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St. Andrew's College celebrated convocation May 3 with 11 degrees, diplomas and certificates awarded along with three honorary degrees. Attending the ceremony were (Back, L. to R.) Hyun Heo, Kyoko Takatsu, Laura Hermakin, Mitchell Anderson and Shirl Christian. The Honorary Doctor of Divinity recipients were (Front, L. to R.) Brian Walton, Krishan Kapila and Lorne Calvert. **Please see story on Page 5.**

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It's a time of thanksgiving for our College

By Doug Neufeld
Board Chair, St. Andrew's College

"It was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." (2 Chronicles 5:13)

Some may feel I'm out of sync as this is the spring issue of Contact and not the fall, but I feel it's my duty to make myself heard in thanksgiving at this time because we have so much to be thankful for.



We're thankful to have convocated 11 graduates of our various programs this year, plus the three honorary doctorates we awarded to Brian Walton, Krishan Kapila and Lorne Calvert. A special surprise to the convocation ceremony was when both the Lutheran Theological Seminary and the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad awarded Lorne with Letters

of Honour recognizing his contributions to the Saskatoon Theological Union. We are so blessed to have such a gifted faculty and staff and it's extra special when our friends outside our college honour them.

We are thankful Lutheran Theological Seminary has announced it is staying in Saskatoon. We were concerned that we were going to lose them from the STU and this announcement is great news that our colleagues are here to stay and the

plan is their library will be joining ours. It will be an amazing asset to have those vast resources all in one location.

We are thankful for the installation of the Treaty Medal Plaque and the amazing ceremony held May 1. As a justice-seeking community it is so important to have space recognizing that our college, our church and our country has much work ahead in reconciliation with our Indigenous relatives. All in attendance for the ceremony were moved by the stories, music and ritual. There were no "trumpets and cymbals" but the drumming, singing and dance was an even greater message of praise to The Creator. The sharing of culture can be so powerful and we need to continue to utilize these opportunities to connect so intimately.

We give thanks for everything that Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg has contributed to the college and for who she is. We thank her for the knowledge shared and the relationships built as we wish her great fortune in her future at Emmanuel College. HyeRan brought a unique set of gifts to the college that we will surely miss and we congratulate Emmanuel on what they have gained.

We are thankful for our many supporters and contributors; without their help, the college would fail to exist. We received significant gifts from the closures of Whitmore Park United Church, Meewasin Valley United Church and Chinook Presbytery. This is bittersweet as we mourn their loss with them but appreciate the graciousness in thinking of St. Andrew's when it came time to disperse their funds. We are thankful that their ministry continues by providing resources to develop ministry leaders of the future.

And we thank God. We thank God for everything he provides for us and for everything she created us to be. For we know God is good and God's steadfast love endures forever.

Kim-Cragg's contributions helped strengthen St. Andrew's

After 10 and a half years of dedicated service to St. Andrew's College, HyeRan Kim-Cragg has accepted an invitation to fill the position of Associate Professor of Preaching at Emmanuel College, Toronto.

She takes her position on July 1.

HyeRan has participated fully in the life of the College during her time in Saskatoon, dedicating herself with enthusiasm to the teaching of our students and making a great contribution in the academia.

She has been instrumental in establishing new relationships for St.

Andrew's with our Korean partners at Hanshin University and it is our intention to ensure those connections continue and thrive.

Her colleagues and friends are excited for HyeRan as she assumes her new role at Emmanuel. This is a wonderful opportunity for her to continue to excel her own scholarship and nurture those students who are pursuing doctoral work.

We will miss her immensely but give thanks for the time we have shared and we send her to her new ministry of teaching with our blessings.



HyeRan Kim-Cragg will join the faculty of Emmanuel College

Many milestones, many moments during first year

By Dea. Richard Manley-Tannis
Principal, St. Andrew's College

I am grateful to continue our new conversation together through *Contact*. My year of firsts is coming to an end: what a year it has been!

From the gift of gathering with those who steward and nurture the College, to times with faculty as they imaginatively and passionately prepare and nurture leadership for the church and the world, to convocations, trusted conversations with students and those discerning what Call might mean and look like in their lives, it has been a blessed time in the midst of life's inevitable unfolding.

I am not sure there is any one milestone I would offer, but here are two that occur to me as I write to you. They are both connected with the May gathering of Academic and Finance committees and Board of Regents meetings, all culminating in the excitement that is convocation!

“Students breathe life into the College. New students and elders in the same room remind an academic institution that learning is never over.”

The first occurred when the St. Andrew's community gathered with friends and Indigenous partners to install a treaty medal plaque. This ritual, this ceremony, this liturgical public act is just one more step in the College's endeavour to live into right relations and nurture the journey toward reconciliation and reparation.

The other milestone was the lunch that occurred after chapel on the Friday of the Saskatoon Theological Union's Convoca-

tion. In the Main Lounge, as 60 of us gathered for fellowship to celebrate the graduates and Honorary Doctorate recipients, a friend and colleague's words came to me: "Students breathe life into the College."

