



Our Second Century Begins...

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Principal's Ponderings



Lorne Calvert

Welcome to our fall/winter edition of Contact. As the name indicates, this newsletter in one of the ways we try to keep our College community in contact! Our community is broad and diverse. We are friends and supporters of the College from all walks of life. We are current and former students; we are current and former faculty; we are alumni/ae of the College, recent graduates and graduates from many years ago. We are current and former student residents of the College. We are UCWs, congregations, pastoral charges, Presbyteries, Conferences and friends at the General Council of The United Church. We are ecumenical partners and colleagues in theological education. We are from all parts of Canada and beyond. We are diverse but share a common support for theological education and for those preparing for ministry. We are diverse but united by the gospel of God's love and justice proclaimed by Jesus the Christ and God's Spirit at work among us. It is good that we should keep in contact!

We are in the midst of a happy fall semester at the College, made so by our students! They are passionate, committed to their studies, collegial and supportive of each other, value justice, are rooted in faith and are hopeful for the Church. Four of our students are currently serving in their residency experiences. Our 'on-campus'

student group is larger than we have known for several decades. Other of our students are beginning their studies both on-campus and at distance while yet others are pursuing their masters or doctoral work.

Our community is guided and supported by those who serve in volunteer capacity on our committees and Board. While always a challenge, this autumn our Finance Committee reports another year where we have achieved a balanced budget. Our audited statement is again without an ongoing notation of concern signaling a level of financial stability that we must strive to maintain. Our Property Committee has developed a long-term capital plan for the maintenance and restoration of our College buildings but, as you will see in the pages of this Contact, a large challenge now presents itself. We have a very good program at St. Andrew's, but very shaky plumbing!

Our Faculty, Academic Committee and Board have initiated a serious discussion of the creation at St. Andrew's of a joint degree program that would bring together under graduate and post graduate work in a combined Bachelor of Theology and Master of Divinity program. A joint degree program could bring together undergraduate courses from external universities, introductory classes from St. Andrew's, with the components of our current M.Div. program, including the integrated residency, for a joint B.Th./M.Div. degree and testamur for ordination. With the guidance of St. Andrew's faculty the undergraduate courses could be tailored to

better meet the emerging needs of Church and community. If achieved, a joint degree program could have the entering student involved in ministry residency after four years of study with graduation and testamur for ordination achievable in six years (as opposed to the current eight and nine years required). Over the next several months our Faculty, Academic Committee and Board will continue to refine the possibilities and consult with our colleagues in theological education and in the courts and committees of our Church. The prospects are exciting.

Over the past century St. Andrew's Community has shown itself to be resilient; on occasion pioneering; committed to academic excellence, research and writing; deeply committed to the integration of academic study and practical experience for those seeking ordination; and ready to heed the most contemporary movement of God's Spirit. In my own view, in times of unprecedented change in our Church and world, servant leadership is more important than ever. I believe God is calling forth a new generation of leaders – some who are young, some middle-aged, some elders. I meet them daily at the College. To equip those whom God is calling with a justice driven education for Christian leadership is the reason we strive, plan and build that this College community will serve for decades to come.

As we enter the holy season of Advent, we at the College extend to each of you our warmest Christmas greetings. Let's keep in Contact!

From Our Heritage – Jake Buhler

Which Canadian Premier's ashes lie buried just 50 metres from St. Andrew's College?

See Page 11 for the answer.



Board Chair



Dawn Ballantine-Dickson

I am privileged to follow Vic Wiebe as chair of St. Andrew's College. He has done a remarkable job in his eight years on the Board; guiding the board in the transition of being once again independent of our sister college St. Stephen's in Edmonton, and helping maintain stability while a new principal was hired. I thank Vic and the members of the board that left me such a strong legacy and sense of direction.

Although last year was the college's 100th anniversary, this college takes seri-

ously the lessons of the past but definitely looks forward. I was able to attend the National Consultation on Theological Education, which was held June 26 - 28, 2013 in Toronto. This was a gathering of student representatives, faculty, principals and board chairs from all the United Church Colleges and learning centres. The goal was to enable conversation about how to fashion theological education for the United Church in the unforeseen future. It was my first opportunity to meet with people from other colleges to discuss common challenges and ways we might work together. Discussions from this consultation have resulted in two of the faculty offering a proposal which Lorne will bring forward at the Deans and Principals meeting.

