

# Continuing Education Opportunities with Becca Whitla, Professor of Pastoral Studies



**Dr. Becca Whitla** is Professor of Pastoral Studies at St. Andrew's College. She has a degree in Fine Arts (Music and Humanities), Sacred Music, and Liturgical Theology. Becca has had one foot in the church and one foot outside, leading community singing and liturgies in both places. She is the Secretary of the Hymn Society and has led song and liturgy for the United Church of Canada, the Anglican Church of Canada, and in many other settings nationally and internationally. Her research and writing focus on liberationist and decolonial approaches to liturgy and practical theology.

## **Courses available for audit (check the most recent schedule of college course offerings):**

PA 110 – Introduction to the Study of Worship

PA 160 – Introduction to Christian Education

PA 212 – Preaching: The Word in Worship

## **Other Courses:**

PA 392 – Emerging Perspectives in Liturgy and Practical Theology

## **Community course possibilities: (6-8 weeks)**

- Songs of the Church: A history of Christian Song
- Liberating Liturgy
- Planning and Leading Worship

## **Conversations in community/workshop possibilities:**

- The Colonizing Power of Song and Other Ways of Singing
- Singing Sacred Songs on the Picket Line
- Inspired by Song in the Face of Struggle
- Hymn Writing, Song leading, and Planning Congregational Singing
- Approaches to Intercultural and Interreligious Ritual

## **Titles of Books for Potential Book Studies:**

- J. Bell, *The Singing Thing One* and/or *The Singing Too*, Wild Goose Publications.
- W. Kervin, *Gathered for Worship: Sourcebook for Worship Committees, Leaders, and Teams*. United Church Publishing, 2010.
- B. Whitla, *Liberation, (De)Coloniality, and Liturgical Practices: Flipping the Song Bird*. Palgrave MacMillan, 2020.
- D. Csinos; I. Beckwith, *Children's Ministry in the Way of Jesus*. InterVarsity Press, 2013.

## **Directed studies topic possibilities:**

- Liberation and Liturgy
- Emerging Theme(s) in Practical Theology
- Approaches to Preaching
- Aspects of Christian Education