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Look forward to the future with optimism

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

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jer 29:11)

For my first entry in *Contact*, I took some time to review some of the previous articles submitted by the board chair.



What immediately caught my attention was the consistent message of current and impending change. With the board's primary function to see the college forward in this world of continuous change, this was hardly a surprise and now I find myself reflecting on the change that is currently upon us.

The most significant change to the college in some time is the one of leadership. With mixed emotions we see Principal Lorne Calvert off to his well-deserved retirement. We celebrate with him this next chapter of his life but we mourn losing his wisdom and presence. In his stead, we welcome Richard Manley-Tannis and his fresh new perspective. Richard brings a very different skill set and we're excited about the impact he'll have on the college. He's hit the ground running/jumped in with both feet/dove into the deep end (pick an analogy) and has made an impressive effort in learning the lay of the land.

Board chair Dawn Ballantine-Dickson has completed her term and we thank her for her dutiful service. I can only pray that I fill the role with half the grace, poise and consideration she demonstrated. We wish her the best as she has also recently retired and we hope that her newly acquired time for family and self is well enjoyed.

Although we have some leadership changes, the college is solidly planted on the foundation of a highly skilled and experienced faculty, staff, board and the many other dedicated committee members who support the institution. On top of this wealth of people, we're currently financially stable which takes us into this next era in a position of strength. In a world of constant change, and in a church going through significant change, the college must move forward as well. It would be easy to sit pretty in this position of strength but if you're not moving forward, you're falling backward. Unlike an institution that is fighting for its life and needs to adapt to survive, our circumstance allows us some freedom to explore our creativity and experiment in our innovation. To navigate our direction on our terms, versus forced in necessity, is obviously so much more preferable. I look forward to this next era with great optimism.

The time I've spent with the development team working on our development plan, as well as the meetings I've had with other committees, has revealed a general cohesiveness in what opportunities we should explore as we take our college into the future.

Attracting students is one of our biggest challenges and technology will definitely play a significant role as we look at avenues to have a greater reach as well as being more accessible to those who have geographical or logistical barriers to our programs. The student of today doesn't always go to school, the school often goes to them, but how can we accomplish this and maintain the rich St. Andrew's College experience that many of us remember with such reverence?

"Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, you will find a future, and your hope will not be cut off." (Pr 24:14)

And so we look to the wisdom of the family and friends of the college and pray we discern God's plan for us, trusting in our faith and looking to the future with hope.

Upcoming events to support and celebrate St. Andrew's



Former principal Lorne Calvert will be roasted April 10, 2019

Mark your calendar for a number of events that will be held during the coming months to both support and celebrate the work and community of St. Andrew's College.

Roast of Lorne Calvert

A "Roast of Lorne Calvert" in support of the College will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, in Saskatoon.

Regina Gala Dinner

The annual Regina fundraising dinner will be Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Guest speaker at the Regina event will be Archbishop Don Bolen and the QuarterNotes Flute

Ensemble will provide entertainment.

More information on the roast and Regina gala will be available in the coming weeks.

Convocation 2019

St. Andrew's College Convocation will take place Friday, May 3, 2019, 7 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Saskatoon.

Convocation is part of a larger event of the Saskatoon Theological Union, as we join with our partners the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad (Anglican) and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in the 18th joint convocation.

Beginning the conversation amidst change

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

Dear Kin, Sisters & Brothers of the St. Andrew's College Community,

It is exciting to begin this new conversation with you through *Contact*. I have had the honour, in my short time since walking into the role as principal of the College, to sit with you in a variety of locations. These experiences range from rural and urban faith communities and the theological schools of our The United Church of Canada, to opportunities to begin to build community with staff and faculty.

I have been reminded of the significant role St. Andrew's has in both further nurturing theological learning and preparing students for leadership in a shifting world. Some of the richest times, so far, have been sitting with students. Whether with those beginning a disciple's journey as Ordered Ministry personnel or those creating new knowledge in our Doctor of Ministry program, it is abundantly clear that the College continues to ensure *Justice-Driven Education for Christian Leadership*.

I am also aware that we are, collectively, experiencing change. Whether just the beginning, in the midst of, or recognizing that the landscape has transformed all the way to the horizon, it is clear that we are in a time in which possibility and anxiousness are new, perhaps even permanent, companions with whom we now journey.

The Quaker educator, Parker Palmer, calls this place the *tragic gap*. As we endeavour to live out the leadership of our discipleship, we find ourselves holding paradox. We do so to ensure that no one is left behind. We also must care for ourselves so we are present to recognise opportunities and possibilities previously unimagined. In this place of both/and, where tears and joy, anger and laughter, hope and trauma exist in the same moment, time, and experience, the College embraces its ongoing mission.

Though this time of change is both challenging and hopeful, it is not new to the Christian journey, nor the lived experience on the Canadian Prairies. We occupy a time when we both celebrate the earnest work of those whom we follow and acknowledge, sometimes with difficulty, the mistakes and harm we have caused. As an Easter people, as an educational institution that has, does and will continue to foster the social good, I believe that St. Andrew's is well positioned to be in the *gap* with those called to leadership. St. Andrew's is in a place to be both reflective about what it has done exceptionally well and to be reflexive to build upon that legacy in new and innovative ways. The College does this to adapt to the needs of a church that sometimes is uncertain how to engage with a changed world.