Last month at the time of the board meeting we had an opportunity to thank the wonderful donors to the "Give us a Lift" campaign, with refreshments and a video showing the stages of the lift's development. Some of these folks had the opportunity to ride in the lift from street level to the main lounge. A feat that would have been impossible before their help to the college. Their names and all those who graciously gave to the accessibility fund have been placed on a wall scroll on a wall by the office. From the board, and students and staff yet to come, who will be able to access

our college because of your generosity - Thank you.

Being from Manitoba and not from Saskatchewan will have its challenges. Some of which are learning how to be part of conference calls, answering emails quickly, and explaining to Manitobans what St. Andrew's is and how important it is to have a college that focuses on bringing the Gospel to the people of the prairies, and understand the rapidly changing prairie context.

It is good to be an active part of St. Andrew's College once again, now as a board member rather than a student. It is good to see the changes that have taken place in curriculum development and learning circles, as well as the upkeep of the building, replacing the boiler and soon hopefully the aging steam pipes. What is even more important and reassuring is knowing that there is a caring and supportive community of friends and alumni that pray for us, and that cares about the ministry formation and how it can best serve the needs of God's people.

Thank you all for being here for us. If you ever have questions please share them with us as we would be delighted to give an answer or begin a dialogue.

Blessings, Dawn Ballantine- Dickson

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Reaccreditation Self-Study Update

The College community is now well into the self-study process for reaccreditation. The Steering Committee and subcommittees have met. The members of the subcommittees are working both individually and in their subcommittees on an in-depth examination of all aspects of the College's life and work. Students, recent graduates, staff, faculty, board members and others have been surveyed; policies and documents are being examined. All of this data will be analyzed by the subcommittees in order to ascertain what the College is doing well, and where we need to change. The Steering Committee will make

recommendations to the Board and faculty in the fall.

After we submit our completed self-study at the end of 2013, we will be visited by a team appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. That visit has been set, and will occur March 17-20, 2014. At that time the visiting team will meet with students, alumni/ae, faculty, staff and Board members, as well as any other people the team might wish to talk to.

Any person interested in making a submission for consideration by the self-

study Steering Committee and/or one of the subcommittees should contact Dr. Christine Mitchell, Director of the Self-Study, at 306-966-8985 or by email at christine.mitchell@usask.ca. The final draft of the self-study will be available early in 2014 on the College website. Any person who wishes to make a written submission directly to or speak with the visiting team should also contact Dr. Mitchell. All written submissions addressed directly to the visiting team will be given to the team upon its arrival.

Christine Mitchell

Moses Kanhai to Receive the Honorary Doctor of Divinity



Moses Kanhai

On the recommendation of the Honorary Degree Committee, the St. Andrew's Academic Committee has selected Moses Kanhai to receive a Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa (D.D.) at the College's spring convocation in May of 2014.

Moses Kanhai was born and raised in Trinidad and Tobago and moved to Canada 45 years ago. Recently retired he worked most of his professional life in corporate communications, management consulting and strategic planning. He is distinguished for his local, national and global contributions in lay leadership.

Moses Kanhai has served in leadership within his own congregations; in leadership within Saskatchewan Conference of the United Church, both on its executive and serving as its President; and in leadership at the General Council both as a Commissioner to two General Council gatherings and in accepting a nomination for Moderator in 2012. His commitment to gender equity and justice for gays, lesbians, transgendered persons and others who face discrimination, both inside and outside the church, have led him to pioneering leadership locally and nationally.

Moses is a strong advocate for ecumenism, deeply supportive of the transformative vision for an intercultural church and committed to inter-faith issues. He remains deeply committed to lay leadership within the church, contributing to as a

member of the program team for the Designated Lay Ministry program. His expertise in communication and strategic planning has facilitated strategic planning in a host of United Church settings, including with the Board of St. Andrew's College.

In the words of one of his nominators, "Moses is an example of living justice and standing nearby....He continues to seek ways to build up the church, to help the church plan for its future, and to find ways to move into that future. He does this by helping the church be a place of safety, respect, commitment, faithfulness and compassion for all people on their journey of faith."

Moses and his wife Cintra have two daughters, Larissa and Shanna, and two grandsons, Elijah and Greer. They make their home in Regina and worship and serve with the congregation of Wesley United Church.