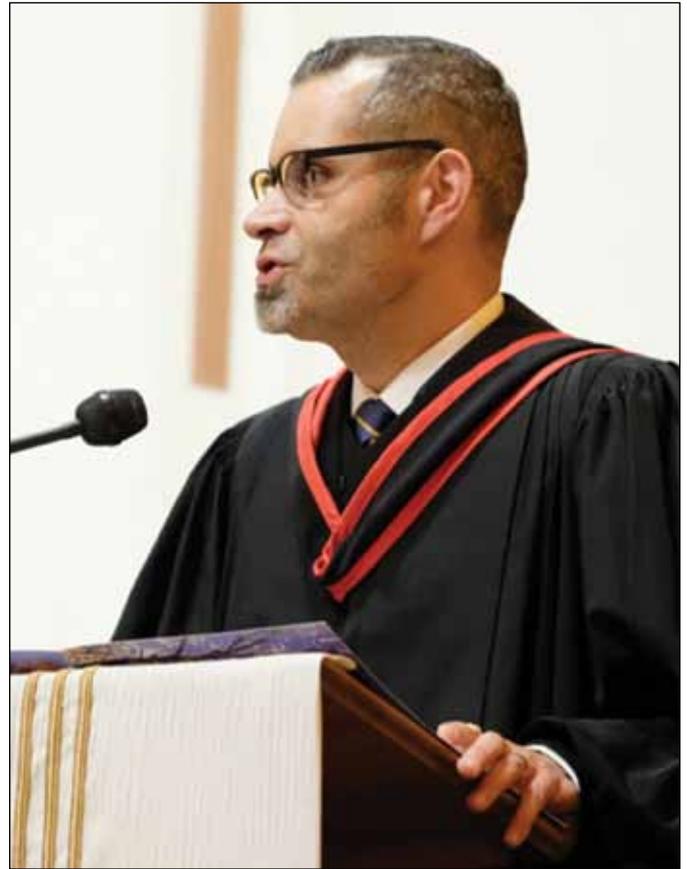
With those words in mind, I was struck that the wisdom of those receiving Honorary Doctorates also illustrates that we often end up back where we began. As such, they teach us to breathe in new ways in order to be better prepared to respond, as leaders, in ways that are new. New students and elders in the same room remind an academic institution that learning is never over.

Strategic Planning Process

The Board of Regents has begun a strategic planning process to ensure that at the fall 2020 meeting we will have a plan in place that continues to innovate and adapt, as the College has done throughout its history.

In these changing times, the intention is to continue to prepare critical thinkers and caring do'ers and be'ers of the Word for the church.

As well, we are beginning to ask how we might offer to the world Justice-Driven Education for Christian Leadership in a way that allows St. Andrew's to engage with building new relationships with secular Canada.



College Principal Dea. Richard Manley-Tannis

Classroom Capital Campaign

To that end, we have begun a new capital campaign: another first for me with the College! As you consider your call and the work in which St. Andrew's is engaged, I ask that you hold us in prayer and consider how you can support us as we begin to enhance our classrooms. As the College nurtures existing international partnerships and is beginning to explore new ones, enhancements to our classrooms allow us to share our Prairie theological context in a way that is so very exciting. I ask, therefore, that you consider how you or your communities of faith might be able to help us with this task in order to meet our goal of having the first enhanced classroom online in the summer of 2020!

Currently, the plan will unfold in two stages. This summer we will update the infrastructure in Room 322 to accommodate the new technology. The next stage, scheduled for summer 2020, will see the installation of this new technology. This campaign carries a cost of \$55,000 over the two stages. I am confident, having already received support from members of the alum, and knowing the history of the community's support in such endeavours, that we will most assuredly be able to complete this installation so that the College is indeed in a place to engage with a world that longs for the leaders we have the honour to prepare.

(Dea. Richard Manley-Tannis regularly shares his musings on his blog: adeaconsmusing.ca)

The Roast of Lorne Calvert

Lorne Calvert was roasted for a good cause on April 10.

Roasters from Calvert's church and political life shared stories and laughs with a crowd that gathered to celebrate the College's former principal and former Saskatchewan premier.

All funds raised will support the work of St. Andrew's College.



Lorne and Betty Calvert



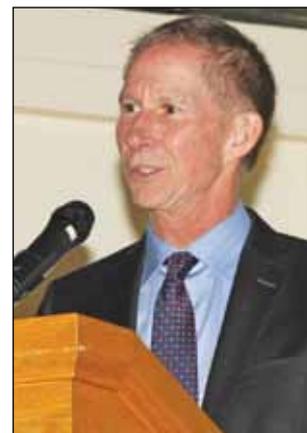
Victoria and Brian Walton



Faculty members offered a Calvert serenade



Glenn Hagel and Lorne Calvert: The Loose Jaws from Moose Jaw



Rob MacDonald was the evening's emcee



Annual Regina dinner supports College

The Regina fundraising gala dinner in support of St. Andrew's College was held May 14 at Wascana Country Club.

