



# NEWSLETTER

## Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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### Message from the Provost

We have begun yet another semester completely online!! It was not what we had hoped for and it is not what we had planned, but here we are. Thankfully our computer skills are already honed and we have made the adjustment to Zoom classroom and worship very well. I am deeply thankful that we have the technology to stay connected and to learn and pray together as a community.

I am also excited to welcome the Rev Robert Cooke to Queen's College as a full-time faculty member. Robert is no stranger to Queen's College as he has been teaching as an adjunct faculty member almost since he graduated. Robert is busy working on his PhD and is already sharing his learnings with us in the new course he developed: Faith and Worship in a Digital Age. You will see in this newsletter that he is already making connections in the community and getting valued press coverage.

We will be reaching out to the wider faith community with our Annual Queen's College Appeal. This year February 13 is Queen's College Appeal Sunday and we are preparing digital resources for use in parishes. There will be worship resources provided that can be integrated into Sunday Services whether they are in person or online. Your continued support of Queen's College in your prayers and through your financial contributions is greatly appreciated. We are all part of this community together.

*The Rev Dr Joanne Mercer - Provost*

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**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** has been shared by alumni, faculty and students from the various faith traditions represented by our College.

#### Chapel Worship link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89891865583?pwd=N0tKM25TaEo2eFdNbjErenphYjRPUT09>

Meeting ID: 898 9186 5583

Passcode: 897453

### Chapel Worship (on-line)

Monday 8:45 Morning Prayer  
12:00 Service of the Word

Tuesday 8:45 Morning Prayer  
12:15 Mid-Day Prayer

Wednesday 12:00 Service of the Word

Thursday 8:45 Morning Prayer  
12:15 Mid-Day Prayer  
3:30 Evening Prayer



**Congratulations** to the Rev Derrick Sheppard on his ordination to the diaconate at St Mark's Church, St John's on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Rescheduled:** The Rt Rev Samuel Rose has rescheduled the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev Deborah Pantin and the Rev Amber Tremblett due to the current COVID-19 situation until further notice.

**Our Sympathy** to Dr Geoffrey Carnell (DSL-honoris causa 2019) on the death of his sister Debra Carnell of St. John's on Christmas Day 2021.

**Anniversaries:** The College 'Boards' show a number of our graduates will be celebrating special anniversaries in years ending in "2" or "7". If you haven't sent in your date of ordination(s) would you take a moment to email the editor at [jjcourage@mun.ca](mailto:jjcourage@mun.ca). Thank you



**Faculty Notes:** Dr Michelle Rebidoux's book *The Last Thing Is Longing* was published December 2021.



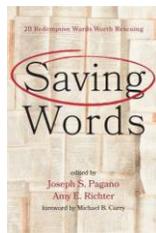
“Written over a period of approximately twenty years, the poems in this collection are unified in a single theme--the experience of longing. The poems explore multiple expressions of longing--longing for love, for personal relationship,

for youth, for beauty, for creativity, for the divine, for transcendence, for immortality--which are explored through the generous use of symbolic (sometimes theological) language, and often through images of nature. The ultimate "thesis" of the book is that while longing serves as the potency to carry one along the road of one's spiritual journey, it is also the last thing that must be let go of in order to reach one's destination--the last thing to be sacrificed before the heart is able to trust and to open to transcendent joy.”

<https://wipfandstock.com/9781666734850/the-last-thing-is-longing/>

**The Rev Joe Pagano and the Rev Amy Richter** have edited *Saving Words – 20 Redemptive Words Worth Rescuing* with a forward by the

ECUSA presiding bishop, the Rt Rev Michael B Curry. “What words from our Christian vocabulary would you miss if you could no longer use them? If you pronounced them and no one understood? If you spoke and people gave them a meaning at odds with your conviction? What words do you fear are falling into misuse? If you could save some word or phrase from disuse or misuse what would it be? Saving Words is a collection of personal, provocative essays by lay people,



clergy, poets, theologians, musicians, and scholars on words they want to preserve and proclaim, urgent and important reflections on the language we need for the facing of these days. Open this volume and find saving words that matter.” Rev Amy writes ‘I think the exciting thing about the book is our approach of "theological memoir" and the range of experiences and subjects this called forth from the contributors—all Anglicans from Canada, the USA, the UK, Spain, several of whom have also lived in parts of Africa and India.’ [https://wipfandstock.com/9781725262225/saving-words/?mc\\_cid=c16115cd7d&mc\\_eid=a27cfcd561](https://wipfandstock.com/9781725262225/saving-words/?mc_cid=c16115cd7d&mc_eid=a27cfcd561)



**The Rev Robert Cooke** was recently interviewed by Jamie Fitzpatrick of CBC. You may listen by going to

[https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-72-weekend-am/clip/15888020-jamie-fitzpatrick-talks-rev.-robert-cooke-future-church?fbclid=IwAR3uA792eNMI6hzPkslh1Vsm-2yWka7dQIALnkySSSXPUIstAr\\_xGzRntjc](https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-72-weekend-am/clip/15888020-jamie-fitzpatrick-talks-rev.-robert-cooke-future-church?fbclid=IwAR3uA792eNMI6hzPkslh1Vsm-2yWka7dQIALnkySSSXPUIstAr_xGzRntjc).

**The first Day of Awareness** for the Winter 2022 semester took place *Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>*. In preparation participants were asked to listen to a podcast of an interview between host Krista Tippett and author Katherine May on *‘How ‘Wintering’ replenishes’*.

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/3g9FrSfrZfa5l3GlE10pCX?fbclid=IwAR1eWTKRRRwJJA5TgGscftlc4nYhbmTeQRkTVVvYQ8UIIX--FZAEFIEJmT0>

Katherine May has written several books including *Wintering: the Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times*. Winter is not the death of the life cycle but its crucible. It is a time for reflection and recuperation... it is essential.

The day began with opening prayer led by the Provost, Dr Joanne who then facilitated a time of reflection and discussion on how ‘wintering’ is a part of the seasonal and cyclical model for human lives and mental health and on how we can and do ‘winter’ well during this time of great stress and pandemic. This was a good morning of sharing by each of the participants. The day ended with Dr Joanne leading the closing prayer and blessing.

Our next Day of Awareness is February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Student Association:** A note of appreciation was sent to the Association by the Rev Lynn Courage of the Parish of the Ascension. In December a number of students contributed books to the parish as a part of their Advent outreach. This year the Association partnered with the Daybreak Parent Child Centre. Rev. Lynn wrote "Through the generosity of the parish and donations from students of Queen's College we were able to donate 201 books to children ages 2-3 years of age. The Executive Director attended our morning church service on December 12th and was presented with this gift. She informed the congregation that Daybreak has been in operation for almost 50 years and spoke with great passion about their programs and learning centre". Below is an excerpt from their website, entitled "Who We Are: *Daybreak Parent Child Centre is intentionally designated as a "parent child centre" to meet the diverse, complex needs of families. Recognizing parents as the primary influence in their children's lives, Daybreak fosters opportunities for positive parent-child interactions by*

*encouraging the participation of parents in their children's education and development. Daybreak supports the development of healthy children in the context of family and the family within community."*



Please Note: For the months of January and February the **Student Association** are asking members and others to help the *Ronald McDonald House* through donations of items that are found on their wish list. The full wish list can be found at the following website <https://rmhcnl.ca/get-involved/wish-list/>

**Social Media:** Keep up to date on the life of the College by visiting our Face Book page, Twitter and You Tube.

**The Next Newsletter** will be circulated the week of February 21<sup>st</sup>

**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 [kevinsmith209@gmail.com](mailto:kevinsmith209@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 love one.