Moses will receive his Doctor of Divinity at convocation on May 9, 2014 at Knox United Church in Saskatoon.



Corroded Water Line Causes Flood (A Sign of Things To Come?)

At about 11:30 p.m. on a mid-August evening a capped and corroded high pressure water line on the fourth floor of the College burst releasing hundreds of liters of water. A smart phone video, captured by one of our residents, shows the water gushing under pressure from the wall of the washroom (see below). In less than half an hour Campus Safety was called, plumbers were on site and the water was shut off. In that time the water was flowing into offices and flooring on the fourth floor was



destroyed; ceilings, offices, a classroom and flooring on the third floor were destroyed; ceilings, offices and flooring on the second floor were ruined; and water had entered the library ruining a supply of current text books and some irreplaceable resources. Some of the water reached even into the basement of the College.

The clean up and restoration is still underway and our contractor's estimate it may take until the new year before the final repairs are completed. It is suggested that the damages may reach over \$100,000. The College's insurance will cover the repairs with a \$10,000 deductible and an uncertain effect on future premiums.

Apart from our classroom, library and corridors the brunt of the damage was sustained in offices leased by the College to the University of Saskatchewan and primarily those occupied by the School of Physical Therapy. The College is grateful for the patience and the forbearing of our tenants during the disruption caused by the flooding. And the College is particularly grateful to Carolina Castro, our Property Manager, and her team for managing the extra burden the flooding has caused.

This event presents a dire warning about the state of the plumbing in the College buildings. The newest water and steam lines are now over fifty years old and the water lines, steam pipes and radiators in the original building are well over nine-

ty years old. While the boilers are new, plumbers are warning that the steam delivery system is reaching the point of collapse. If St. Andrew's is to continue generating the essential revenue from leasing the building to the University of Saskatchewan and to maintain a College home within the historic walls, there is little choice but to undertake a major, phased in, plumbing replacement. It will represent the largest renewal project the College has had to undertake for many decades.



A Gift That Keeps On Giving

In 2006 St. Andrew's College and the Saskatchewan Conference of The United Church of Canada received equal shares in two quarters of land in southern Saskatchewan near Wawota/Carlisle. The gift came in the final distribution of the estate of Ethel Moats, a faithful United

Church member who sought to support the Church and future generations of those preparing for ministry.

With ownership of the land both the College and Conference share ongoing revenues from surface leases on one of the quarters and surface leases and mineral

rights on the other. At the College the annual revenues provide support for the teaching and learning of students in their journeys toward ministry and will do so for many years to come. The College remains deeply grateful for the generous spirit of Ethel Moats.



College Video

There's a whole new approach to telling the story of St. Andrew's College.

A video that captures the college's spirit, sense of the community and commitment to justice-driven education for Christian leadership is one of the ways in which St. Andrew's is sharing its story with prospective students, the United Church community and those who support the college.

"The video seeks to serve as an invitation to those who may be considering theological education and to share with everyone something of life at St. Andrew's these days," said Principal Lorne Calvert.

"Most of the filming for the video was done during our orientation week early in September and so it focuses on the group of our students who are on campus this term."

The video produced by Tara Yolán Productions of Saskatoon saw hours' worth of video shot by a three-person crew during the course of several days. Yolán then edited the interviews and images into a fast-moving, four-minute presentation.

In addition to filming the student gatherings, chapel service and other activities that took place during orientation, several students and faculty members took part in interviews to share their thoughts about the St. Andrew's community of

learning, faith and fellowship.

"I knew that St. Andrew's would be the place that I would want to go if ministry was the path for me," student Mitchell Anderson says in the video. "I really knew this was the place for me."

"To be here," adds student Doug Neufeld, "on campus, in the community, in the culture is really exciting."

The production touches on the contributions of the college's faculty and their role and commitment in delivering a theological education rooted in social justice and delivered with a Prairie perspective.

"We are so not about dogma," says Prof. Nettie Wiebe. "We are so about Christian leadership and practice in a world that seeks — that cries — for justice."

It also highlights the way in which the college, through the generous assistance of its many supporters, is working to make students' goals of a career in ministry a reality through financial support, including a tuition-paid residency experience as students participate in practical ministry.

"Students come out of here ready to go," notes Prof. Don Schweitzer. "They have a confidence in who they are, what they have learned and their ability to do ministry."