Guest speakers were Regina Archbishop Don Bolen and Denise Anaquod, (photo, left) speaking on the topic of

"Walking Together: Next Steps in Relations between Indigenous Peoples and the Christian Churches."

Musical entertainment was provided by Quarter Tones Flute Ensemble (photo, below).





Graduates honoured during College's convocation

St. Andrew's College awarded 11 degrees, diplomas and certificates along with three honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees during the Saskatoon Theological Union Convocation held May 3.

"It is a gift to celebrate you on this day," Principal Dea. Richard Manley-Tannis said during the College's convocation luncheon.

"If the students who come into this place breathe new life, as we were reminded today during worship, we often end up back where we've begun. These people who we recognize as honorary doctors remind us how to breathe and how to listen when we arrive at where we have been in order to reflect on where we might be going."

Five of the graduates were able to be present for the convocation worship service and evening ceremony.

Degrees were awarded to: Mitchell Anderson, Master of Divinity (with Honours); Aurora Coulthard, Bachelor of Theology; Hyun Heo, Master of Theological Studies (Pastoral Studies for International Partners); Kyoko Takatsu, Master of Theological Studies (31-credit); Lori Klein, Master of Theological Studies; Shirl Christian, Doctor of Ministry; and Laura Hermakin, Doctor of Ministry.

Designated Lay Ministry diplomas were awarded to Dawn Hill and Georgina Parsons. Nicholas Forrester

and John Rhoad received certificates recognizing the completion of work needed for admission to The United Church of Canada.

Lorne Calvert and Brian Walton of Saskatoon, along with Krishan Kapila of Regina, received Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa) degrees.



Walton

Brian Walton is a gifted pastoral minister, spiritual counsellor, and is well known for his skills at telling dramatic and instructive stories as a preacher. He is a graduate of St. Andrew's College and was ordained

to ministry with The United Church of Canada in June of 1977. All of his ministry positions since that time have been in Saskatchewan. He has served as congregational minister, hospital chaplain, counsellor, professor, spiritual care educator and director for spiritual health development.

Lorne Calvert's vocational life wove faith, justice, and leadership together with grace and humility. After receiving his BA in economics in Regina and his Bachelor of Divinity at St. Andrew's College, Lorne was ordained by the United Church in 1976 and served as minister of several Saskatchewan

congregations. He was elected to the Legislative Assembly as the New Democrat MLA for Moose Jaw South in 1986, re-elected in two subsequent elections and served several cabinet appointments. He was elected leader of the Saskatchewan NDP in 2001 and served as Premier of Saskatchewan until 2007. Following his retirement from politics, Calvert served as Principal at St. Andrew's College from 2009 until his retirement in 2018.



Calvert

Krishan Kapila is being honoured for his many contributions to communities of



Kapila

faith, especially for his leadership in multi-faith organizations and interfaith engagement and understanding. He believes selfless service to others is service to God, which can become a path to liberation. He has lived out this belief through his involvement with the Hindu worshipping community and with multi-faith organizations. He was one of the founders of MultiFaith Saskatchewan and served as its founding president.



Elvin and Kendrick Nicotine of the Red Pheasant Reserve carried the eagle staff and Treaty 6 flag

Spirit of reconciliation for special service

By Don Schweitzer

On the evening of May 1, St. Andrew's College celebrated the installation of a Treaty Medal Plaque in the College. The College sits on Treaty 6 territory.

The Treaty Medal Plaque is a large replica of the medal presented to participating chiefs when the treaty was signed. It has been mounted with an accompanying statement in the hall outside the chapel. Installing the plaque is part of our work towards reconciliation. It is a reminder of our treaty obligations and of our Indigenous neighbours who agreed to share the land with settlers.

The service celebrating the installation involved the Six Nations Drum Group. Elvin and Kendrick Nicotine, both of Red Pheasant Reserve, carried the eagle staff and Treaty 6 flag. Rev. Dr. Bernice Saulteaux was the presiding elder. Dr. Jacqueline Ottmann, Vice-Provost for Indigenous Engagement at the University of Saskatchewan, Brenda Ahenakew from the Treaty Commissioner's Office, Terry Iron Star from Carry-the-Kettle Reserve and Jason Mercredi, executive director of AIDS Saskatoon, all participated.



Jason Mercredi and Lynn Caldwell look on as Jonathan Worrall speaks about the development of the Treaty Plaque message

Students, staff, faculty, alumni, board and academic committee members shared in carrying flags, reading out the United Church's 1986 Apology, the 1998 Apology to Residential School Survivors, the TRC's Call to Action No. 60, and the College's own statement that is mounted with the Treaty Medal Plaque. St. Andrew's graduating student Mitchell Anderson offered a prayer in Dënesuliné.

The event was in some ways a dia-

logue, with Indigenous participants responding to the statements and apologies read by settler members of the College.

