



# NEWSLETTER

## Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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### **Greetings from the Provost**

Hi: Though our Queen's College community is distributed now, due to COVID-19, there is a sense of excitement and joy as we prepare for Convocation 2020 next week ... Wednesday November 25, at 7:00 p.m. at Jack Byrne Arena. We have 262 people confirmed to attend. Our plan for Convocation has been approved by the Public Health officials. Needless to say, there are many adjustments to the convocation proceedings, but we know it will be a wonderful, memorable and safe gathering. We are pleased to the presence and greetings from the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Judy Foote, the Minister of Education, the Honourable Tom Osborne, and the President of Memorial University, Dr. Vianne Timmons. The Rev. Dr. Frank Cluett will address Convocation. Convocation will be livestreamed on our Queen's College Facebook Page, available at <https://www.facebook.com/Queens-College-Faculty-of-Theology-1053002811439684> Share this link with those who wish to be part of the event, but cannot be physically present. Convocation will also be recorded and available on our YouTube channel.

Our Newsletter has lots of information about educational and spiritual development opportunities for Advent and on through the Winter and into Lent 2021. Please have a look, and consider the some of these opportunities as good a way to use some of the time you have during COVID-19.

We will have another Newsletter within a few weeks to give highlights of Convocation 2020 and wrap up the Fall 2020 Semester.

Thanks for your ongoing support of Queen's College.

Blessings,

Rick

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**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, Dana and some faculty members are deemed essential for the Faculty of Theology. To make contact call the College at 709-753-0116 or email [queens@mun.ca](mailto:queens@mun.ca).

### **Course Offerings for the Winter 2021 Semester**

are available online at this link <http://queenscollegenl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2021-Winter-Course-Offerings.pdf> We have a great variety of courses and programs. See the information below regarding the Grief and Bereavement Volunteer Training Certificate Program we will be offering. Also, please know you can audit any courses, i.e. attend the classes, engage in discussion, explore the readings without having to submit work for evaluation. Consider this option for your personal growth and

deepening of knowledge and appreciation of scriptures, theology and pastoral ministry. We encourage students to select their courses by December 04, 2020. Students registering for credit or audit in 3000 level courses are advised to order their own books. We have Associate Program course books in stock.

### **Supervised Practice of Ministry**

We are very confident that we will be able to offer our Supervised Practice of Ministry Program (SPM) in the Spring 2021 Semester in St. John's and in Corner Brook. Students whose programs require SPM will be given priority. Students interested in registering for SPM for Spring 2021 Semester, should send a note to Dr. Carmel Doyle ([carmdoyle@mun.ca](mailto:carmdoyle@mun.ca)) by November 30<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate the cooperation of Pastoral Care Services in Eastern Health and Western Health in the delivery of this program.

**Day of Awareness** The Third Day of Awareness took place on November 6<sup>th</sup> with Father Earl Smith SJ as our facilitator. The eighteen participants began our on-line day with Morning Prayer before Father Earl led us through two exercises based on St Ignatius Loyola's 'Principle and Foundation'. In the first self-reflection session he asked us to answer *'How do I concretely praise, love, and serve God? What activities, people, or material things help me achieve this end? Reflect on your own life: How have I partnered with God to help people, to build a more just and gentle world, to care for creation? And How have I been a good steward" of the gifts God has given me, including created things, my talents, and my abilities? From my own experience, what gets in the way of my praising, loving, and serving God? How do the following influence my choices and actions: titles, honors, possessions, career, opinion of others, lifestyle?*

The second self-reflection session we were asked: *In the light of your prayer this morning, write out the Principle and Foundation in your own words-that is, write out the mission statement that you want to govern your life. Or create an image reflecting your Principle and Foundation (i.e. Jeremiah 17: 5-11). Read Philippians 4:11-13 ("I can do all things through him who strengthens me"). Continue working on your own Principle and Foundation. You may note the disordered attachments or "unfreedoms" in your life that are roadblocks in your spiritual journey. Remember, we always need God's help to experience the spiritual freedom we desire.*

Each session gave participants the opportunity to share their experiences and reflections and learn from each other. The day concluded with Mid-Day Prayer by the community.

**The next Day of Awareness** is Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> with the Rev. Khaliah Kinkead-Dawkins, Vicar Missional, Cathedral of St. John the Baptist beginning with Morning Prayer at 9:30. Join us by going to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/161659821>

**Our Sympathy** is expressed to student Carol Budgell-Manning on the death of her mother Joan of Fort McMurray on November 9<sup>th</sup>. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Congratulations** to The Rev. Charlie Cox who was ordained a priest at St Martin's Cathedral, Gander on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Father Charlie continues his ministry in the Parish



of Fogo Island East. The Rev. Eli Cross was ordained a priest at St. Peter's Church, Catalina on November 6<sup>th</sup> where he is serving as Priest in Charge.



