



NEWSLETTER

Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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Greetings from the Provost

We are well into the semester and, thanks to our Leadership Team, faculty members, students, and our Administrative Assistant – Ms Dana Bishop, things are going fairly smooth. We certainly miss some of our regular on-campus activities ... especially chapel, common room and outreach ministries. But, we have all grown in discovering our capacities to adapt and engage using technologies.

This Newsletter has good information on our Fall 2020 Semester initiatives. Please have a look through the Newsletter and connect with us about anything on which you would like to follow up.

I am pleased to inform you that we are making arrangements for **Queen's College Convocation 2020**. We are planning for a Convocation at Jack Byrne Arena on Torbay Road, Torbay on November 25 at 7:00 p.m. It is a suitable venue and has been used for other graduations in the past. It can accommodate our numbers within the Public Health COVID-19 regulations. We are working with the management of Jack Byrne Arena to develop the plan and clear directions to ensure safety and contact tracing. We will have more information in our October Newsletter.

As we continue in this unusual year, I ask for prayers that we courageously discern and respond to God's will, and I ask for patience and flexibility as we endeavour to discern how to prepare people for ministry in the world and church in this time of rapid and radical change.

Blessings,

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.

Queen's College Fall 2020 Semester adjustments for COVID-19

- a. All classes and courses will be on line.
- b. Faculty of Theology students will not be on campus for classes, meetings or other activities.
- c. Faculty members can have access to the building to access their offices or deliver a class from the Smart Room. They must complete specific training and apply for permission to be in the building.
- d. We purchased a new program for course delivery: *GoToTraining*.

- e. We cannot have gatherings in the Common Room, Chapel, or Reading Room.
- f. We will not gather on campus in person for worship, meetings or social events.
- g. For those with permission to enter the building
 - i. When in the General Office, wear a mask and come to the counter only.
 - ii. Wear masks on corridors, stairways, washrooms, and other spaces where you might encounter others.

Honorary Doctorate Nominations

We are now accepting nominations for recipient of the Honorary Doctorate Degree at Convocation on May 06, 2021 (tentative).

The degrees of Doctor of Divinity (D.D.), Doctor of Canon Law (D.Cn.L.) and Doctor of Sacred Letters (D.S.L.) are awarded in recognition of distinguished service to the Church, in the following ways:

The Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) is awarded to clergy who:

1. have given distinguished service to the Church and the community; or
2. have outstanding achievement in academic leadership, teaching and/or scholarship.

The Doctor of Canon Law (honoris causa) is awarded to members of the laity who have served the Church with distinction.

The Doctor of Sacred Letters (honoris causa) is awarded to persons who have served the Church with distinction especially in the areas of Arts and Letters.

Criteria

Normally, no more than one honorary degree shall be awarded in an academic year, though in rare and special circumstances, more than one may be awarded, and on occasion none may be awarded. Honorary degrees are not normally awarded in absentia.

Nominating Process

Nomination can be presented in letter format to the Provost by October 02, 2020. Nominations will be presented to the Fall Meeting of the Corporation.

Congratulations to the Rev Sandra Fyfe who



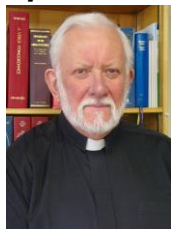
was elected as the next Bishop of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island on September 12th. Bishop-elect Sandra is a graduate of our College (2000) and served in the Parish of St Thomas, St. John's before moving to Nova Scotia and joins a list of former Queen's graduates which have become a Bishop in the Church of God. The Provost has on behalf of the College sent our Congratulations. We wish Bishop-elect Sandra every blessing.

Congratulations to the Rev Terry Coates who



was ordained a deacon in the church on September 12th in the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Corner Brook. Deacon Terry has been appointed to the Parish of Deer Lake.

Special Anniversary This year marks the 50th



anniversary of the arrival to our province of the Rev Dr David Bell. Deacon David has made an excellent contribution in the field of Education as an Academic, Head of the Department of Religious Studies (MUN) and as our Dean of Theology. He is also a deacon at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, a holder of a Black Belt in Karate, a connoisseur of fine wines, author and a friend to many. Here at Queen's we have been well blessed to have him with us these past 7 years sharing his wisdom and sense of humor.

Day of Awareness The first Day of Awareness of our Fall Semester took place September 11th (on line). Following Morning Prayer, the chaplain, Father John shared some thoughts on 'community' and the challenges many have faced being not physically present to others since COVID-19, particularly as a Queen's College community. The use of technology has assisted in building our on-line community, and our churches have resumed public worship which offers some opportunities to be together (even at a distance).

Dr Carmel Doyle, Director of Student Services, spoke on 'discernment' and being open to not just listening but also hearing God's voice and how we turn it into a heart/feeling spiritual process and discovering who it is that God wants us to be. She concluded by sharing an Exercise of Discerning the Voices: 1. External/Internal, 2. Voices of Time: past, present, and future, 3. Our own voice and 4. The sound of God's voice.

Deacon David took us on a brief 'Pursuit of Theology', which brought us through the ages beginning with the Venerable Bede, Peter Abelard, Peter Lombard, Thomas Aquinas, and John Lock. He showed how theology cannot be separate from spirituality and concluded by sharing how theology continues to evolve in our time particularly in the area of the environment and science.

