



# NEWSLETTER

## Queen's College Faculty of Theology

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### **Greetings from the Provost**

Wow! What an amazing Convocation! Many have commented that there was a palpable energy in the room, and in the livestream. The speakers, the students, the hymns, all of it went together to not only speak to current state of Queen's College, but motivated us to look forward to the challenge and opportunity before us in this time and place in which the Church finds itself.

Congratulations to all of the graduates and award winners. Your hard work has been rewarded. We are so proud to have been a part of your journey and we can't wait to see what creative and transformative things you get up to next!

It was a privilege to recognize the work of Dr. Janice Fitzgerald with an honorary doctorate. She has been such a steady hand and an inspiration to so many. Thank you to Dr. Carmel Doyle for her wonderful words about Dr. Fitzgerald and to all who sent in thank you photos for our musical slideshow of thanks.

Thank you to all of our guests and to our speaker, Bishop Riscylla Shaw for making our night so special. Bishop Shaw also led an Alumni Association event the day before Convocation where she inspired us with the wisdom of "The Seven Grandfather Teachings." At both Convocation and the Alumni Event she reminded us of the important work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and the ongoing steps that remain in the journey of healing the brokenness in human relationships and all of creation.

Convocation marks the end of one academic year and the beginning of the next one. I hope you are already thinking about what you want to learn next! We have some great courses lined up for the Fall with some new professors as well. We are continuing to look for new ways to meet the needs of our faith communities.

Enjoy your summer and we will see you here in the Fall!

Joanne

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**Convocation Eucharist** for graduates, family and students took place on May 11<sup>th</sup> at St Augustine's Church. Our chaplain, Father John was the officiant and our homilist was Dr Carmel who wove together the four scripture readings chosen by the Planning Committee and how each speaks to our



responsibility to live the Good News using the tools students have learned over the past three years. As always, there was a time for fellowship.

**The Alumni Association Workshop** took place May 12<sup>th</sup> at St Augustine's Church Hall, St. John's. The morning began with a welcome from the Rev Canon Dr Frank Cluett, the chair of the Alumni Association and the Rev Rudolph Anthony, Rector of the Parish. The College Chaplain, Father John led morning devotions from the Iona Community and included a 'Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church' (Diocese of Rupert's Land 2017). Following a presentation on behalf of the College to

our retiring chaplain the Provost introduced our guest, the Rt Rev Riscylla Shaw, area Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto.



Bishop Riscylla led a Bible Based Discipleship reflection from John 13:16-20 which provided three opportunities to hear different versions of scripture, each followed by sharing from the community answering the questions: 'What words spoke to you? What did we hear Jesus say? and What is Jesus asking us

to do?'. Acknowledging the diversity of our backgrounds, the Bishop then led a land acknowledgement naming some of the Indigenous people represented by all those at the workshop.

Bishop Riscylla circulated a card to each person on the 'The Seven Grandfather Teachings' and explained how we can learn from this traditional Aboriginal Teaching:

- To cherish knowledge is to know **wisdom**;
- To know **love** is to know peace;
- To honour all of creation is to have **respect**;
- **Bravery** is to face the foe with integrity;
- **Honesty** in facing a situation is to be brave;
- **Humility** is to know yourself as a sacred part of creation;
- **Truth** is to know all of these things.



Bishop Riscylla concluded her presentation by sharing stories by 1<sup>st</sup> Nation Peoples and on her current work on reconciliation on behalf of the Anglican Church of Canada.

This was an excellent

opportunity to learn more of our Aboriginal heritage and the ongoing work of our church.

The Annual General Meeting of the Alumni took place after lunch with the election of officers for 2022: President: The Rev Paulette Budgen, Vice-President: The Rev Debbie Pantin, Secretary: The Rev Terrance Coates, Treasurer: The Rev Gerri Poirier and Members at Large: The Rev Margaret Hall, The Rev Dr Canon Frank Cluett, The Venerable Dr Tom Moulton, The Rev Jeffrey Blackwood and Mr Eric White.

