



NEWSLETTER

Queen's College Faculty of Theology

October 2021 - Convocation Edition

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Greetings and Thanks from the Provost

Thank you all for making my first Convocation as Provost a joy and a delight. It was so good to be able to gather together in person at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all of the COVID-19 protocols that enabled us to gather safely. Thank you as well to all who participated digitally – it was wonderful that we could share this event with you all.

This Newsletter is full of information and photos about Convocation 2021 and you can access the recording of the evenings' events at https://youtu.be/v_mMqFFkAc. I am heartened by all of the positive responses to our Convocation – watch for yourself and see what a wonderful event it was, complete with greetings, addresses, and most importantly the awarding of degrees and scholarships.

Convocation provided a time for me to reflect on the 180 year history of Queen's College and the joy and beauty of what has been created. I rooted my report in Paul's description of the church as God's work of art and Queen's College as a beautiful tapestry that reflects God's beauty and reminds the world of the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is my honour to continue to be a part of this amazing place! My report can be found by clicking this link: <http://queenscollegenl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Convocation-2021-Provost-Address.pdf>

Again, thank you for your continuing support of Queen's College!

Blessings,

Joanne

Convocation Eucharist took place at the Church



of St Thomas' St. John's on Wednesday, October 20th. St Thomas' was chosen in recognition of the 180th anniversary of the first Queen's College students who began their training in that exact same church. The Chancellor, the

Rt Rev John Watton was our presider and former provost, Dr Rick Singleton was our homilist. He spoke briefly on our faith journey acknowledging the 'Kingship of God, the Activity of God, our Intimacy with God, and our Connectedness to the Body of God. We have a place with God, and it is up to us to make the presence of Christ real in our world.'

Students from our programs shared in scripture readings and leading of intercessions. Thank you to the Rev Debbie Pantin, Tracey Sullivan and Mary-Anne Stevens who with the chaplain planned the liturgy, which was attended by about 45 students,



faculty, families and friends. A special thank-you to the Rev Gail MacDonald and the parishioners of St Thomas for providing us the opportunity to celebrate this milestone in our college life.

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CONVOCATION
October 21st, 2021

Convocation 2021 What a joy it was to have Convocation 2021 as an in-person and live streamed gathering in the Church of St Mary the Virgin, St. John's on October 21st. Following the arrival of her honour, The Honourable Judy M Foote, Lieutenant Governor of

Newfoundland and Labrador, the Chancellor the Rt Rev John Watton declared Convocation open and then read the Land Acknowledgement. Opening Prayer was led by the Rt Rev John Organ, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland. Greetings were brought by the Lieutenant Governor, Her Honour Judy M Foote, the Honourable Tom Osbourne, MHA and Dr Sean Cadigan, Associate Vice-President (Academic), Memorial University.

Following the Affirmation in the Office of Provost, the Rev Dr Joanne Mercer gave her inaugural Report to Convocation. The highlights are found in her 'Greetings and Thanks from the Provost'.



The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Most Rev Linda Nicholls delivered her address. She spoke of 'Milestones in Life' and how this day will be remembered by the Graduates and Families as a continuation of Baptismal Ministry. The Primate offered three 'Words of Counsel', not as an expert but as a fellow traveler, a pilgrim: 1) You are a child of God first, nurture your faith; 2) Never stop being curious in learning, there are new areas of exploration and new ideas; and 3) Nurture good friends who help keep us humble and grounded. The Primate concluded by asking all to listen to the voice of God within us which leads us closer to our life in Christ.

Mr Dennis Budgell read his citation for the awarding of the degree of Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa) to the Rev Jim Reid. He gave a wonderful picture of 'Rev Jim' from his early days in Codroy and his ministry throughout the province, recognizing his 20+ years in Gander. Rev Jim's son Douglas and daughter Kathryn were his attendees. The Chancellor then admitted Dr Jim and the Convocation showed their congratulations to him with a hearty applause.



The College Chaplain, Father John Courage announced the names of candidates in their respective programs. Each Graduate's academic hood was placed by an attendee and Dr Carmel Doyle, Director of Student Programs handed each their certificate or diploma.

Closing prayer was led by the Ven Charlene Taylor. Convocation 2021 adjourned with Bishop John Watton leading in prayer, and expressed thanks to all who made this day a memorable one and declaring Convocation closed.

For the Diploma in Theology and Ministry

❖ **Nicole Critch**

- *The Archbishop Robert L and Elizabeth Seaborn Scholarship for first place standing the Bachelor of Theology by Distance Program and The Dr Tom Pope Memorial Bursary, sponsored by the Diocese of Central Newfoundland for Love of Church and Ministry demonstrated through commitment to continuing theological education*

❖ **Maureen Howard (in absentia)**

- *The Queen's College Benefactor's Award for the Engagement in Continuing Education in Mission and Ministry – RC Stream*

❖ **Edward Kelly**

- *The Queen's College Benefactor's Award for the Engagement in Continuing Education in Mission and Ministry*

❖ **Kimberley Kelly**

- *The Queen's College Alumni/ae Association Scholarship in support of Christian Discipleship*

❖ **Beverly March (in absentia)**

- *The Queen's College Benefactors Award for the Engagement in Continuing Education in Mission and Ministry*