Installing a Treaty Medal Plaque is only a symbolic gesture. But the symbols we surround ourselves with shape our attitudes, perceptions, thoughts and actions. We have installed this plaque to keep our ongoing commitment to reconciliation before us, to remind us of our treaty obligations, and to instill within us a spirit of mutual respect.



Medal is a continual reminder of our treaty commitments

(The following words are the text that appears below the Treaty Medal installed at the College)

Treaty 6, between Her Majesty Queen Victoria of Great Britain and Ireland and the bands of the *Nēhiyaw* (Cree) Nation was signed in 1876 at Fort Carlton and later at Fort Pitt with many adhesions of the *Nēhiyaw*, the Nakawe (Saulteaux) and the *Hohe Nakota* (Assiniboine or Plains Stony) Tribe. It covers 313, 390 square kilometers of what is now Saskatchewan and Alberta.

This Treaty Plaque is a replica of medals originally presented to Chiefs at the time of Treaty 6 signing. It portrays a Chief and a Treaty Commissioner taking

each other's hand. Between them lies a hatchet buried in the ground. The other symbols on the medallion – the sun, the grass, and the water – echo and symbolize their expected continuity: *Isko pîsim ta-sâkâsot, maskosîya ta-ohpikihki, êkwa sîpîya ta-pimâpotêki* (“...that this Treaty is to last for as long as the Sun shines, the Grass grows, and the Rivers flow.”).

St. Andrew's College sits on land that has a long and ongoing history as the traditional territories of the Plains Cree, the Dakota, and part of the homeland of the Métis Nation.

We are located in the territories included in and affected by Treaty 6.

As a theological college, and a college

of the United Church of Canada, we acknowledge our complicity in acts and practices that have harmed Indigenous peoples, lands and spirituality. We have been called to act on our remorse for the legacies of Residential Schools and other impacts of colonialism carried out through churches. As a justice-seeking place of teaching and learning, St. Andrew's has a deep commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. The United Church of Canada owes the Indigenous people a moral debt — a debt that will take significant time to correct. The placement of a Treaty Plaque is a symbolic act that expresses both remorse and a commitment to reparation.



Mitchell Anderson offered a prayer in Dēnesuliné



Rev. Debra Berg and Greg Torwalt spoke on the 1998 UCC apology



Rev. Dr. Bernice Saulteaux

Creating a scene to engage our smartphone culture

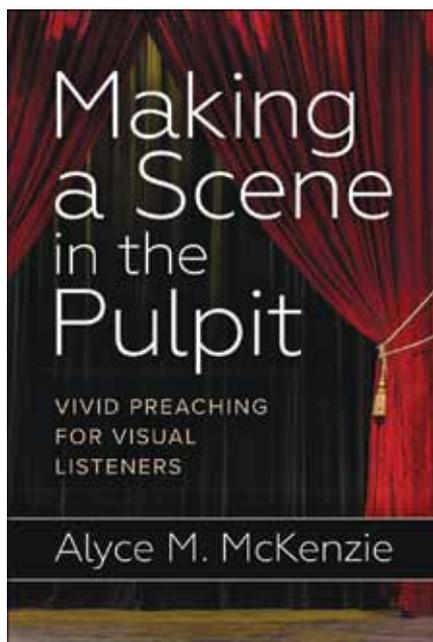
Making a Scene in the Pulpit: Vivid Preaching for Visual Learners
By Alyce M. McKenzie
Westminster/John Knox, 2018)

By HyeRan Kim-Cragg
Lydia Gruchy Professor
of Pastoral Studies

Let me ask all of you who are reading this section: Do you have a smartphone? If you answered, “yes,” then, you may agree with Alyce McKenzie, the author of the book I am introducing here that we are living in the smartphone culture. She writes, “Our ubiquitous handheld devices shrunk our screens from panoramic to palm size” (p. 1). McKenzie is convinced that as “screen and attention span have shrunk, so has the faith of many people in panoramic salvation metanarratives captured in the Bible from Exodus, exile, advent, the cross, and the empty tomb, to Pentecost that is unfolding in preaching event (p. 2). That is why she suggests that preachers need to make “a scene” in the pulpit.

McKenzie believes in the power of scenes, stories that evoke vivid visual imaginings. And she contends that these abound in the Bible. She suggests that to meet the needs of the present culture, preachers need to shift their ways of reading the Bible from narratives as oral stories to scenes as visual stories. Here she defines scenes as “the action that takes place in one physical setting in more or less continuous time.” (p. 9)

This definition of scenes is understood



in preaching as “a unit of human perception” or “a vivid version” that gains and holds “attention, providing compelling conveyances for exegetical and theological teaching,” it is “a story event within a story” that has a setting, plot, characters, and a degree of conflict (p. 3, 4). But in order for a narrative to become a scene the mode of preaching has to have an element of ‘show’ rather than merely ‘tell.’ This is where a power of visual image, arousing a sense of sight and not just of hearing, becomes critical in preaching for the people who are smartphone watchers rather than listeners of radios or readers of books and newspapers.