This place of stability, which I gratefully inherit by those faithful stewards I follow, is due significantly to you: the community that walks with the College. Whether with the gift of your time or finances, wisdom or play, St. Andrew's continues its journey of responding innovatively to abundant possibility. We are reviewing the traditional classrooms and planning to retrofit them into smart rooms. This will allow the College to build upon and expand such international relationships as with



Dea. Richard Manley-Tannis was welcomed to the principal's position effective July 1, 2019

Hanshin University and Sungkonghoe University in South Korea. We know that there is a longing for the theological education we bring that is grounded in justice and diversity.

I also look forward to sharing more about a new 2019 initiative: The Principal's Tour. The initiative builds upon the College Sunday format that keeps St. Andrew's well connected to the wider church. The tour embraces development that holds equally awareness raising, leadership recruitment and preparation, and finances. As we move toward the new year, the tour will allow the College to reach beyond the traditional prairie context to the wider denominational community to share the rich depth of learning St. Andrew's offers.

Finally, to those who have, do and will share the gift of financial support, thank you. Please know that your ongoing trust is the very reason that St. Andrew's is able to embrace its legacy and role in leadership preparation joyfully.

Until the next time we talk, please know how grateful I am to work with you to support our faculty as they foster new learning. Please know I am excited to work with the staff and faculty to continue to ensure we offer a learning environment that fosters community and humility for those answering the call to leadership: a culture that embraces such values as justice, compassion and action in a world longing for light.

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



The covenanting service for Dea. Richard Manley-Tannis (centre) was presided over by Board Chair Rev. Doug Neufeld and United Church representative Rev. Shannon McCarthy

Covenanting service welcomes new principal

St. Andrew's College officially welcomed Principal Dea. Richard Manley-Tannis with a covenanting service held Nov. 7 in the chapel.

"Richard Manley-Tannis, you have responded to the Call of St. Andrew's College to assume the role of Principal. This work brings you into relationships with faculty, staff and students, and with people in church and academic communities," said board chair Rev. Doug Neufeld during the act of covenant.

"In this work, you are subject to the policies and discipline of St. Andrew's College. In the presence of this gathered community, will you commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?"

The acceptance by Manley-Tannis of the role and responsibilities using the words "with the help of God and the support of the people of God, I covenant to do so," and an accompanying pledge of support by members of the college, church, and wider community who were in attendance at the service marked the formal welcome of Manley-Tannis to the position he assumed July 1.

In his words to the gathering, Manley-Tannis emphasized the importance of leadership and legacy in theological education and the ongoing commitment to teaching and learning required to prepare a new generation of justice-serving leaders to navigate a



Symbols presentation on behalf of alumni/ae and college council

world that is in constant change.

"If we look to the long journey on which we have been as a Christian community it is not stability that is in fact normal, it is change. And so it is in this reality of change, that . . . theological leadership must consider what are the legacies we have in fact inherited and what might we leave behind," he said.

Those legacies and leadership, he said, are the response to the ongoing conversation of teaching and learning and how the work to prepare the way for those yet to come is as important as it has ever been.

"What I have experienced since arriving here at St. Andrew's with the warm welcome of this community is that it is actually those differences, which

have traditionally reinforced polarity of nationalism and globalism, which may very well act as the bridge in which collaboration, not competition, aligns St. Andrew's with its partners," he said.

"This time of change feels like a moment in which hope invites ecumenical and secular partners to recognize the shared commitment to prepare resilient, pastoral and justice-serving leadership for a world longing for it. If there is any one thing that I think those called to Christian educational leadership must tightly hold on to in the reality of an interconnected and pluralistic world it is hope . . . a hope grounded in a theology of resurrection."

The covenant was recognized with presentation of symbols on behalf of the college alumni/ae and college council and Manley-Tannis, in turn, made a presentation to Neufeld as board chair.

The evening's theme of leadership and legacy in theological education was extended by the words shared by Carl Still, president of St. Thomas More College, and The Rev. Dr. William Harrison, president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Members of the college community — students, staff and faculty — participated in the liturgy created by faculty member HyeRan Kim-Cragg with a contribution from Rev. Shelly Manley-Tannis.

Chapel artwork honours College's commitment

Textile panel illustrates pledge to uphold gender and sexual diversity

The ongoing commitment of St. Andrew's College to learn about, teach about and uphold gender and sexual diversity is illustrated in a unique piece of art recently installed in the chapel.

A textile panel created by Phyllis Baker, a Saskatoon artist and member of Grosvenor Park United Church, reminds the College and all who gather in the chapel of the significance of our commitment to be an Affirming Ministry.

This year, 2018, marks the 30th anniversary of The United Church of Canada's official stance (after a General Council vote) to uphold that all people, regardless of sexual orientation, are welcome as full members, and that all members are eligible to be considered for ministry. Out of a conversation about the significance of that anniversary came the idea to commission an artwork for the chapel.

From January through October Phyllis visited the chapel and had conversations with people at the College about integrating this new art with the chapel space, and about ways to symbolize the commitment it would honour. Hours of time and thought went into the finished piece.

The work was dedicated during a special gathering at the College in late October 2018 and celebrated again during the service for Principal Richard Manley-Tannis in November. It remains in the chapel as a welcome part of the worship space and community.

Of the design, Phyllis notes that the intent was to create an image that would directly relate to the stained glass window beneath which the panel would be installed. The rainbows and the gender equality symbol as the focal point of the cross and nimbus were chosen to achieve this purpose.

