How to be effective and efficient in digital ministries.
3. Personal and Professional Wellness. Healthy responses to the expectations and experiences in a time of radically changing ministry.

The series will be offered on three consecutive Wednesday: June 10, 17, 24 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The sessions will include presentations by informed individuals, as well as discussion amongst panelists, with lots of time for questions and answers. Reserve the date and join us online at this link. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/271206613>
The sessions will be recorded and available on our Queen's College website YouTube channel.

Recording of previous Continuing Education Session: 'Where are we? The Challenges During and After the Global Pandemic' on May 1st may be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iUSRRbzbvA>. This session opened with an introduction by Bishop Geoff Peddle followed by a reflection by Bishop John Organ 'Dwelling on the Word, Road to

Emmaus. Dr. Alan Roxburg shared insights from pastoral efforts in this time of global pandemic entitled 'Where we are now?' followed by questions, comments and observations. Mission Archdeacon Greg Mercer closed the session with 'Missional Discernment: Hearing from the church'.

Mid-day Prayer Tuesdays at noon

continues online followed by a community fellowship for those who wish to stay online. All texts are shown on the screen. Please feel free to join us and invite others to join in as well <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/387222525>

FROM AROUND THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Thursdays in Black is an initiative of the World Council of Churches and is supported by the Anglican Church of Canada. This initiative which advocates for the ending of rape and gender-based violence. For further information visit <https://www.oikoumene.org/en/get-involved/thursdays-in-black>

Online Bible Study from the Anglican Communion via the Anglican Consultative Council: <https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/sqe-anglican/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/22143718/COVID-19-Bible-studies-FINAL.pdf>

PWRDF Prayer takes place each Thursday. When you register at <https://bit.ly/PWRDFPrayers> you will be sent the link each week.

New Zealand has posts looking at the theology around worship using the internet <https://liturgy.co.nz/lockdown-liturgy-lessons-4>

Website launch by the Rev. Irving Letto: Look forward to a collection of stories about the work of the clergy in The Straits from the Rev. Algernon Gifford to the Rev. Henry Leggo at <http://thestrains.ca/>

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.



Calling for an Economy of Life in a Time of Pandemic - a Joint Message from the WCC, WCRC, LWF, and CWM

The current Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted every aspect of our lives in a world already plagued with immense human suffering. In response, our organizations – the World Council of Churches (WCC), the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), and the Council for World Mission (CWM) – through the joint New International Financial and Economic Architecture (NIFEA) initiative convened an e-conference under the theme, “Economy of Life in a time of Pandemic”, on April 17 & 24, 2020.

https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/calling-for-an-economy-of-life-in-a-time-of-pandemic-a-joint-message-from-the-wcc-wcrc-lwf-and-cwm?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=1ed4460940-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_05_19_06_15&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-1ed4460940-243896922

Congratulations to our 2020 Graduating Class:



Master of Divinity

- Dale Careen

Master of Theology

- Taylore Anstey
- Neal Buffett
- Amanda Ball
- Christine Lynch
- Trevor Moss
- Rebecca Soper
- Fronie Squibb
- Jamie Warren
- John Watton

Master of Theological Studies

- Russell Bartlett
- Eli Cross
- Donald Devine
- Corey Parish
- Janice Rowe

- Diana Sacrey
- Linda Saunders

Master in Theological Studies-Thesis

- Dean Brenton
- Elizabeth Scammell-Reynolds

Bachelor of Theology

- Beverly Buffett

Associate in Theology

- Glenda Brown
- Faustina Cornick
- Bernice Ivey
- Arthur Kinsella
- Nathaniel Larkin
- Karen Loder
- Edna Parsons
- Kimberlee Rogers
- Joy Suluk

Diploma in Theology and Ministry

- Bryan Abrahamse
- Jane Allen
- John Billard
- Faye Coffin
- Carol-Ann Devereaux-Yetman
- Donald Dumont
- Linda Green
- Gertie Hodder
- Bernice Ivey
- Karen Loder
- Margaret O'Driscoll
- Kathleen Osmond
- Ida Reid
- Beverley Sheppard
- Lisa Snook
- Marie Stoyles
- Paula Tarrant
- Steven Wadden
- Pauline Warren
- Donna Watkins

Editor's Note: The Newsletter will resume in August 2020.