The video helps to put on a face on the

college community — students, faculty and staff — and serves an accessible and easily approachable way to introduce prospective students to what St. Andrew's has to offer. It will also be used by Principal Lorne Calvert for presentations to United Church congregations and other supporters as a way to invite them to share in the spirit of St. Andrew's. Copies on DVD will be available those who may want a copy for congregational or community use.

The video may be viewed on the college's website at <http://www.standrews.ca>, on the St. Andrew's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/StAndrewsSaskatoon> and on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsCollegeSaskatoon>. We invite you to watch the video and share it with your friends, fellow church members and those interested in the how St. Andrew's is continuing its long tradition as The United Church of Canada's centre for theological education and ordination in the Prairie region.



Interviewing Lindsay Mohn



Interviewing Nettie Wiebe



Interviewing Kathleen James-Cavan



Ministry Residency as Partnership



*E. Lynn Bayne
Ministry Residency Coordinator*

Ministry Residency as a component in preparation for ministry in The United Church of Canada is provided through a partnership between St. Andrew's College and the church. What do the partners bring?

St. Andrew's offers a strong Master of Divinity programme rooted in the prairies: cultivating Christian theologies of social justice and respect for the land, integrating

theory and practice, collaborating with other centres of learning, working to offer challenging ecumenical education, living an Affirming Ministry, and fostering an ongoing community of learning, faith and fellowship.

The United Church through congregations and other learning sites offers opportunities for theological students to practise ministry in real and diverse settings. Order of ministry and lay people dedicate their time and talents to supervise and support the student ministers.

The national church supports each learning site which accepts a student minister with a grant of \$10 000.

The church conference Committees on Internship and Educational Supervision, again both order of ministry and lay people, are responsible for matching student ministers and learning sites, and for overseeing supervised ministry experiences throughout. This work involves considering students' requests for learning sites, and recruiting and approving learning sites to meet students' needs. Student ministers can only be appointed where there are appropriate learning sites.

Ministry Residents contribute hugely to student ministry, bringing ideas from

their recent studies, fresh energy, and dedication to their call. Most will be paid at the lowest end of the salary scale. All will provide continuity in ministry for twenty months, distributed budget-wise over three calendar years. At completion of the Residency, student ministers may, if mutually agreed upon, be appointed as Candidate Supply to complete two full years in ministry with the learning site.

In 2013 – 2014, five St. Andrew's College students are engaged in Ministry Residency with pastoral charges in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. In 2014 – 2015, an additional eight St. Andrew's students plan to begin their Ministry Residencies, requesting learning sites in Saskatchewan, Alberta Northwest, Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, British Columbia and southern Ontario conferences.

These student ministers can only respond to God's call to ministry and become our future ministers if enough congregations offer to be learning sites.

The challenges are great – and so are the rewards. The college and the church invite congregations to join us on this journey of learning, faith and fellowship.

Property Report

By Carolina Castro

Since July we have been working on replacing a few things around the building. Thanks to a wonderful donation from the Ina Grafton Gage Home we replaced 9 windows on the north side of the building that were very unsafe. We still have a few left in the same condition that will need replacing in the very near future. We replaced a flat roof above the library and another one needs to be replaced by next spring. Another project that we are working on is

to replace/repair the slate on the roof. We were able to do a small section over the summer but the project will take at least five years to complete since we only have a very small budget each year.

Some other things we have done in last few months: inspecting/replacing all the standpipe hoses; paving a section of the front parking lot and painting all the lines in the north parking lot; we have started replacing taps and shut off valves in the washrooms (with a lot more to go); paint-

ing some hallways and an office; replacing flooring in a faculty office. We also replaced an eave on the west side of the building and repaired a down spout by the elevator entrance.

Back in August we were faced with a flood caused by a pipe bursting in a washroom on the 4th floor. This created damage in three different floors; offices, classroom and hallways. We are now working on renovating these areas.



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If you have bequeathed money to the College in your Will we would like to know about it so that we are able to acknowledge this in the next issue of Contact.



The St. Andrew's Second Century Fund

As St. Andrew's College now enters its second century of service to The United Church of Canada the Second Century Fund is established to lay a foundation for the decades ahead.

The Second Century Fund seeks gifts, above and beyond those required for the annual costs of teaching and learning, to provide for exceptional needs faced by the College in the new century.