McKenzie’s investigation seeking to pay attention to the “visual listeners” of sermons yields constructive insights. Once she establishes the ubiquitous scenic culture as exemplified by smartphone displays, McKenzie invites the preachers to think of themselves as scene makers, revisiting ancestors in faith, from John Chrysostom, Franciscan and Dominant monks, Thomas Aquinas, Julian of Norwich, women preachers of the Methodist movement and Martin Luther King Jr. for examples of preaching as scene making. She then provides effective ways of making a scene in the sermon by introducing effective openings, endings, and the benefits of having multiple scenes as a way of crafting a sermon.

The final chapters are dedicated to nine good examples of scenic sermons, which were preached in various denominations, involving several different contexts and issues. These sermons are based on texts from the Hebrew Bible, the Gospels and the Epistles.

I am a believer in the power of oral tradition that is embedded in Scripture. I am a teacher who has emphasized preaching as a predominantly embodied act that honors the human voice, human gesture, and performance. However, I cannot afford to not pay attention to the culture that is as pervasive as the smartphone culture. This book provides a warning, something all of us as students of homiletics, learners of preaching, and hearers and watchers of preachers must heed.

Library’s electronic resources are popular option for students

By Katelyn Haskell
Library Technician

Greetings from the library! Spring has arrived and sunlight is beaming into the reading room.



This semester has been a busy one! Questions from students, orientation sessions, ordering books, cataloguing, displays, collection maintenance and shifting has kept me busy for the past few months. In May we welcomed a library technician student from Langara College for a three-week practicum.

During March, the Designated Lay Ministry students arrived at St. Andrew’s for their two-week Learning Circle. Having the DLM students around is always a hoot, as the college feels vibrant and alive. During their stay, I had a chance to give them a refresher session on how to use the library catalogue and electronic resources. I also had a chance to help Jennifer Janzen-Ball instruct the students on how to write academic papers and how to properly cite sources. Most people would consider this pretty dry material, but I am always thrilled by the challenge of finding a hard-to-cite resource!

In December I compiled a statistics infographic to display the heavy use of

library resources in 2018. One highlight was the large number of electronic database searches; the STU libraries saw over 4,000 searches in EBSCO and ATLA and over 3,300 electronic journal article retrievals. During 2018, the St. Andrew’s and Emmanuel Library Collections had around 1,300 in-person visits.

Now, if you find yourself wondering what is a “database” or what is “EBSCO/ATLA” maybe it’s time for you to come in and visit the library! Your library card gives you access to not only our print collection, but all of our electronic resources as well. As always, library membership is open to the public and anyone can access both our print and electronic collections.

‘You need not fear the journey’

by Georgina Parsons

Like many Designated Lay Ministry (DLM) students before and those who will come after, I entered my first circle with some trepidation and fear — fear of the unknown.

When I felt my call to ministry I had no idea what the DLM program was all about. One thing I did know was that at my age, with no previous college or university experience and for personal reasons, I had no interest in sitting in a lecture hall or at a desk in a classroom for years going through the ordination stream. Nor did I think Diaconal Ministry was the way to go.

As I walked through the doors of St. Andrew’s College and down the steps to the meeting space where the Learning Circles take place I could feel my heart racing and butterflies in my stomach. When I saw the chairs placed around in a circle and saw all the faces looking up at me as I descended the steps I wondered, as an introvert, how I would manage in such an intimate atmosphere. Some of my fears were relieved when I was greeted by each and every one of the students and leaders, some with hugs, others with handshakes, but all with smiles on their faces.

By the second learning circle I was looking forward to seeing everyone again as well as welcoming new students to the circle. Although I was happy to finish all six learning circles, I was also sad that they were over for me as the students were like a big family and I knew I would miss everyone. What I most feared is one of the things I loved most about the DLM program. I discovered that I was able to speak up, voice my opinion, and take part in presentations without thinking that what I had to say wasn’t important, seemed silly, or was wrong. Being a part of smaller peer groups I was able to get to know each person individually.

Over the six learning circles there were many wonderful presentations and lectures by other faculty members and visiting guest speakers. As they delivered their presentations and



Georgina Parsons says ‘The Designated Lay Ministry program lit a fire in me’

lectures we sat together in the larger group. We were encouraged to ask questions and were able to share our own personal experiences. During the six learning circles we covered a lot of subjects in relation to ministry. We learned more about this wonderful United Church of ours. And we were given the gift of diversity. It was here that I understood how important it is to be inclusive.

The Designated Lay Ministry program lit a fire in me. There are not enough words for me to say how much I enjoyed it – how much I valued every moment – how much I gained from it. It was a wonderful journey for me. And for anyone contemplating this program and afraid to take that step I would say “You need not fear the journey.”