"The rainbows from the window connect with the rainbows in the panel through colour, form and direction," Phyllis said during the dedication of the panel in October. "The colourful nimbus of the cross echoes the halo of the Christ figure in the window. The blue of the chapel carpet carries into the blue centre



A textile panel created by Phyllis Baker for the chapel reminds the College community of our commitment as an Affirming Ministry

of the panel leading to the cross and on up into the blue of the window."

With this, Phyllis draws on imagery held up from another time, while transforming it in ways that are imaginative, meaningful, and stunningly artful. This art and its strong symbols of inclusivity honours the past yet beholds something new, carrying the College further forward into resisting injustice and respecting all life.

In locating this art in the chapel, St. Andrew's College recommits:

- To seek and work toward just and right relationships within the College community and beyond;

- To support and welcome the full participation of people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender in this college community, the church, and society at large;

- To challenge, and to be open to challenge, concerning homophobia, heterosexism, and all aspects of life where persons are oppressed or marginalized;

- To work at individual and communal self-examination and action that will create climates of inclusion, equality, compassion and right relationships.

We are so grateful to Phyllis Baker for her generous, creative and insightful gift through this art!

Launch celebrates books from Beardsall, Kim-Cragg

The publication of new books by two St. Andrew's faculty members was celebrated during a book launch event held Oct. 18 in the college library.

Rev. Dr. Sandra Beardsall co-authored *Daring to Share: Multi-Denominational Congregations in the United States and Canada*, while Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg's newest book, *Interdependence: A Postcolonial Feminist Practical Theology*, was published at the end of May.

Daring to Share, which was published by Pickwick Publications in July, examines the formation, experience, and theological importance of multi-denominational congregations.

Multi-denominational congregations (usually called ecumenical shared ministries or ESMs in Canada) offer rich soil for new interpretations of what it means to be a church. These parishes have chosen to covenant together for worship, service, ministry, mission, and nurturing of faith across two or more denominational traditions.

Daring to Share tells their stories, investigates their practices, and proposes a fresh vision of church for the 21st century. This book equips ordained and lay leaders for the formation and flourishing of such ministries. It describes five models of partnership, analyzes the parish life cycle, interprets how worship works, addresses constitutional and governance issues, and reflects theologically on the intersection of diversity and unity.



Books by faculty HyeRan Kim-Cragg (left) and Sandra Beardsall were celebrated during a launch event in October

Kim-Cragg's latest book calls attention to the need for postcolonial feminist approaches to practical theology. It advocates for the inclusion of colonialism as a critical optic for practical theology but also demands a close look at how colonialism is entangled with issues of race, ethnicity, gender, class, disability, and sexual orientation.

Seeking to highlight the importance of the interdependence of life, *Interdependence* challenges and contests the notion

of independence as the desirable goal of the human being. Through the experiences of overlooked groups – including children at adult-centered worship, queer and interracial youth in heterosexual and white normative family discourse, and non-human species in human-centered academic and theological realms – the book contributes to expanding the concerns of practical theology in ways that create healthy community for all human beings and non-human fellow creatures.

Orientation sessions helping students connect with library

**By Katelyn Haskell
Library Technician**

The St. Andrew's College Library has had a busy and challenging start to the academic year, with the departure of Saskatoon Theological Union library director, Alison Jantz. Alison was offered a position at the University of Saskatchewan Library and we were sad to see her leave as her gifts as a librarian, and her warm and welcoming presence, were admired



by everyone at the college.

In her absence, I have been busy connecting with students and faculty to make sure their library needs are met. Library orientation sessions have been keeping me busy, and I've been working to connect with our on-campus and distance students to make sure they are able to access library resources.

Ongoing projects, such as shifting books, washing shelves, and maintaining our physical collection have been ongoing. I've also been working on fixing problems in our online library catalogue and am grateful to have Hannah Elliott, a library technician at Saskatchewan Polytechnic Library, volunteer to help me complete some of this work.

She has graciously offered her spare time to helping me get some of these labour- and time-intensive tasks done.

There is a new face around the STU Libraries. Rachel Kotei, a recent graduate of the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Library and Information Technician program, was hired this summer as the new library technician at Horizon College. We are very fortunate to have another expert on staff.

As always, I would like to remind our college community that our library resources are available to anyone. If you are interested in borrowing material, or browsing our online databases, don't hesitate to get in touch with me and I will be more than happy to get you set up.

ReJUNEvation explores repentance, reparation to address colonialism

By Lynn Caldwell
Professor of Church and Society

In June 2018, the college welcomed Dr. Jennifer Harvey of Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, as guest speaker for the ReJUNEvation gathering.

Dr. Harvey presented three engaging lectures and facilitated discussions about repentance and reparation as real possibilities for addressing white-settler colonialism and its ongoing effects in church and society. Feedback from participants at the event was highly affirming of her inspirational and challenging talks, grounded in her personal commitments and deep theological work on addressing racism as a white Christian, teacher, and activist. For more about Dr. Harvey's work and writing visit: medium.com/@jenharvey999.

A credit course taught by Drs. HyeRan Kim-Cragg and Lynn Caldwell was held in conjunction with ReJUNEvation and provided an opportunity for students to integrate the content and experiences of the conference with their learning in the course.