As gifts are provided they will be expended where need is the greatest. Much of that current need is related to the College buildings, and very specifically, the replacement of failing plumbing and deteriorating windows.

The St. Andrew's College buildings not

only provide home for theological study and preparation for 21st century Christian ministry and leadership, they serve as an important source of revenue to support the work and witness of teaching and learning.

An investment in the College's home, not only preserves the heritage of the historic buildings, but serves to support those who study within these walls and whose ministry will serve the future Church and the world.

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You are Invited to Participate in Winter Refresher 2014!

This year, the annual Winter Refresher Conference at St. Andrew's College is being held from a Thursday evening to Saturday noon (27 February to 1 March 2014). Winter Refresher is an opportunity for you to visit the College, and to learn and share together in a theological context, about varied experiences of and visions for deepened forms of community, solidarity and relationship.

The theme this year is "Confronting Racism with Solidarity: Untangling Colonial Webs and Creating New Contexts." We are extremely honoured to have Dr. Andrea Smith as our speaker. Dr. Smith is widely known for her inspiring ability to engage a wide range of audiences to address realities we are all tangled in from long histories of racism in our world. She is a Native American, Cherokee, anti-violence activist and scholar with strong involvement in community organizing. She writes, speaks, teaches, and leads communities into new practices of solidarity and community – especially in places and ways that are difficult because of deep social divisions and inequality.

Among her involvements and contexts, Dr. Andrea Smith is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York, she teaches in media and cultural studies at the University of California (Riverside), is co-founder of "INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence" and of the Boarding Schools Healing Project, and is the U.S. Coordinator for the Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT). She recently presented a report to the United Nations on Indigenous Peoples and Boarding Schools.

Much of the activity of Winter Refresher involves gathering in the Main Lounge of St. Andrew's College to hear Andrea Smith speaking from her experience and knowledge, and to participate in times of conversation with her and each other. The content of this theme is certainly not new to The United Church of Canada or to the many different congregations, communities, projects and forms of

leadership that make up the church. There are many leaders and teachers, communities and congregations, with long practices of working on racism and of finding ways to live and learn together as indigenous and non-indigenous peoples, and as people with a great diversity of experiences in relation to the histories that shape us. The theme is of course also not new to people of many different traditions and places of justice-seeking, community building and faith. It is the long work of policy-makers, preachers, educators, parents, social justice activists, community leaders, youth, elders, musicians, poets and writers in many different contexts.

How *do* we live together well and create a future together, reckoning courageously and honestly with histories and present realities of racism? As well as listening to and learning with Andrea Smith, there will be opportunities at Winter Refresher to participate in conversations and experiences with individuals and organizations involved in responding to that question in creative and hopeful ways, including for example, the Aboriginal Students' Centre of the University of

Saskatchewan, and some student participants in the recent "Behold!" conference on Intercultural Ministries. We hope you will find this a time to deepen, renew, reconnect and return inspired with new practical strategies and visions for life and relationships wherever you are.

We invite you to share in this time of learning together! The theme calls us, as we are always already called, to face together the injustices and violences that continue to pain the world and the Spirit among us; and, as always we are called to refresh each other on the journey in a spirit of faith and hope. As Andrea Smith writes in one of her recent publications, and has proclaimed in other speaking engagements: "...we need to create movements that are so much fun, people won't be able to wait to join!"

Registration information is included on the back page of this newsletter, on the St. Andrew's College website and Facebook page, and by contacting the General Office at the College, 1-877-644-8970. Further information on Andrea Smith's writings is available through the St. Andrew's College Library and on the College website.

From Our Heritage – Jake Buhler

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Sir Frederick Haultain was the last premier of the North West Territories from 1891 – 1905. His ashes are buried behind the Memorial Gates.





St. Andrew's People

Christine Mitchell

Christine Mitchell had a good summer, including presenting two papers at a conference in Scotland in July. She is continuing to steer the Self-Study this fall and winter, which means she's teaching less this year than usual. She's looking forward to the publication of two or three pieces, including an article in the flagship Journal of Biblical Literature.

HyeRan Kim-Cragg

This summer was a very happy summer on two counts. The first is that the Board of the college granted me tenure, and approved a Sabbatical leave available in 2014. Thanks be to God! And thank you to the college that has placed its confidence in me and given a such a unique and special way to serve God, the church, and the world. The second is that the summer of 2013 was the first summer that I did not leave the province. It was so great, staying put and enjoying the beautiful Saskatoon summer.