**Ordination Anniversaries:** Congratulations to the Rev. Berdina Ford who celebrated her 20<sup>th</sup> Diaconal Anniversary on November 7<sup>th</sup>, and to the Rev. Madonna Boone who celebrates her 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of priesthood on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Save the Dates for Continuing Education and Spiritual Development Opportunities**

**Advent/Christmas Liturgies:** The Rev. Dr Boyd Morgan has developed liturgies for use in parishes in Newfoundland and Labrador. Copies of the Advent Liturgies for Year B will be available through each diocese or you can request an electronic copy by e-mail to [queens@mun.ca](mailto:queens@mun.ca)

**A Spirituality for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany in COVID-19** In these sessions, through contemplation, listening, guided meditation, sacred scripture and creation story, we will explore some strands for a liturgical spirituality in this time of global pandemic. **The sessions are from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. on Mondays: November 23, November 30, and December 07.** The sessions will be led by Dr. Gerard Whitty and Ms Marie Wall. You can register for this free series by e-mailing [queens@mun.ca](mailto:queens@mun.ca) We will then provide a link for the on-line sessions. Please feel free to pass along this information and invitation to anyone who might be interested in preparing themselves to go a bit spirituality deeper in these rich liturgical seasons.

***Nurturing Compassionate Presence*** This six-session on-line series is an opportunity to engage with others who are seeking to look at/experience life through the lens of compassion. The sessions will begin on Thursday, January 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and will continue each Thursday evening until February 11. If you are interested in this reflection and discussion series and wish to have more information, you can e-mail [r.singleton@mun.ca](mailto:r.singleton@mun.ca). Further details will be available by mid- December. Facilitator for the series will be Dr. Anne Walsh. There is no charge for the series. This is a collaborative venture by the Sisters of Mercy, The Redemptorist Adult Faith-development Team, and Queen's College. Again, pass along this invitation to others.

***Grief and Bereavement Volunteer Online Training Certificate Program*** Queen's College Faculty of Theology is pleased to announce the launch of a Certificate in Grief and Bereavement Care. This training program is designed to equip interested individuals with the knowledge and skills for effective pastoral visitation and spiritual support ministries to who are dealing with loss. This program is a great opportunity for churches, parishes, hospitals, long-term care facilities, pastoral care committees, and community groups to ensure their visitation and outreach volunteers are adequately trained for grief and bereavement support.

Here are a few details about the program:

1. Twelve sessions throughout January, February and March on Monday from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. starting January 04 and finishing on March 29, 2021.
2. The program will be available on-line, with easy access from a computer, smartphone or tablet in your own home or office. Some may wish to gather in social-distanced groups in their own area. Individuals with expertise in the subject areas will present topics.
3. There is no charge for participants doing the program as a non-credit.
4. A Certificate in Pastoral and Palliative Care Visitation will be offered to those who complete the

program. Evaluation will be based on attendance and participation.

5. This initiative is possible, thanks to support and collaboration from the Order of St. Lazarus and Eastern Health.

For more information, email [queens@mun.ca](mailto:queens@mun.ca) or call 709 753-0116

***On-line Chapel Worship:*** Monday @ 9:30 (Morning Prayer), Tuesdays @ 12:00 (Mid-Day Prayer followed by fellowship), Wednesdays @ 12:15 (Lectio Divina) and 3:00 (Evening Prayer) by going to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/161659821> and on Thursday @ 1:00 (Contemplative Prayer) by going to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/387222525>. You are always welcome to join us.

***The Queen's College Student Association*** would normally be collecting food items for the Campus Food Bank at this time of year. Since that is not possible under COVID 19 restrictions, the Association is making a monetary donation of \$300 to the Food Bank to assist with their Christmas Hampers. They expect to fill one hundred hampers this year, each with a value of \$150. The student association encourages those who would support our collection efforts to please consider donating directly to the CFB this year. You will receive a tax receipt for your donation.

Ways to donate:

1. Mail a cheque, made payable to Campus Food Bank, to Campus Food Bank, Memorial University, St. John's, NL, A1C 5S7. Please mail by Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Send an e-transfer to [foodbank@mun.ca](mailto:foodbank@mun.ca). Either include your home address in a comment with the transfer or send them a separate email to [foodbank@mun.ca](mailto:foodbank@mun.ca) with this information - for your tax receipt.
  3. Give by credit card through Canada Helps. The link for the Campus Food Bank account with Canada Helps is <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/campus-food-bank/>
- Donations must be received by December 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your help!

**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.