The event began with a local panel of three "conversation starters" on the theme: Janelle Pewapsconias a spoken word poet, social entrepreneur and public speaker from Little Pine First Nation; Manuela Valle-Castro, a feminist organizer and academic from Chile, instructor in Women and Gender Studies at the University of Saskatchewan and coordinator of "Next Up Saskatchewan" in Saskatoon; and Amanda Dodge, community organizer, educator, lawyer and program director at Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan. These three shared reflections on the call to repair in their contexts of work and community and opened up the urgencies and possibilities in the ReJUNEvation theme with very personal and engaged analysis and storytelling.

The workshops and community engagement options during the event included a film screening of "Reserve 107: Recon-



Dr. Jennifer Harvey shared her commitment and theological work on addressing racism

ciliation on the Prairies," a workshop with Rev. Lloyd Nyarota on "Healing, Reconciliation, Repentance, and Repair: Learnings for Canadian Churches Responding to the TRC, from Zimbabwe," and an opportunity to attend Indigenous People's Day events at Victoria Park.

We were again animated by the music leadership of Tannis Schmidt, who brought the theme and its many dimensions to life by thoughtfully choosing and creating songs offered throughout our time together. Doug Neufeld, College alumni and current board chair, was once again our much-appreciated technical and audio-visual operator!

Rev. Hoeun Lee offered worship leadership in the chapel on Thursday, and students in the credit course filled the role on Friday. Friday's closing worship was an opportunity to share in a "release from covenant" ritual with Lorne Calvert, and to welcome Richard Manley-Tannis to his new role as principal.

The College is grateful for the participation of event attendees, for the staff and faculty time given to the event, and for the many students, alumni, and community volunteers who help to host and organize!

Dr. Cynthia Rigby to lead ReJUNEvation 2019 conversation

Evangelical freedom is the theme for ReJUNEvation 2019 being held June 19-21. When this theme was announced at ReJUNEvation 2018 someone asked: "What is that?" Well here is a chance to find out.

Evangelical freedom is an important theme in the writings of Paul and John's gospel. It is present in all denominations. One Orthodox theologian described it as "creative audacity." Repeat that phrase a few times, think about the United Church's origin and history, and you



Rigby

But this theme is rarely mentioned in the United Church today.

Dr. Cynthia Rigby of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

may start to see some connections. Evangelical freedom has been an important factor in United Church life. The United Church's history can't be understood without it.

will explore this theme with us as the event's theme speaker. Dr. Rigby is an engaging speaker with a unique ability to relate Reformation and more recent Protestant theology to contemporary issues and questions. She will help us retrieve the notion and spirituality of evangelical freedom in a productive way.

As well there will be workshops, a chance to connect with old friends or meet new ones, great conversations and excellent music.

See you there.

Publishing, ReJUNEvation highlight faculty efforts

Sandra Beardsall

I returned this summer from my half-sabbatical (January-June), which included travel, research, writing, and publication.

The sabbatical began with a “pilgrimage” to Israel/Palestine, organized



by the Anglican bishop of the Diocese of Saskatoon for the clergy and their partners. We were hosted by St. George’s College, the Palestinian Anglican college in Jerusalem. It

was a breathtaking encounter with the land, with history, and with the Jews, Muslims and Christians who struggle and strive to build peace and hope there today.

In February I participated in a “Women in Leadership” event sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools in Pittsburgh, then spent several weeks in Toronto archives, researching “Project North,” an ecumenical justice coalition launched by the Anglican, Roman Catholic, and United Churches in the 1970s to support land claims and sovereignty for indigenous communities in northern Canada. This narrative is an important piece of history in the ongoing search for redress and reconciliation. It will form a chapter in the collaborative book *Honourable Reconciliation*.

In late April, my spouse Bill and I made a road trip to Dawson Creek in northern British Columbia, and Penticton in the Okanagan Valley, where I led workshops on ecumenical shared ministry congregations in both communities. It was exciting to see congregations moving toward ecumenical sharing, and to visit the long-time, four-way shared ministry at Chetwynd, B.C.: Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and United Church.

June and July saw ecumenical visitors come to Saskatoon: the Anglican/United Church dialogue, and a World Council of Churches writing group that met at the College in July. The AC/UC dialogue is working on materials to support local sharing and the WCC

group is drafting texts on “Peace and Religious Pluralism,” and “Justice for Creation.”

Summer also brought the publication of *Daring to Share*, the book I co-authored with two American colleagues on ecumenical shared ministries congregations. We hope it will help facilitate more such sharing in Canada and the United States.

Lynn Caldwell

A highlight since the last publication of this newsletter was organizing the ReJUNEvation event, which you can read about more fully elsewhere in this issue. It was an honour to have Dr. Jennifer Harvey here to speak with us, and also to learn with and from other organizers, educators, and community members who provided leadership at the event and those who shared their experiences and insights as participants.



I was also pleased to share in a book study of Dr. Harvey’s book *Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation*, hosted in the St. Andrew’s College library for four weeks in May; and, with HyeRan Kim-Cragg, to

instruct a credit course held in conjunction with the ReJUNEvation event. All of those experiences have deepened my own learning and awareness of the critical work of understanding how racism continues to take hold in our culture and community.

On behalf of the College and faculty, I was also honoured to help facilitate the installation of an incredible work of art now in the College chapel. There will be much more to tell about that art and the artist, Phyllis Baker, who so generously created it in response to an invitation from the College. The art is the permanent installation of a quilted panel that celebrates St. Andrew’s College’s commitment to be an Affirming Ministry. My part in this was simply to host Phyllis as she visited the chapel throughout the design process.