My major work in summer was to write the final report for McGeachy scholarship. It is my hope that the report will be made available to the wider community once it is approved by the McGeachy committee. Some other writing and research projects I undertook were a paper on ecclesiology-the church in transit- for the International Academy of Practical Theology, a paper on migration and liturgy for the forthcoming book *Moving Body*, and a paper on baptism as crossing for a collection of essays in the forthcoming book, *Only One is Holy*.

On the teaching side, I have been teaching special course called "Intercultural Ministries and Theologies," in addition to my regular courses on worship and Christian education. The Intercultural

course is special because it brings students from across Canada; it is a hybrid course (meaning on-line and on-site combined learning) and it is a team-teaching course that I will offer with Prof. Rob Fennell. The Atlantic School of Theology is hosting "Intercultural Ministries and Theologies" in conjunction with the Behold conference in October focusing on intercultural ministry in the United Church. Seven students from our college will join me along with 18 other students from different theological schools, and we will learn with and from each other through the course and the conference.

On the church and community service front, I am happy to share that Don Schweitzer and I published a book in Korean, *An Introduction to the United Church of Canada for Korean Speaking Members*. It is our hope that the book will serve to educate those Korean speaking members and leaders who are new to the United Church. An English version is in the press as well. Don and I with the 3 Korean ministers (who came to take their admission courses and translated the materials for this book) are planning to travel to Toronto next April to present the book and have a consultation with the wider Korean constituency and the supports of the Korean groups.

Sandra Beardsall

One challenge of doing historical research is that even in this electronic age, the researcher still needs to go to actual archival holdings to retrieve information. I was fortunate to have meetings in Toronto this past spring that allowed me to do some research on two United Church founders in the national UCC archives. The meetings included the Touchstone board, where I continue at "profiles" editor, and a consul-

tation on theological education in the United Church, attended by faculty, administrators, board members and students of all the United Church's education centres. While no major new directions emerged, it is clear that everything in ministry education is up for discussion.

In July I taught a course on Exploring Ecumenical Shared Ministries in the summer program of Sorrento Centre, an Anglican retreat and educational centre on Shuswap Lake, B.C. There were thirteen participants, including three Saskatoon Theological Union students who took the course for credit. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn and share knowledge and community in a beautiful setting. While in B.C. I preached at Christ Church Trinity, Invermere, which has been an Anglican-United Church shared ministry congregation since the 1960s.

I was pleased to participate in the successful PhD defence of a University of Saskatchewan history department dissertation on Canadian women leaders in the early years of the Baha'i Faith. It is mutually enriching when we at St. Andrew's College can find ways to collaborate with the teaching and research life of the wider university.

Lynn Caldwell

Early in this fall I traveled to Toronto for a book launch to celebrate the release of *Critical Inquiries: A Reader in Studies of Canada*, for which I am one of three co-editors. As well as an opportunity to share in that celebration with many of the authors from the book, I was grateful and happy that some St. Andrew's alumni and former faculty who now live in Toronto (Marilyn Legge, Gail Allan, John Egger) were able to attend and celebrate the launch of this book with me, along with



many other friends and colleagues. I hope to organize a book launch in Saskatoon as well in the coming year, likely in the winter term.

I am currently collaborating with Darryl Leroux, of St. Mary's University in Halifax, in a project that brings together his work on studies of colonialism in Québec with my own studies of Saskatchewan. We are happy to have the support of a fellowship grant from the Interdisciplinary Centre for Culture and Creativity (ICCC) at the University of Saskatchewan to provide an opportunity for Darryl to travel to Saskatoon in the spring so we can work on this together. Our project has been accepted for inclusion in a collection of studies on "Celebrating Canada," which will gather the work of scholars engaged in a critical response to the upcoming celebrations of the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation.

I continue to coordinate the Integration Seminar course; this year we have eleven students engaged in the seminar and volunteering weekly with various social agencies in the city as their field placements for the course. I very much enjoy working with students in the seminar and deeply appreciate the time and energy contributed by the participating social agencies and the students' learning supervisors.