❖ **The Rev Vernon Short**

❖ **Melissa Wong (in absentia)**

For the Diploma in Missional Leadership

❖ **The Rev William Henry Neal Buffett (in absentia)**

❖ **The Rev Nancy March**

- *The Venerable Frederick and Lillian Oake Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Pastoral Leadership*

❖ **Jamie Eldon Warren (in absentia)**

Diploma in Theology in Discipleship & Ministry

❖ **Jeannette Flückiger-Ziegler (in absentia)**

For the Youth Ministry Certificate

❖ **Hannah Daisy Clara Sheppard**

For the degree, Associate in Theology

❖ **Ikechukwu Azuakoemu (in absentia)**

❖ **Sandra Loder**

❖ **Derrick Sheppard**

❖ **Hannah Sheppard**

- *The Rick Anthony Memorial Award for perseverance and dedication to the study of theology in the Associate in Theology Program.*

❖ **The Rev Vernon Short**

- *The Queen's College Alumni/ae Association Scholarship for the Associate in Theology graduate with second place standing.*

❖ **Cavalle Young (in absentia):**

- *The Queen's College Alumni/ae Association Scholarship for the Associate in Theology graduate with first place standing.*

For the degree, Bachelor of Theology by Distance

❖ **Tracy Lynn Sullivan (Honours)**

- *The Bishop JA and Beatrice Meaden Scholarship for first place standing in the Master of Theology Program and The Clifton C Hatcher Scholarship for Progressive Leadership in promoting ideals and activities appropriate to the role of Queen's College and the Church in the modern world.*

For the degree, Bachelor of Theology in Discipleship & Ministry

❖ **Raymond Alexander Elliott (in absentia)**

❖ **Charlotte Lloyd-Evans (in absentia)**

❖ **Kevin Moore (in absentia)**

❖ **Ian Arthur Nicholson (Honours) (in absentia)**

For the degree, Master of Divinity

❖ **The Rev Deborah Anne Pantin (Honours)**

- *The Bertha and Fred R Earle Scholarship for first place standing in year three of the MDiv/BTh Program, The Father Maidment Scholarship for highest grade in Homiletics and The Harvey and Doris Murcell Scholarship for overall excellence in preparation for Ministry in Newfoundland and Labrador.*

❖ **Donald Patrick Devine (Honours)**

- *The R A Parsons Scholarship for commitment to life-long learning.*

For the degree, Master of Theology

❖ **Gary Lee Langdon (Honours)**

❖ **The Rev Frederick Joseph Marshall**

❖ **Tracy Lynn Sullivan (Honours)**

For the degree, Master of Theological Studies

❖ **Harold Seaby Boomer, (in absentia)**

❖ **Charlene Curtis (in absentia)**

❖ **Mary-Anne Louise Stevens (Honours):**

- *The Queen's College Scholarship for the first place Graduate in the Master of Theological Studies.*

Scholarships & Awards (non-graduating students)

❖ **The Rev Terry Coates**

- *The Mabel A Gosse Scholarship for first place standing in year two of the MDiv/BTh programs*

❖ **Karen Mitchell**

- *The Bishop Mark and Dr Maxine Genge Scholarship for first place standing in the Master of Theology program and The Canon Frank and Matilda Cluett Scholarship for the study of scripture*

❖ **McKinley Winters and Darlene Winters**

- *The Queen's College Alumni/as Association Award for continued demonstration of Queen's College Core Values of Christ-Centeredness, Commitment, Development and Collegiality*

❖ **Corey Parish:**

- *The Clifton C Hatcher Scholarship for Progressive Leadership in promoting ideals and activities appropriate to the role of Queen's College and the Church in the modern world*

❖ **Shannon Meade**

- *The Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador Award for Commitment to Learning in the Master of Theology and Master of Theological Studies*

❖ **Marilyn Gardiner**

- *The Queen's College Benefactors Award for Continuing Education and Ministry*



Cyprus and the Gulf Convocation 2021

A degree Convocation was held at St Paul's Cathedral Nicosia on October 26th to admit four new Queen's graduates to the BTh in Discipleship and Ministry. This is the second graduation ceremony to have been held in Cyprus as a result of the special link between Queen's and the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. On this occasion the three graduands present were all from Cyprus, but the Diocese covers ten political jurisdictions including most of the Middle East. On the last occasion in 2018, Dr Rick Singleton was present to represent Queen's. On this occasion Rev Dr John Holdsworth, a member of the Adjunct academic Faculty at Queen's and lately Director of Ministry for the Diocese read a letter of congratulation from Dr Joanne Mercer. In it she said that the founders of Queen's would have been amazed to know that graduates of the College were being admitted four thousand miles away, but it was wonderful that despite that distance these new graduates were connected to Queen's in a special way. The Most Reverend Michael Lewis, bishop of the Diocese and

Archbishop of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, admitted the graduates, two of whom will continue to serve as Readers and two as Priests. The Archbishop expressed his delight at being present on this special occasion, and his appreciation of the tremendous hard work over six years that had led to the awards. The occasion was set in the context of a service of Evensong at which the Archbishop preached. He spoke of the importance of Wisdom, and of recognizing its source in Christ himself.

Pictured below: The Archbishop Michael Lewis presenting a degree certificate assisted Dr Holdsworth; and the graduates present awarded (one degree in absentia) together with Archbishop Michael after the service.