I have continued to work with staff

and faculty, and the Academic Committee, to design a format for Continuing Education programming at the College, one that builds on the already existing ways that the College provides learning opportunities outside of degree programs . . . and that opens the way to expanding these offerings.

I am particularly grateful for the work of our college registrar, Greg Torwalt, our former STU librarian Alison Jantz, and former Academic Committee members Tim Ellis and Rob Barber for all their logistical and insightful work on the Continuing Education Units (CEU) format that we are slowly rolling out (and soon to be promoting more vigorously). Watch for updates here, and online!

Don Schweitzer

At the end of May I attended the annual meeting of the Canadian Theological Society held at the University of Regina. I presented a paper entitled

“Justification by grace as a spiritual resource for non-indigenous Christians adopting UNDRIP as the framework for reconciliation with indigenous peoples in Canada.”

HyeRan

Kim-Cragg and

I presented a paper in the St. Thomas More Religion and Culture Colloquium and then published it as “Mission and Migration: Korean Canadians in The United Church of Canada,” in *The Ecumenist*, 55/3 (Summer 2018), 4-10. This paper came out of our work with *An Intercultural Adventure*.

I also published an article entitled “The Role of Human Response in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ,” in *Toronto Journal of Theology* 34/1 (Spring 2018): 63-77.

But what I would most like to mention is that I edited a review of Paul Sponheim’s *Existing Before God: Soren Kierkegaard and the Human Venture*, written by Simon Schweitzer. This review will appear in the February 2019 issue of *Touchstone*.



Faculty members present at national, international events

Christine Mitchell

Christine Mitchell has been involved in a number of projects over the past several months. At the end of August, she led the entry colloquium for the DMin program for the fourth time. She has led this colloquium for every cohort that has entered the program, and it is one of her favourite teaching assignments. She is also teaching the introduction to Hebrew Scriptures, as she does almost every fall.



In June, Christine was elected to the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools. This is a six-year term, 2019-2024, involving in-person meetings twice a year and teleconferences periodically. The board of commissioners is composed of about 20 people from the various accredited schools, and makes all decisions about accreditation. Christine has been involved in accreditation work since 2011 as a peer evaluator.

Over the summer, Christine attended and presented at the joint meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting and the European Association of Biblical Studies (she is a member of both) in Helsinki. Her paper was invited by the "Concepts of Leadership in the Hebrew Bible" seminar of the EABS, and has since been accepted for publication by one of the leading peer-reviewed journals in biblical studies.

Christine is continuing to work on her monograph "The Invention of Religion in the Persian Empire," under contract for Bloomsbury's Critiquing Religion: Discourse, Culture, Power series; she is also completing her 40,000 word entry on 1-2 Chronicles for the New Oxford Bible Commentary.

HyeRan Kim-Cragg

My summer began with a conference Current Migration and Religion: A Transnational Discourse in Basel, Switzerland, June 28-30 after teaching "colonialism, racism, and intercultural ministry" in conjunction with ReJUNEvation. The conference at Basel addressed the issues of hospitality, home, and intercultural and interreligious challenges and promises.



Following the conference, the early part of summer was spent working with two other editors for the upcoming book, Reading in Between: How Minoritized Cultural Communities Interpret the Bible in Canada. This will be one of the first books written by racialized scholars of different disciplines across denominations, exploring the interplay between ethnicity and Scripture in Canadian contexts. I spent the rest of the summer creating congregational resources for "28 Days to Thanksgiving" to be included in the Philanthropy Unit's 2019, Called to Be the Church: Loving Our Neighbours for the United Church.

In September, I submitted a chapter for the International Handbook of Practical Theology: A Transcultural and Transreligious Approach (De Gruyter). It has 59 authors from all over the world. I am honored to be asked to contribute to this volume as the only Canadian. Paul Gareau, from the University of Alberta's faculty of Native Studies, and I have been in conversation as a team, discussing each other's chapters for the book project that engages St. Andrew's faculty with Indigenous scholars across the Prairie provinces.

I presented a research paper, "The Emperor Has No Clothes! Exposing Whiteness as Explicit, Implicit, and Null Curriculum," at the Religious Education Association conference, Nov. 2-4.

My teaching load for the fall of 2018 is relatively light which has allowed me to make international trips and to more adequately serve ecumenical bodies such as the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), the UCC and institutional needs of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) of which St. Andrew's is a part. I was invited to be on a panel for "Marking Moments: Celebrating four milestone anniversaries in the United Church of Canada," that took place in Toronto, Sept. 26-28.

As an advisory board member of the Women in Leadership (WIL) of the ATS I was invited to lead a morning devotion at the event on the theme of "Mentoring: Emboldening Women for Leadership," in early October and was in Manila, Philippines, for Theology and Communion Reference Group of the WCRC during mid-October.

How Does the Garden Grow?

This is the sixth year that St. Andrew's College has sponsored a community garden. Five gardeners were part of this year's group and a significant amount of produce was harvested.



Dr. Yeong Mee Lee visits St. Andrew's College

By Don Schweitzer
and HyeRan Kim-Cragg

Dr. Yeong Mee Lee, who was instrumental in arranging an agreement between St. Andrew's College and with Hanshin Graduate School of Theology in Seoul, Korea, was welcomed to our college during a visit Oct. 24-28.

During the past eight years the agreement has brought exchange students from Hanshin to St. Andrew's, has seen three of our students going there to study, and included visits to HanShin by several of our faculty.