The Alumni has established a Scholarship with a capital of \$125,000 under the Queen's College Bursary and Trust Funds and will renew an appeal to grow the principle.

### Convocation 2022

What joy to gather as the Queen's College Community at Convocation 2022 with most of the COVID-19 restrictions lifted. Listening to the chatter before and again after convocation was heartwarming and a strong sign of how much we have been missing each other.



Convocation 2022 began with the arrival of Her Honour, the Honourable Judy Foote, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador. Following the National

Anthems of Canada and the Ukraine and a reading of the Land Acknowledgement, Bishop Sam led the gathering prayers. Her Honour congratulated the graduates and spoke of the 'Heart Garden' on the grounds of Government House which recognizes the aboriginal children who have died. Dr Margaret Steele brought greetings from Memorial University and wished our graduates well in the future.

Dr Joanne gave her report to Convocation, referring to our past history and the new vision of the college

through the years as it meets the needs of our time. The new Vision of the College now reads: "Queen's College is an accepting, responsive, affirming, pioneering, empowering community of theological learning and spiritual formation sending forth disciples to help transform society through God's redeeming love."

Bishop Riscylla addressed convocation on the ongoing work of reconciliation and our role in healing relationships with each other and creation and our role in making it a reality.



Dr Carmel Doyle read her citation for the awarding of the degree of Divinity (Honoris Causa) to Dr Janice Fitzgerald. Her citation spoke of Dr Fitzgerald and her team in their commitment to health care in our province and our need to 'Hold Fast'. The citation concluded with a video

from all parts of our province who contributed pictures saying 'Thank you' to Dr Fitzgerald. The appreciation of convocation was shown by the sustaining applause given to Dr Fitzgerald.

Bishop John Organ lead the closing prayer and Convocation adjourned with the singing of the "Ode to Newfoundland", the obligatory photographs and a wonderful reception.

To view Convocation and to the 'Thank you Doctor Fitzgerald' video go to our Face Book page. [Queen's College, Faculty of Theology | Facebook](#)

### Convocation Awards and Scholarships

#### For the Diploma in Theology and Ministry Clarence Coombs (*in absentia*)

**Maxine Drover**

**Cindy Farrell**

**Vince MacLeod (*in absentia*)**

**Valerie Pearce**

**Arlene Samms (*in absentia*)**

**Faye Tetford (*in absentia*)**

**Joanne Wheeler (*in absentia*)**

#### For the Associate in Theology

**Kelsie Langdon**

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

**Valerie Pearce**

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

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

**For the degree, Bachelor of Theology by Distance**

**Marilyn Gardner (Honours) (in absentia)**

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

**For the degree, Bachelor of Theology**

**Nicole Critch**

**For the degree, Master of Divinity**

**Terrance Coates**

-The Bertha and Fred R. Earle Scholarship for first place standing in year three of the M.Div./B.Th. program

-The Harvey and Doris Murcell Scholarship for overall excellence in preparation for Ministry in Newfoundland and Labrador

-The Rev Dr Alexander Daley Memorial Award for Liturgical Praxis for excellence in demonstrating a good working knowledge of the directives and practical application of liturgical principles through effective preparation and leadership

**For the degree, Master of Theology**

**Renee Easton**

-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

**Simbarashe Mazhara (Honours)**

-The Bishop J.A. and Beatrice Meaden Scholarship for first place standing in the Master of Theology program

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

**Tia Morey**

**For the degree, Master of Theological Studies**

**Jeffrey Oni-Bobi**

-The Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador Scholarship for the first place Graduate in the Master of Theological Studies

***Scholarships & awards presented to non-graduating students***

**Karen Mitchell**

- The Mabel A. Gosse Scholarship for first place standing in year two of the MDiv / BTh programs  
- The Father Maidment Scholarship for highest grade in Homiletics as well as the Queen's College Alumni/ae Association Award for continued demonstration of Queen's College Core Values of Christ-Centeredness, Commitment, Development and Collegiality

**Charlotte Toyne**

- The Bishop Mark and Dr. Maxine Genge Scholarship for first place standing in year one of the MDiv / BTh programs