The Provost concluded the session opening up a discussion on the personal reflection and experiences of those who attended. The Day concluded with Mid-Day Prayer. To find resources used at this Day of Awareness go to <http://queenscollegenl.ca/wp->

[content/uploads/2020/09/Day-of-Awareness-Resources-Sept.-11-2020.pdf](https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/161659821)

Our next Day of Awareness is scheduled for October 2nd from 9:30-12:00. You may join us by going to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/161659821>

Upcoming Ordinations To the Diaconate: Diane Sacrey on October 14th at St Martin's Cathedral, Gander and Karen Loder on October 15th at St Paul's Church, Parish of Meadows and to the sacred Priesthood: the Rev Charlie Cox on October 28th at St Martin's Cathedral, Gander and the Rev Eli Cross November 4th at St. Peter's Church, Catalina.

Ordination Anniversaries: This is a new addition to our Queen's College Newsletter recognizing the anniversaries (10, 20, 25, 30 etc.) of our Graduates and others associated with the College. Contact the Editor at jjcourage@mun.ca to add your name to the list. (Editor's Note: August Newsletter 2020 should have read: the Rev Madonna (not Terry) Boone 10th as deacon July 18th, and the Rev Michael Canning 35th (not 40th) August 25, 1985.

Prayer Requests Those who have attended chapel at Queen's College will be familiar with a notebook on a table as people enter. The purpose of the notebook was for people to write in the first name of those for whom she or he would like to be upheld in our prayer time. We will continue the practice during the Wednesday Evening Prayer. To have someone remembered in our prayer please send Father John the first name only to jjcourage@mun.ca



Student Association The student body was invited to caucus after Mid-day Prayer on September 22nd to discuss the status of the Association in light of COVID-19 restrictions. It was the will of those present that the Association continue despite being off campus this semester. The executive for the 2020-2021 academic year consists of Debbie Pantin (President); Mary-Anne Stevens (Vice-President); Tracy Russell (Treasurer) and Karen Mitchell (Secretary). The Association will continue its outreach activities, as government and

MUN guidelines allow, and as community need is identified. For the present, donations will be made to the Queen's College Alumni Association and the Anglican Foundation of Canada in gratitude for the support Queen's students receive from these organizations and also as a way of "paying it forward" and helping others.

There is still a good inventory of the ever-stylish Queen's College hoodies and t-shirts available for purchase - and they can be shipped to students beyond the Avalon Peninsula. Please contact Dana in the General Office to place your order.

QC Worship Schedule



Weekly Online Worship (Fall 2020 Semester)

Monday	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Mid-day Prayer - followed by virtual fellowship
Wednesday	12:15 noon	Lectio Divina (Holy Listening)
	3:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer

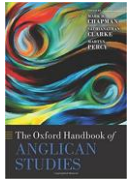
Join us by going to:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/161659821>

Academic Development Seminar on Research Methods is required for all students in the degree programs. This year we have had Dr. Michelle Rebidoux prepare and record a series of three videos covering a variety of topics related to producing successful research.

- **Academic Development Seminar: Research Methods: Part 1**
<https://youtu.be/rwMimxRu1XA>
- **Academic Development Seminar: Research Methods: Part 2**
<https://youtu.be/9fQVNUtuhqU>
- **Academic Development Seminar: Research Methods: Part 3.**
https://youtu.be/iNmL_MZ3540

Book Review *The Oxford Handbook of Anglican*



Studies (eds. Mark D. Chapman, Sathianathan Clarke, and Martyn Percy), Oxford University Press, 2015. 657 pages + xiv.

Wide-ranging in its focus, well-organized by its team of three editors, and well-written by its impressive assemblage of contributing authors, *The Oxford Handbook of Anglican Studies* is an immensely valuable resource for anyone engaged in a study of the Anglican tradition, especially for those preparing for ministry within the Anglican Church in today's world.

The book is divided into seven major sections, each containing from five to seven articles by different authors on a specific theme. The first section (Part 1), "Historiography", looks to the roots of the Anglican tradition before, during, and shortly following the Reformation period, and considers how those roots provide much of the structure of the Anglican tradition today. Part 2, "The Methods and Styles of Anglicanism", examines differences in attitudes towards issues and practices such as prayer book use, wisdom traditions, spirituality, aesthetics, and hermeneutics. The third section (Part 3), "The Contextualization of Anglicanism", engages with the spread of Anglicanism globally, looking at growths of the tradition in North America, South Asia, Australia, Africa, and the Far East. Part 4, "Anglican Identities", considers "Establishment" tradition in dialogue with a number of distinct "movements" or expressions within the Church, including evangelical and charismatic expressions, as well as the experience of Indigenous

Peoples. Part 5, "Crises and Controversies", is "hot-topic" focused, highlighting tensions within the tradition in thematic areas such as politics, doctrine, gender, sexuality, and religious pluralism. Part 6 of the handbook, "The Practice of Anglican Life", examines practical topics such as episcopal leadership, ecumenism, congregational life, ordination training, and mission. Finally, Part 7, "The Futures of Anglicanism", engages critically and questioningly with the future of the Anglican tradition in light of a number of growing challenges today, including race issues, migration, relations with Islam, issues of authority and the use of power, and division within the tradition.

As is the case with any anthology, the articles vary slightly in quality and readability, and the reader is unlikely to undertake a thorough cover-to-cover reading of it. But overall, the book is, as a resource for the tradition, brilliantly visioned and comprehensive. At over 650 pages, the collection is, indeed, a veritable tome and well worth the \$50 - \$60 price-range for the paperback version. My own hard-bound version is beautifully printed on thick paper, though its price of \$150 is somewhat prohibitive.

Dr. Michelle Rebidoux
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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 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.