Dr. Lee, whose field of expertise is the Hebrew Bible, delivered a public lecture on "Church as Open Square of Hospitality" on the Thursday evening of her visit with sponsorship from Friends of Sophia. She gave another lecture on "Queer Community and Churches in Korea: A Reflection from the Hebrew Bible" on Friday afternoon. Both were well attended and greatly enjoyed.

She also met with the principal, some members of faculty and the registrar to discuss the agreement between our two schools and what we might do together in the future.

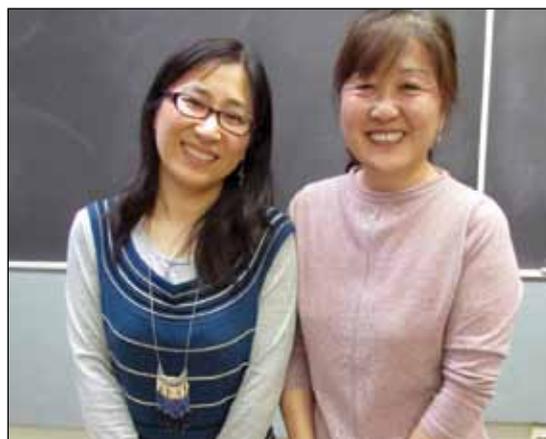
Dr. Lee noted that studying at St.



Dr. Yeong Mee Lee of Hanshin Graduate School of Theology delivered two lectures during her visit Oct. 24-28

Andrew's for a term has a transformative effect on the HanShin students who come here. They develop a clearer sense of vocation, greater theological view of social realities, and more confidence in speaking in public. A number have gone on to further study at doctoral levels.

It is a privilege for us to be in this agreement with Hanshin and the College benefits greatly from the students who come from there to study here. It was very stimulating to have Dr. Lee here and we hope she will come again.



HyeRan Kim-Cragg and Dr. Yeong Mee Lee

College sees the light with energy-efficient facility upgrades

by Carolina Castro
College Property Manager

Over the last few months we have been working on the bigger projects around and inside of the building.

We have continued the transformation of the Main Lounge by replacing the lighting with LED bulbs and painting the ceiling. The library reading room lighting was also upgraded with LED bulbs.

Three more residence rooms were renovated this summer by Antonio. All rooms are full for the term.

As for plumbing, the second sewer line, which is 168 feet of cast iron pipe, was replaced with Nu Drain cured in-place pipe. This system is a non-invasive procedure that creates a structural,

seamless, jointless pipe liner inside a deteriorated one; it is a long-term solution for leaks, breaks, blockage, root intrusion, calcium buildup, mold and sewer backups.

A total of 55 windows were replaced this year; 20 windows to finish up the study rooms 323 and 327; and 35 windows in all the stairwells (North, West and South and the short one).

The cement flooring under the stairwell in the west side entrance was restored.

We also did some furniture upgrading for two offices and a couple of desks in the library. New furniture is still pending for Room 326 as well as the library reading room and stacks.

We have continued to clean up the

asbestos in the building. This year the steam boiler was done as it was one of the places that needed more attention. This continues to be an ongoing project.

Outside, the eaves and downspouts on the east side have been checked and repaired as needed.

Parking is in great demand; I keep a long waiting list.

As always, I would like to commend my three person team. The two custodians, Silvia and Jose, do the best they can to keep the entire building clean. Antonio does many repair requests in between his set projects. And also to the seasonal contractors, like Jake working on the grounds and Terry and Craig working on heating and the related mechanical.



Twenty paddlers — aged eight to 80 — canoed a section of the Battle River in east central Alberta last June

Paddlers share a pilgrimage experience

“Pilgrimage” a journey... made to some sacred place ... a quest for a ritual purpose, as to pay homage.

— Dictionary.com

By Rev. Deanna Cox

During the Father’s Day weekend this past June, 20 paddlers aged eight to 80 embarked on a pilgrimage down a section of the Battle River in east central Alberta. It was a journey to a sacred place with the purpose of paying homage to the often-overlooked natural wonders and rich history of this river valley.

We gathered Friday afternoon along the river’s edge east of Rosalind, Alta., and set up our camp. We were joined by several guests: local residents Dan Grous and Forrest Hagen, Indigenous Elders Myrtle Beaulieu and Evelyn Day, and Battle River Watershed Alliance representatives Nathalie Olson and Maven Boddy, who all shared their stories and wisdom.



After a hearty breakfast Saturday morning, we loaded our canoes and began our river journey. We meandered our way along the river, getting to know the gifts of our group as well as taking in the gifts and beauty of the watershed; embodying all the stories we had heard the day before. The day was filled with gentle paddling, hiking, napping, feasting, and fellowship. It also included a stop to see a random giant hole at the top of a sand cliff, hoisting the Métis Nation flag, and exploring the riverbank.

Sunday morning brought us to the last leg of our journey and a friendly competition of guessing our arrival time. The cohesiveness of the group that was built during two-and-a-half short days was evident as people coached and cheered each canoe through the two trickier sections of water we encountered and by how we graciously worked together in the hot sun to get all the gear off the river and loaded for home.

Most of the crew was able to join the congregations of Daysland, Killam and



Rosalind United Churches for a picnic lunch and worship service hosted at the Rosalind Church as a final wrap up of the weekend’s journey. Pilgrimage participants shared their adventures and learning with those gathered before heading home.

It truly was a journey to a sacred place; a pilgrimage of body, mind, and spirit. Consider joining us next year!

