



# NEWSLETTER

## Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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### Note from the Provost



“To everything there is a season...” (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

I am delighted to be writing my first “Note from the Provost” and as I do so I am deeply conscious of the shifting seasons of the year, my life and the life of Queen’s College. We are all hoping that Spring is finally here and will soon transition into Summer. And just as the seasons of the year transition, the same is true of our lives and our work. I am beginning a new season as your Provost and am eagerly anticipating new signs of growth in my skills, my thinking and in my spiritual life. This season is for me one of joy and possibility. It is also one of change and transition as I leave a place I have loved to make my new home here. Changing seasons are complicated; they involve mourning what we leave behind as we reach out to embrace this new thing that God is doing in our midst.

This is also a season of change for the College. I am more than grateful for the amazing leadership that Dr Rick Singleton has provided to the College and it is his hard work and the work of those he gathered around him, that will enable and nourish this new season ahead. We will continue to benefit from the seeds he has planted and I hope we can also till some new ground together. The Corporation is beginning a visioning process for the College and I believe that there is an exciting future ahead.

As I write we are putting the final touches on the information for our academic year beginning in Fall 2021. It should be available by late May for distribution. We are hoping the COVID-19 regulations will allow us to offer classes both in person and on site as well as online. We are committed to continuing to offer vibrant courses in accessible formats.

Thank you for all of the support and words of welcome you have offered. I look forward to working with you in the months and years to come as we get to know each other’s stories and continue to discern God’s call to us in this place. You can reach me at Queen’s College: 709-753-0116 or via email: [provostqc@mun.ca](mailto:provostqc@mun.ca)  
 Joanne

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### **Access to Queen’s College**

Our building, like many others on MUN campus and beyond, is under lockdown. Admission is by appointment and permission for matters essential for academic and administrative continuity. To make an appointment, contact the College at 709-753-0116 or email [queens@mun.ca](mailto:queens@mun.ca).

**Congratulations** to Adjunct Faculty lecturer, the Rev David Pagano who has been appointed a ‘Canon’ by the Rt Rev John Organ, Diocese of Western NL.

### **The Queen’s College Student Association**

has established an award in recognition of the retiring Provost’s service and commitment to theological education. The Dr Rick Singleton Award for Distinguished Teaching in Theological Education will be awarding annually at convocation to a nominated and deserving member of the Faculty of Theology. Dr Singleton is thrilled with this honour, and he is pleased that Queen’s students appreciate the superb quality of teaching and learning at Queen’s.

**Congratulations** to those who celebrated ordination anniversaries: the Rt Rev David Torraville his 35<sup>th</sup> as a priest on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, the Rt Rev Sandra Fyfe her 20<sup>th</sup> as a priest on March 20<sup>th</sup>, the Rev Irving Letto his 35<sup>th</sup> as a priest on March 25<sup>th</sup>, and to those celebrating anniversaries: the Rev Russell Osmond his 30<sup>th</sup> as a deacon on May 14<sup>th</sup>, the Rev Dr Joanne Mercer her 30<sup>th</sup> as a priest on May 16<sup>th</sup>, the Rev Dr Hugh Fudge his 40<sup>th</sup> as a deacon on May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Rev Cathy Laskey her 15<sup>th</sup> as a deacon on May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Rev Louise Richards her 10<sup>th</sup> as a deacon on May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Ven Tom Moulton his 60<sup>th</sup> as a deacon on June 4<sup>th</sup>, the Rev Canon John Courage his 40<sup>th</sup> as a deacon on June 6<sup>th</sup>, the Rev Charlie Green his 65<sup>th</sup> as a priest on June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Rev Lynn Courage and the Ven Julie Hiscock-Brace their 15<sup>th</sup> as deacons on June 12<sup>th</sup>, the Rev Canon Amanda Cable-Taylor her 15<sup>th</sup> as a deacon on June 24<sup>th</sup> and the Rev David Pilling his 35<sup>th</sup> as a deacon on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Are you celebrating a diaconal, priesthood or episcopate anniversary (5, 10, 20, 25, 30 etc)? Help us keep up to date by emailing the editor at [jjcourage@mun.ca](mailto:jjcourage@mun.ca) with your ordination dates for inclusion in the Newsletter.

**Thank you from our former Provost**



I want to say a sincere thank you to all who sent along notes and kind comments on my retirement from Queen's. The gifts were unnecessary, but truly appreciated. I am so pleased that the Corporation have made a generous donation to the Newfoundland and Labrador Food Sharing Association in honour of my time at Queen's. I feel humbled and honoured by the initiative of the Queen's College Student Association to establish an award in recognition of my service and commitment to theological education. Thank you all, and blessings on the Rev Dr Mercer as she takes on the role of Provost.

Blessings, Rick

**A Poetic Thank you from our former Dean**

*An Ode to the Queen's Cake*



Oh tasty treat! Oh wondrous cake!  
 A miracle to make and bake!  
 But see, there lies a sermon here:  
 (But very short, so never fear).  
 The College does what Karen did,  
 (Without the rum? Nay! God forbid!)  
 It takes materials, fresh, uncooked,  
 And then (there's nothing overlooked)  
 Cooks them, while they're still alive,  
 With love and whip, and so contrives  
 To turn them out for God to bless:  
 A band of angels (more or less).

But as for me, I'll only say  
 I'll never rue that happy day  
 When Provost Rick persuaded me  
 To take up whip and axe and be  
 The Dean of this most blessed place,  
 This holy house, this sacred space,  
 And spend these years with all of you,  
 A motley and delightful crew  
 Of wicked sinners, whom I'll miss,  
 And in my dotage reminisce  
 On years as good as God could make,  
 And also on that glorious cake.

Ex-Dean of Theology David.

**Our Sympathy** is expressed to the Rev Canon Sandra Tilley on the death of her brother Eric Taylor on April 14<sup>th</sup>, and to the family of the Ven Dr J Fred Gosse (QC 1961) on April 21<sup>st</sup>. His early ministry was spent at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, St John's, before moving to Ontario. May they rest in peace and rise in Glory!

**The Newsletter** will resume distribution August 19<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for articles etc is August 17<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your summer!

Father John (Editor)

**Queen's College Appeal:** In consultation with the Executive Archdeacons of each of the Anglican Dioceses in Newfoundland and Labrador, the Finance Committee of Corporation has decided to postpone the Queen's College Appeal until Fall 2021. We all recognize and appreciate the current financial pressures. We look forward to your support in the fall, and we certainly appreciate donations at any time. You can contribute to

Queen's College by donating on line at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/16498>, by mailing a cheque to 210 Prince Philip Drive, St. John's, NL A1B 3R6, or call the General Office to use your credit card. Tax receipts are issued for all donations.

**A bequest** to Queen's College keeps on giving for years to come.

Please consider us in your estate planning.

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.

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