**Annie Rose**

- The Archbishop Robert L. and Elizabeth Seaborn Scholarship for first place standing in the Bachelor of Theology by Distance Program

**Clarence Coombs**

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

**Darlene Winters**

- The Canon Frank and Matilda Cluett Scholarship for the study of scripture

**McKinley Winters**

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

**Vernon Short**

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

**Hermese Duncan-Alexander**

- The Rick Anthony Memorial Award for perseverance and dedication to the study of theology in the Associate in Theology program is awarded to

**Aidan Torraville**

- The Queen's College Award for Skill Achievement in Homiletics is awarded to

The Inaugural Dr. Rick Singleton Award for Excellence in Teaching is awarded to **Dr. Carmel Doyle**

**Fall 2022 Course Offerings:**

**Biblical Studies 3000-Q** *Introduction to the Old Testament* - Sr. Elizabeth Davis

**Biblical Studies 3005-Q** *Study of the Torah* - Sr. Elizabeth Davis

**Pastoral Studies 3482-Q** *Spirituality for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* -Dr. Carmel Doyle

**Theological Studies 3950-Q** *Research Seminar/Thesis Writing* - Dr. Michelle Rebidoux

**Theological Studies 3510-Q** *Systematic Theology I*  
- Rev. Robert Cooke

**Liturgical Studies 3808-Q** *Introduction to Christian Liturgy* - Dr. Gerard Whitty

**Pastoral Studies 3450-Q** *Theology and Pastoral Care* - Fr. Tony Bidgood

## Associate Course Offerings

**\*New Course\* Theological Studies 2530-Q** *Faith and Worship in a Digital Age* - Rev. Robert Cooke

**Biblical Studies 2000-Q** *Introduction to the Old Testament* - Dr. Nathalie Lacoste

**Biblical Studies 2200-Q** *Introduction to the New Testament* - Ms. Jill Rose

**Biblical Studies 2212-Q** *Portraits of Jesus*  
Rev. David Newman

**Church History 2102-Q** *The First 1500 Years*  
Dr. Jonathan Lofft

**Pastoral Studies 2400-Q** *Introduction to Pastoral Care, Part A* - Dr. Rick Singleton

**Pastoral Studies 2465-Q** *Pastoral Care & Counseling for the Grieving and Bereaved*  
Dr. Rick Singleton

**Liturgical Studies 2800-Q** *Introduction to Christian Liturgy* - Dr. Gerard Whitty

**Liturgical Studies 2818-Q** *Introduction to the Eucharist* - Dr. Gerard Whitty

**Pastoral Studies 2450-Q** *The Vocational Diaconate: Past, Present and Future* - Rev. Jolene Peters

**Pastoral Studies 2442-Q** *The Challenge and Blessing of Fostering Adult Faith* - Dr. Carmel Doyle

**Congratulations** to the Rt Rev Cyrus Pitman, the Rev Canon Benjamin Burry and the Rev Ed Lewis who celebrated their 55th Anniversary to the Diaconate on June 4th.

**Our sympathy** is extended to Archdeacon David and Elaine Taylor on the death of their son Eugene David Taylor on April 21st and Elaine's sister Glenda Specker of Nova Scotia on May 15<sup>th</sup>; to the Rev Kathleen Osmond and family and the Rev Jane Allen and family on the death of husband and brother the Rev Nelson Osmond on April 24<sup>th</sup>; to Archdeacon Nancy March on the death of her grandmother Mary Tapp of St John's on May 12<sup>th</sup>; and to the family of the Rev Dr Garry Milley, St Thomas, Ontario, a former adjunct professor on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

### From the Chaplain/Newsletter Editor

It is hard to believe where the past four years have gone. I have enjoyed being with you in person, online and through the pages of the Newsletter. I thank the many who have taken the time to provide articles and information for the Newsletter and most recently messages of thanks and good wishes. I thank Dr Rick Singleton for providing me this wonderful opportunity and to the current Provost for renewing my contract this past year. It has been a blessing. THANK YOU!  
Father John+