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Be part of the 'Borning Cry' in support of St. Andrew's

By Don Barss
Class of '73

I invite our readers to visit the website of In Trust magazine (www.intrust.org/Magazine/Issues/New-Year-2016) for an article by Rick Hiemstra and Karen Stiller entitled "Canadian Demographic Changes and Theological Education." It can be found at the end of a longer article entitled "Religious affiliation and Attendance in Canada."

Their research includes views from heads of Briercrest College in Saskatchewan, the Atlantic School of Theology in Nova Scotia, and McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Ont.

These very different voices share a common perspective of life in degree-granting religious colleges. Until recently, their reason for being was "to equip the church." All are experiencing reduced student enrollment, and declining revenue. President Neale Bennet of Atlantic School of Theology states it this way: "Something is dying and something is being reborn." To borrow a line from hymn writer Natalie Sleeth, "unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see."

They all agree we are living in a very different world, a world that requires a leadership that is described as "pastoral and entrepreneurial." Pastoral in the sense that leaders will require skills to help them deal with loss, death and dying, and entrepreneurial in the sense they will need skills to enable them to be collaborative, with the courage and skills to try new things in a compelling way.

Furthermore, says Bennet, "... more and more of these new leaders will come from students whose sense of vocation is lived in a secular context. We think there is a role for us, not only to "equip the

church" with servant leaders but also to equip the larger community with leaders devoted to justice-driven leadership presented in loving and compelling ways."

As a member of the Development Committee of St. Andrew's College, I can assure you we are actively working at developing strategies that will help us to meet the challenges that face St. Andrew's in a rapidly changing demographic in Canada and the shifting cultural norms that present us with difficult

realities and magnificent opportunities.

Due in large measure to the unique gifts and skills of past principal Lorne Calvert, the College is in a better financial position today than it has been for some time. Next year we will burn a \$1-million mortgage taken out in

2008 to make essential repairs to the building and to stabilize funding. To meet and take on the opportunities that await us the College will need to become better equipped to function in the wireless/digital age. This will require funding for personnel and sophisticated equipment. This is where you come in.

Many of us responded to a call to put St. Andrew's College on our list of charities that received monthly funding through PAR. A number of the alumni/ae responded. I am asking you to first review your giving with a view to increasing it, even a little, and, second, consider making a commitment if you have not already done so. I make this request knowing that you, like myself, have not had an increase in pension benefits since 2008 and that many of you have increased demands because of failing health and medical costs.

This is a wonderful opportunity to witness a "borning cry" to be part of something that will go on when we are only a collection of significant events in our loved one's memory.



Whitmore Park UC recently disbanded

Whitmore Park United supports St. Andrew's

After the sad and difficult decision to disband the congregation, Whitmore Park United Church in Regina made the decision to help a number of organizations with the proceeds from the sale of their property.

St. Andrew's College is humbled by the generosity of the congregation for its donation of more than \$142,000.

Author examines white evangelicals' support of Trump

Believe Me: The Evangelical Road to Donald Trump

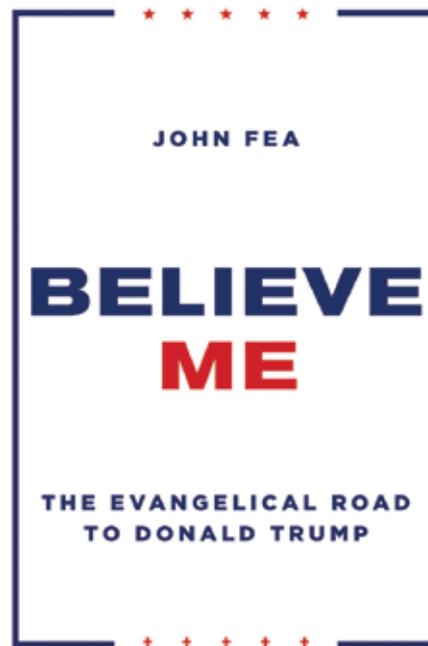
by John Fea (Eerdmans, 2018)

by **Sandra Beardsall**
Professor of Church History
and Ecumenics

Do we really need yet one more reference to Donald Trump? Well, I think we need this book. John Fea is an American church historian, and a white evangelical Christian. He did not vote for Donald Trump, but 81 per cent of white evangelicals did.

Distressed, Fea set out to determine, from a historical perspective, how white evangelicals in the U.S. could vote for “a crude-talking . . . self-proclaimed philanthropist and ultra-materialistic businessman who showed virtually no evidence of a Spirit-filled life” (14). He determined that a toxic combination of fear, the pursuit of worldly power, and a nostalgic longing for a “Christian nation” created the conditions for a Trump victory among white evangelicals. The book walks us through American history to see how these conditions developed. The result is a sobering and clarifying journey.

The heart of the book moves backward from election day 2016 to the establishment of European settlements in the 17th century to get to the source of the fear Fea claims has always permeated American culture. The early Puritans believed they were a chosen people, to whom God had gifted a Promised Land. This founding narrative birthed two kinds of fear in believers: fear that God would punish them for failing to maintain their purity as a covenant people; and fear that “others,” from indigenous



inhabitants to Quakers, would destroy their holy “city on a hill.” Fea argues that all white evangelical engagement with culture and politics has stemmed from these two fears: loss of purity, and the intrusion of the “other.”