Designated Lay Ministry program participants come from across Canada to study at St. Andrew’s College

Publishing, ecumenical work for faculty members

Don Schweitzer

For 14 years now I have been a contributing editor to the journal *The Ecumenist*.

This was a journal that Gregory Baum founded in 1962, during Vatican II, to promote ecumenism. Over the years the journal's focus changed more to what



Gregory called "critical theology." This is theology done by relatively affluent people in the North Atlantic region in response to the suffering of the poor and the marginalized in their own countries and throughout the global south. After the death of Gregory at the age of 94 in October 2017, David Seljak, Scott Kline and I, who were all contributing editors to *The Ecumenist*, decided to continue the journal, but under a new name. Christine Jamieson from Concordia University in Montreal and Rosemary Carbine from Whittier College in southern California have joined the editorial team. In late fall 2018 the journal's name became *Critical Theology*. In the inaugural issue under this new name we each published an article giving our understanding and vision for the journal. My article was entitled "Critical Theology in the 21st Century," *Critical Theology* 1/1 (Fall 2018), 3-7.

In the spring of 2012, Michael Bougeois of Emmanuel College, Toronto, Rob Fennell of the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax and myself met to discuss putting together a multi-authored book on the theology of the United Church. Seven years later it has rolled off the press. *The Theology of The United Church of Canada* has been published by Wilfrid Laurier University Press. It has chapters by HyeRan Kim-Cragg and Sandra Beardsall as well as one by myself.

There will be a launch and panel discussion of the book at ReJUNEvation in June.

Also, for about eight years now, Christian Eberhart and I have been writing dialogue papers on New Testament passages. This winter our third one

appeared as "The Unique Sacrifice of Christ According to Hebrews 9: A Study in Theological Creativity," *Religions* (2019) 10/47, 1-14.

Finally, I edited the February 2019 issue of *Touchstone* and contributed an article, "Evangelical Freedom," *Touchstone* 37/1 (February 2019), 42-51. Evangelical freedom is the theme of this year's ReJUNEvation. Dr. Cindy Rigby, who will be our theme speaker, also contributed an article on evangelical freedom to this issue of *Touchstone*.

Christine Mitchell

Christine has been engaged in a number of projects over the past several months. She completed her draft of a 40,000-word commentary on 1-2 Chronicles for the New Oxford Bible Commentary, and is now working on some shorter papers, including one



for the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies annual meeting in early June. She is also continuing to work on her monograph, "The Invention of Religion in the Persian Empire." Having applied for a six-month sabbatical for July to December 2019, she plans to have the manuscript finished by early 2020.

Christine has also been fully engaged in accreditation work with the Association of Theological Schools. She was installed as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Accrediting in February. As such, she is also involved in the project to redevelop the accreditation standards that is now underway. Getting a bird's-eye view of theological education institutions and accreditation has been extremely interesting and informative.

This year her teaching included BA 229 Feminist Exegesis of the Hebrew Scriptures, which should be well known to many grads from the past 15 years. It was the first exegesis course she developed after starting at the college in 2002. She teaches the course from more of a gender-critical approach now than in

2003, but the core material, the book of Judges, is just as interesting to her now as it was then. Out of that course and the most recent times she's taught it, she's working on a paper on reading Gideon, *Breaking Bad*, and toxic masculinity.

Sandra Beardsall

My membership on the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches keeps me on the move. The study group that I co-chair met in



Bossey, Switzerland, in November, and a smaller writing group gathered in Uppsala, Sweden, in March. We managed to be scarcely distracted from the beautiful scenery and historic settings, and have completed two more documents to share with the Commission: on proclaiming the peace of Jesus Christ in a religiously plural world, and on an ecumenical theology of justice for creation. While these are not uncommon topics, being able to speak together on them from Roman Catholic, Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox, and evangelical perspectives is a special challenge—and rewarding when it happens (which it did!)

Ecumenical work also took me to Mississauga, Ont., for a meeting of the Anglican Church of Canada - United Church of Canada dialogue group. We prepared a statement of Mutual Affirmations and Commitments. It sums up the many things we have affirmed together theologically in the past 50 years, reminding us not to dwell on what keeps us apart, but to celebrate our common witness. We had fruitful dialogue with our two churches' Indigenous leaders. We also helped the Rev. Dr. Scott Sharman, the Anglican Church's Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, celebrate his 40th birthday!

In January, I facilitated a capstone course with the DMin students who were completing their project presentations. All of the projects were interesting, and several were examining ecumenical possibilities. Finally, the winter

Course development; fond farewell from Kim-Cragg

semester “Aspects of Ecumenism” course happened to have planned a visit to the Islamic Centre Mosque one week after the tragic murders in Christchurch. The Muslim community welcomed us warmly, and many worshipers thanked us personally for visiting and standing with them in a time of grief and anxiety. It reminded us that seeking connection across differences is truly a countersign to the world’s walls of hate and mistrust.