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, we are honoured to have Dr. Andrea Smith as our guest speaker for Winter Refresher February 27-March 1. Working with a wonderful planning team for this event, connecting with community partners for involvement in the conference, and spending time reading Andrea Smith's writings in anticipation of her time with us, is a very inspiring and energizing piece of work over the next few months.

Nettie Wiebe

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary at the 6th Conference of the Via Campesina in Jakarta, Indonesia this past June was a particular pleasure and honour. This global movement of peasants, small-scale farmers, indigenous peoples and rural workers' organizations came together two decades ago in an effort to resist the global trade agreements that threatened rural communities, cultures and small-scale agriculture. Over the last two decades the Via Campesina has grown into a very significant progressive social movement engaging in struggles for ecological protection, food sovereignty and justice. Despite the huge and growing challenges of corporate concentration in the food system, climate change, land-grabbing and loss of biodiversity, the Via Campesina remains a positive

force, practising solidarity, embracing diversity and working for life sustaining alternatives.

As a founding leader in the movement, the progress was gratifying. But as a Canadian in this international conference I was also disturbed to hear of the pollution, displacement and violence perpetrated by mining in many rural and remote areas. Mining has become a major threat to life and peace. And the Canadian mining industry figured large in many of the tragic, first hand stories told by peasants and indigenous people from Central America, Africa and Asia. The criticisms focused on exploitative labour practises, irredeemable water and land pollution and terrifying violence against those whose villages, territories and lives are being destroyed.

More recently at the UCC 'Turning Over Tables' event in Quebec City, I was pleased to hear passionate voices calling for justice and corporate responsibility in mining. Because Canada's mining sector has a dominant position in the world, this call, coming from a Canadian church, is well-placed. And it is the kind of solidarity and justice work that will resonate in many places.

Preparing for Disaster Ministry

Disasters seem to be happening with more and more frequency. When these crisis impact smaller communities, churches have a number of resources to offer, and need to be considered an essential resource by the local Emergency Measures Organization (EMO). But consideration must be given to what is involved and how

to respond before emergency situations arise.

CiRCLe-M (Centre for Rural Community Leadership and Ministry) is planning Webinars that will help stimulate conversation in the local community whereby church and community can more readily work together.

March 2014 is when the Webinars will be presented, but Churches, EMOs, and other organizations need to plan now to participate in these informative conversations. Details can be found at www.circle-m.ca.

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From a Faculty Book Shelf:



Christine Mitchell
Professor of Hebrew Scriptures

A few years ago, I started teaching a course on the Pentateuch that focuses specifically on Genesis 1-3 and other creation texts in the Bible. In the course, we read Genesis 1-3 from a variety of perspectives: relationship to other ancient Near Eastern creation stories, myth criticism, eco-criticism, feminist and gender criticism, source criticism, and reception history. Because of this course, I started reading more widely in the scholarship on Genesis 1-3. Recently I read *Enticed by Eden: How Western Culture Uses, Confuses, (and Sometimes Abuses) Adam and Eve*, by Linda S. Schearing and Valarie H. Ziegler (Waco: Baylor University Press, 2013). I thought that it would be a resource for the section of the course on reception history. It turned out to be much more: an exploration of the intersections between American evangelical and secular cultures.

The book is divided into two parts. The first, *Recreating Eden*, is made up of

three chapters that explore various aspects of the culture of American evangelicals. The first examines how the “love story” between Adam and Eve is combined with “princess culture” (a wholly secular materialist phenomenon, by the way) to produce a culture where evangelical girls and young women are socialized into waiting for their own Prince Charming. The second chapter delves into the world of Christian online dating websites, and shows the tensions between the “love story” of Adam and Eve and the contemporary difficulties of finding a life partner. The descriptions of the dating websites, the chat rooms in them, and the complex corporate structures that operate them is fascinating.

The third chapter reminded me of nothing so much as an anthropologist’s report from the 19th century describing the bizarre practices of the “savages” he encountered. This chapter describes how the theology of female submission (embodied as “discipline”) is combined with the “love story” of Adam and Eve and results in something called by its practitioners “Christian domestic discipline.” This practice at first glance looks similar to sexual role playing, but on further examination is abuse. As the authors point out, it’s all quite a logical extension of reading Genesis 2-3 as divinely ordaining Adam as the dominant partner in the relationship.