The “others” were Catholics, free-thinkers, enslaved blacks, non-white, and non-Protestant immigrants. They threatened stability, livelihoods, and racial purity. The promise to build a wall is only the latest attempt to keep them at bay. Meanwhile, white evangelicals also saw their moral purity challenged by an increasingly secular society, which by the late 20th century had ejected “holiness” from the public square.

White evangelicals became convinced that only by controlling the political agenda would they be able to legislate

a return to religious purity. In the 1980s they began to support any candidate who appeared to have the power to reverse the losses. Fea details how three decades of Christian evangelical leaders became “court evangelicals,” compromising their principles to get close to presidential power. Some have abandoned the Trump fold in disgust, but many persist in defending his behaviour, believing he will usher in the Supreme Court judges and other mechanisms by which America will become holy again. And “great again” too: the white evangelical nostalgic longing. In what era does Trump imagine America to have been “great,” Fea wonders? He concludes that every era of supposed greatness marks a time when non-white populations were under persecution or threat. White evangelicals, he states, need a new narrative.

After Trump’s election, African-American evangelical leaders asked Fea to help them understand white evangelicals. As he encountered more deeply the African-American journey towards justice Fea came to see that “hope, humility, and history” need to replace fear, power, and nostalgia as the white evangelical storyline. “We have a lot of work to do. Believe me,” he concludes (191).

What should liberal Canadian Christians make of such a narrative? We might be tempted to thank God that we are not like those Americans. But a better response, I think, is two-fold: to find our solidarity with evangelical Christians, like Fea, who resist the path that led to Trump, and to search our own hearts and histories. When do we act, in our political lives and even in our churches, out of fear, a distorted desire for power, or an amnesiac nostalgia? Perhaps we, too, have work to do.

Friends We Shall Miss

Edward (Ted) Turner of Regina, SK, passed away on November 1, 2018. Ted was a member of Wesley United Church in Regina for 52 years and served on the St. Andrew’s Fundraising Dinner Committee.

Neil Westcott of Saskatoon, SK, passed away on June 16, 2018. Neil was an active volunteer with The United Church of Canada at both the local and Presbytery level, served on the board of directors for Sherbrooke Community Centre, and volunteered at Briers and within the local sporting community. Neil and his late wife, Linda, recently served as financial aid officers for the college.

Wes Ashwin of Saskatoon, SK, passed away on July 15, 2018. Wes graduated from St. Andrew’s College in 1953 and served The United Church of Canada in several Saskatchewan communities. Wes was awarded the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002, and was awarded the Golden Heart Award by the McClure Place Foundation in 2012.

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E378: Invitation to Adventure: Luke retells the Jesus Story **Jan. 7 – 11, 2019 (W. Richards, C. Myers)**

Prerequisite: Intro to Christian Scriptures or instructor permission

By the time Luke took up pen to write the story of Jesus, he knew other accounts were already in circulation. But Luke's attention was caught by the spirit of adventure to which the hero had invited his hearers. The same breath Jesus had breathed was inspiring a new community of healing and wonder, among women and men, slave and free, rich and poor alike. To help prepare participants for preaching, study & reflection from the gospel, this course works through Luke's 24 chapters, attentive to the challenge to adventure its Jesus presents. The course may be taken for audit or for credit.

PA110: Introduction to Worship **Jan. 13-15, Feb. 3-5, March 9, April 8-9** **Sunday, Monday (full days) Tuesday (half day)** **(H. Kim-Cragg)**

Prerequisite: PA110 or completion of 30 credits.

This course introduces students to the history, theology, and practice of Christian public worship. It is designed to gain biblical, historical, theological, and pastoral dimensions on the nature of Christian worship; to explore the praxis of sacramental worship; to gain insights into Christian year, liturgical place, and prayers within worship traditions, music, with reference to its relationship of culture; to demonstrate practical knowledge and experience in leading/presiding worship, writing prayers, and choosing hymns.

HA/SA382: Learning Circle II: United Church History, Theology and Polity **Feb. 25 - March 5, 2019 (D. Schweitzer)**

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

This four-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 its polity functions.

Graduate Level Course in Conjunction with ReJUNEvation **June 17 - 21, 2019 (D. Schweitzer)**

Prerequisites: An introductory course in theology is an expected prerequisite for participation. A limited number of spaces will be available for those wishing to audit the course (half cost). Course description and details are in development.

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SA014/214: Christology **Jan. 14 - April 12, 2019 (D. Schweitzer)**

Prerequisite: SA113 Introduction to Christian Ethics (or equivalent), or permission of instructors.

Beginning from the historical Jesus and drawing on contemporary critical Christologies, this course follows the development of faith in Jesus as the Christ and examines different ways of understanding his saving significance in different contexts. The goal is to equip students to develop and articulate their own Christology in a way that is authentic to the Christian tradition, their own experience, the experiences of others with whom they are in dialogue and the needs of communities to which the students belong.

BE056/156: Early Christian Scriptures I **Jan. 14 - April 12, 2019 (W. Richards)**

This course (Early Christian Scriptures I & II) invites a careful reading of all the New Testament writings, as well as some other examples of early letters, sayings-collections, etiologies, hymn-collections, apocalypses, and testimonies. The next set of texts for study illustrate how early Christians combined and edited such materials in shaping longer documents. Our literary concern is with appreciating the layers of meaning that have been created within the text in its present state, while our historical concern is with identifying the issues that their first Christian readers were having to face. BE056/156 (Winter 2019) shifts the focus to those texts which more explicitly address a Gentile audience (Paul, John, Luke-Acts).

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