Lynn Caldwell

I am grateful to the Board of Regents of the College for the recent gift and acknowledgement of my 10 years in the position of Professor of Church and Society at St. Andrew’s. For the first several of those years I was here half time in a job-share with Dr. Nettie Wiebe while also working as a sessional lecturer in Education and in Sociology at the University of Saskatchewan. I appreciate the varied opportunities and experiences in all of the past 10 years.



As I write this I am preparing to teach a spring intensive course (Qualitative Research in Rural Contexts) with students in the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program. It will be several days in a classroom discussing critical issues, questions, and decisions for developing research projects in contexts of communities of faith, particularly rural communities. The opportunity to connect with graduate students in theology as they begin to design their research projects to be conducted over the next couple of years is always an inspiring and engaging time.

My current writing priority is the completion of a chapter for an upcoming anthology titled *Prairie Sexualities: Theories, Archives, Affects, Communities*, with an anticipated publication date in 2020. My own chapter in the anthology is “Settler Socialization and Boundaries of Queer Inclusion,” and is based on work I presented at a conference organized by the editors of this volume. I appreciate how this work

keeps me in conversation with researchers and educators across disciplines who are examining the complexities of place, identity, and possibility.

Another setting in which I am engaged with interdisciplinary conversation, study and leadership is through a University of Saskatchewan committee on anti-racism and anti-oppression, organized through the office of the Vice Provost for Indigenous Engagement. The committee meets regularly for education and organizing toward ways that the university, across its many departments and colleges, can focus campus-wide on its initiatives and strategies for anti-racism. My participation in this committee is also helping to shape strategies for St. Andrew’s to work on our anti-racist accountability as an institution.

During the summer months I look forward to focusing attention on course development for the coming year, which will particularly involve the re-design of two courses – “On Justice” to be held as a semester course on campus, and “Professional Ethics for Spiritual Care” to be re-designed as an online course (previously taught as an intensive on campus).

HyeRan Kim-Cragg

Dear readers, supporters, and friends of St. Andrew’s College,

This will be my last time to write for *Contact* in my position as Lydia Gruchy Professor of Pastoral Studies at St. Andrew’s College as I have accepted an invitation to the position of Associate Professor of Preaching at Emmanuel College, Toronto, beginning in July 2019. Obviously much has happened since I wrote last time in *Contact* and besides the move I am happy to report on a number of completed projects.

In February 2019, a book I helped edit with Nestor Medina and Alison Hari-Sing, *Reading in Between: How Minoritized Cultural Communities Interpret the Bible in Canada*, made it to press.



In March, 2019, congregational resources for “28 Days to Thanksgiving” that I created with Kathleen James-Cavan and David Kim-Cragg were posted: <http://www.stewardship toolkit.ca/loving-our-neighbours>

Two articles have been accepted by Taylor and Francis peer review journals and will appear in May-June volume 2019. One is “Probing the Pulpit in Postcolonial Feminist Perspectives” *Liturgy* 34:2 and “The Emperor Has No Clothes! Exposing Whiteness as Explicit, Implicit, and Null Curriculum” *Religious Education* 114:2.

During ReJUNEvation 2019, I am looking forward to launching *Mission and Migration: The Changing Mission Goals of The United Church of Canada and the Mission of Koreans within It*, co-authored with Don Schweitzer. This will be the last happy event I take part of before packing the car and heading east. In the name of “Intercultural Adventures” Don and I have together produced three books that came out of engagements with Korean speaking United Church leaders across the country. This project has been a blessing and I have to praise God for helping us see it through. We have been working on this for six years. It seems like the right time for a Sabbath rest.

Finally, I sincerely want you all to know that it has been an amazing ten and a half years working at St. Andrew’s College. From the beginning, St. Andrew’s has given me a unique opportunity to grow as a scholar, a teacher, and a person. My family, David, Noah, Hannah, and I have been very happy living in Saskatoon. This place has been a wonderful home for us.

I am grateful to the College, its faculty, staff, students, and volunteers from whom I have received blessings in abundance, personally and professionally. Though I will be leaving the College in body, in spirit I will always feel connected to this place and will continue to carry you in my heart and pray for you often. In a way, I am leaving home to find home. (Does that sound postcolonial or what?) I know, therefore, I am bound to return one way or another.

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Rowena McLellan of Saskatoon, SK, passed away on November 22, 2018. Rowena married Robert McLellan and together they served in United Churches in Hudson Bay, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon. Rowena was awarded the Prince Albert Citizen of the Year Award in 1962 for her work in the establishment of the Friendship Centre. Other volunteer work included the Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Canadian Girls in Training, and countless committees of her church. Rowena served on the St. Andrew's College Saskatoon Gala Dinner Committee for several years and received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree in 1989. Rowena was married to Bert Mather for two years.

Susan Fleming passed away on December 21, 2018. Sue graduated from St. Andrew's College with a Master of Divinity degree in 2010 and was proud to minister in The United Church of Canada. She was serving as the minister of Consecon United Church, Ont.