The second part of the book, *Recycling Eden*, contains three chapters that explore different ways the Garden of Eden story functions in popular, secular, culture. The

first of them explores “Adam and Eve” jokes: jokes that reinforce traditional gender stereotypes, and jokes that subvert those stereotypes. In these cases, popular culture has less interest in the scriptural function of Genesis and more interest in working through gender issues in contemporary culture. The next chapter performs a similar kind of analysis on advertising. The authors conclude that even when the company whose products are being advertised with the use of Garden of Eden imagery is a modern, progressive company, the imagery reinforces traditional stereotypes.

In the final chapter, a secular counterpart to Chapter Three, the authors analyze the use of Garden of Eden imagery in the modern sex industry. Although the story of Genesis 2-3 is not about sex, it has become connected with sex. The authors conclude that, “In the end, customer culture encourages a shallow engagement with religious symbols, not because popular culture is necessarily shallow, but because consumers have been trained to treat consumption culture in a shallow manner” (p. 148). Religious symbols can then be re-oriented to a different meaning.

Reception history is an interesting area of research, and one that has become quite prominent and exciting in the past ten to fifteen years. This book does an excellent job of showing how the imagery and story of the Garden of Eden continue to be relevant.



New Pastor in Residence

The community at St. Andrew’s has welcomed the Rev. Faye Ford as the new Pastor in Residence. A graduate of St. Andrew’s Faye brings her experience in congregational ministry, her knowledge of the wider Church and her gifts in pastoral ministry to the College. Welcome Faye!



From the Library



Mallory Wiebe

The transition from summer to fall in the St. Andrew's College library is never gradual. The atmosphere goes from eerily quiet to bouncing in just a matter of days. I am so pleased to be working with a good number of returning and

new students this year. I am also very happy to interact with patrons once again after having spent a long and quiet summer alone in the library. Serving their academic needs is deeply satisfying and rewarding for me. With the departure of our head librarian, Sarah Benson, the other STU library technicians and I have been working together to continue to maintain the functionality of the STU library system.

Library orientation went extremely well. I was more than happy to give a presentation to students about how to use our STU library system. They seemed extreme-

ly grateful and very excited to learn more!

Unfortunately, in August St. Andrew's was plagued with a flood caused by a pipe bursting in the residents' area. The library stacks, the back room, and my office area were affected by this water damage. Since most of the Emmanuel and St. Chad library collection was still in boxes, many books had to be taken away to be dried out. The good news is that Lydale Construction managed to save 80% of the damaged books. We are extremely grateful to them, Carolina Castro, and the many others who helped with the flood clean-up. If it weren't for them, we would have lost many more materials.

Because of the flood, shelving of the Emmanuel books has taken longer than expected. We only recently obtained the saved collection back, and Sophia Quan, our dedicated hired help, is working very hard to finish shelving the collection. We are so lucky to have found someone like Sophia, who is an extremely dedicated, hardworking, and intelligent individual.

Our library assistants are also back for the term. Jay Cowsill is returning to us and continues to be a hardworking and long-standing library employee. New to our

team this year is Katelyn Haskell, who interned for St. Andrew's College library last spring. She is currently in her second year of Library and Information Technology at SIAST. Both Jay and Katelyn have knowledge of the library that is extremely beneficial to the STU's library system as a whole.

St. Andrew's library is proud to own a set of two bicycles that are available for any student, staff, or faculty member to use for a 24 hour loan period. Helmets are not provided, but we highly suggest you bring one. They are available at St. Andrew's College during the spring and summer seasons. Sadly they are not winterized!

As for me, I will be busy ordering books and keeping our lovely collection up to date. As well, I will be assisting both students and faculty in using our library resources to benefit their studies and research to the best of their abilities. I will be maintaining the steady flow and use of our library system. Please don't hesitate to come in and say "Hi!" Come to see what we're all about!

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Winter Refresher

Thursday, February 27th to Saturday, March 1st, 2014

Confronting Racism with Solidarity

Untangling Colonial Webs and Creating New Contexts



Theme Speaker:
Andrea Smith

Native American (Cherokee) anti-violence activist and scholar; co-founder of the Boarding School Healing Project and of INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence

Saskatoon Theological Union Convocation 2014

Friday, May 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Knox United Church, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

St. Andrew's College Convocation will take place next spring as 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 thirteenth joint Convocation.

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