John Haas, of Regina, SK, passed away on January 1, 2019. John was ordained by the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S. in 1973 and was admitted to the United Church in 1994. He served at Riceton Pastoral Charge and St. Stephen's Presbyterian in Regina before serving at Wesley United Church in Regina for 16 years. John served the wider church in many roles over 27 years, locally and nationally, including Conference President. In 2010, John received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from the College and served for many years on the Regina Gala Dinner Committee.

Ross McMurtry, of Weyburn, SK, passed away on January 21, 2019. Ross graduated from St. Andrew's College in 1951 and was ordained into The United Church of Canada that same year. He had a passion for the ministry and served on charges in Wawota/Kelso, Humboldt and Weyburn. He also served on the Saskatchewan Minister of Health's Committee dealing with resettling the mentally ill and as a member for six years of the Alcohol Commission as chair of its education committee. He gave his time generously for decades to Alcoholics Anonymous support and counselling.

William (Bill) Cross, of Winnipeg, MB, passed away on May 3, 2019. Bill graduated from St. Andrew's College and was ordained in 1949. Along with his wife, Muriel, they served pastoral charges in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Ohio. In 2003, Bill and his wife were awarded Doctor of Divinity degrees from the College. He had a passion for the church that he served in many different ways, including through his incredible gift of music, performance and composition.



We are excited to invite St. Andrew's College alumni/ae to join a new closed Facebook group. We hope this can be a place where alum and the College can share with one another what's been happening in life's unfolding since we had the gift to learn together.

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Faculty recognized for long service

The college held its long-service recognition May 1 with faculty and staff gathering with Board and Academic Committee members to celebrate the contributions of three faculty members to the work of the college.

Recognized during the luncheon were Sandra Beardsall for 20 years of service and Lynn Caldwell and HyeRan Kim-Cragg, each with 10 years of service to St. Andrews.

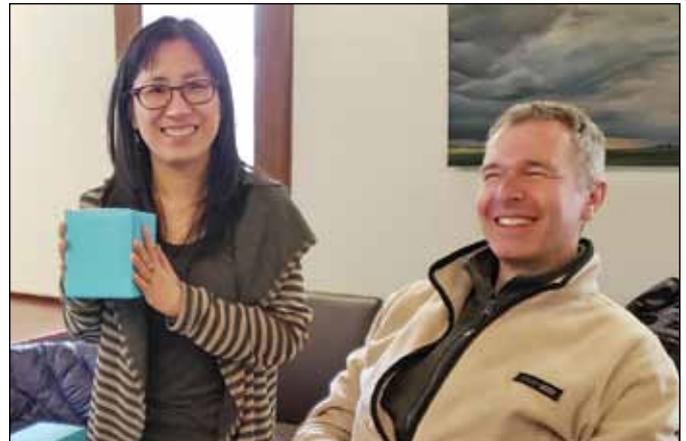
Board member Lloyd Lovatt made the presentations.



Lynn Caldwell receives her recognition gift from Lloyd Lovatt



Sandra Beardsall has 20 years of service



HyeRan Kim-Cragg and David Kim-Cragg

Christie shares unique history with book donations to College

A book that celebrates the centennial of the Presbyterian Church of Korea and The United Church of Canada's partnership in mission is available in the college library.

Catherine Christie, who is retired from being the United Church's overseas personal in Korea, visited St. Andrew's College in March. She attended chapel and then made a presentation in the Main Lounge over lunch.

The occasion of her visit was to donate a copy of the book *Growing Together Into One Hope* to the College's library. The book is an English translation of a book written to mark the anniversary of the mission partnership.

Catherine gave an informative talk about the history the book celebrates. In addition, she also donated a number of other books on church work in Korea and India. All this is especially welcome in light of our connection to HanShin School of Religion in Seoul, Korea. It's always good to have Catherine visit.



Catherine Christie and Don Schweitzer

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Course objectives are to provide a basic introduction to pastoral care and counselling, drawing on our theological heritage, scripture, behavioural sciences, family systems theory, the individual and family life cycle and to provide a theoretical framework for pastoral practices and to take a look at selected areas of pastoral care.

Jan. 6-10, 2020

January Intensive Week (Course & Instructors TBD)

Feb. 24-March 3, 2020

HA/SA382: Learning Circle II: United Church History, Theology and Polity (D. Schweitzer)

Prerequisites: HA/HL 111112, SA113, their equivalents or permission of the instructor. This course can be audited (half cost).

This 4 credit course explores the history, theology and ethos of the United Church through an overview of where the United Church has been and how it has got to where it is now. Students will gain an enriched understanding of how the United Church was formed, the journey it has traveled to the present, how it is organized and how it polity functions.

June 15-19, 2020

Graduate Level Course in Conjunction with ReJUNEvation (S. Beardsall)

Prerequisites: An introductory course in Church History is an expected prerequisite for participation in the course.

A limited number of spaces will be available for those wishing to audit the course (half cost). Course description & details in development.



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