

In this season of Advent as we wait for God among us...  
we wish all your days are filled with joy and cheer!



*Students gathered in St. Andrew's College Chapel*

## *Merry Christmas!*

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## Principal's Ponderings



**Lorne Calvert**

As the gospel writer John recounts the story, it was Andrew who invited his brother Simon to meet Jesus. In the presence of Jesus Simon became Peter and a foundation stone for the church was laid. But Simon only came because Andrew invited him.

In this hour in the life of St. Andrew's College, in the life of The United Church of Canada, and in the life of our nation and world, we need those who will hear and respond to the invitation to follow Jesus. We need those who will live and proclaim the gospel of love and justice in the Church and the world. We need those who will study the will of God for our time and the meaning of the spiritual among and within us. We need those who will prepare for a

lifetime of servant leadership and pastoral care in church and community. At St. Andrew's we need a larger and growing student body because those who will come are needed by our Church and world.

And so, like the disciple whose name we bear, we who love this College, this Church and this world, must become an inviting people. Those whom we need to come, to follow, study and serve must first hear an invitation. They should hear it from us. Within the College and within our Church we must reinvigorate a culture of call where we unashamedly invite others to consider ministry, theological study, and servant leadership in the Church and world.

The invitation can and must go out to people of all ages and stages - young people in high school, students on our campuses and in our technical schools, people at work in our communities and congregations, people nearing the possibility of career change or retirement. All around us are those who have the gifts for ministry and gifts for study and service. As with Andrew they may well be in the circle of our families, our friends, our congregations, our communities. An invitation may change their lives and the life of our Church and world.

Walter Farquharson and Jeff Cook have very recently published a book of reflections on the Gospel of John. They

have given their book the title *An Audacious Invitation*. Reflecting on John's description of the disciples coming to Jesus and Andrew's invitation to Simon, they write:

"Andrew brings Simon, his brother, whom Jesus dubs Peter, the Rock. A grounded, in-the-flesh kind of community is being formed. Longings for purpose and belonging, for justice, compassion and truth, longings to be free and at home in creation and with each other, things spoken of by a great company of prophets and teachers, the deepest longings of the human soul, begin to coalesce around this teacher. Those who follow feel the embrace of the teacher. In his embracing of them with their questions and hopes, they have found a place to call home. Here they will, in turn, learn to embrace the world. Embracing others they will, like Andrew, bring sisters and brothers so that they too can see, be welcomed and find a place and purpose." (Farquharson, Cook: *An Audacious Invitation* (Pine Valley 2013), pp.47-48)

It was an audacious invitation that Andrew extended to his brother, and one that changed the world. It is still an audacious invitation to follow Jesus. It is still an audacious invitation to encourage others to join the community of St. Andrew's. But the invitation must be made and we are those who must make it.

## St. Andrew's College Earns International School Designation

St. Andrew's College has recently been designated under the *Saskatchewan Designation Framework for the International Student Program*: this is in accordance with regulations established by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. The designation means that St. Andrew's is able to host international students and those international students accepted at St. Andrew's are able to apply for and receive study permits in Canada.

In order to earn the designation the College was required to provide a large

amount of information about the College and its programs to the Ministry of Advanced Education in Saskatchewan, and to host an extensive site visit from officials in the Ministry. Leslie Schweitzer, the College registrar working with international students, coordinated the application process and the site visit. "This designation is crucial to our ability to welcome international students into our community. We are so pleased to have been designated," Leslie said. Leslie also points out that "this fall term we have welcomed two full time

students from Korea into our community. Without the designation we would not be able to do so in the future."

In a letter to the College the Hon. Kevin Doherty, Minister of Advanced Education in Saskatchewan, said:

"The designation status exemplifies provision of the highest quality student services and supports for its students including international students. Congratulations on achieving this standard of excellence."



## Board Chair



**Dawn Ballantine-Dickson**

St. Andrews College seems to be in a continual time of Advent even though we rejoice that Christ has come. At the same time as celebrating of the life of Christ in the Gospel accounts, we proclaim Christ in love yet to be; the poor that will be fed, the causes of poverty yet to be changed, the fearful trusting in faith, the grieving waiting to

rejoice in life everlasting, greed transformed to generosity, the continual welcome of friend and stranger empowered by God's grace... This year has been a time of celebration for our college. Our investment of caring for students and congregations has been rewarded by a favorable accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools. We are encouraged by this, to continue to provide studies and a nurturing community that struggles to be faithful to God, culturally relevant and that can speak to the generations who have upheld this church in the past and to the generation yet to come. We look ahead with continued diligence and explore new ways to encourage those who feel a divine nudge to find their path of ministry. This fall, members of the past and present board, students, staff, and invited guests met to brainstorm and help us set priorities for the dedicated task of strategic planning. This is when we put all our good intentions and lofty ideas to the real test of practical application. It comes down to the ques-

tions, 'Where are we going' and 'How are we going to get there'.

We are not on an independent journey but the journey of shared faith. As The United Church of Canada nears the next General Council meeting in Corner Brook, we are carefully reading, prayerfully considering, and respectfully responding to the various reports suggesting changes to the way we share theological education and empower people in their ministries.

Advent is more than the four weeks prior to Christmas Day, when we get our baking, making, and shopping, done before the big day. Advent is the preparation to welcome Christ who is already in our midst. It is with Christ's grace that we engage the future with joy, that we share the Good news; we are not alone we live in the ever-changing and challenging world sharing God's comfort, justice and hope. Thanks to all of you who have been on this continuing Advent journey with us, and will continue to walk beside us discovering the love of Christ upon the way. Amen

## Designated Lay Ministry Program

The Designated Lay Ministry Program has now officially moved to St. Andrew's College, as of September 1, 2014. The Director of the DLM Program, Rev. Dr. Jennifer Janzen-Ball, is also now located at St. Andrew's College.

The DLM Program entered its fifth year in 2014 and continues to grow. Nine new students were admitted in 2014. As of October 2014, a total of thirty-five students have taken part in the program, including one global partner from Japan. Students have come from Newfoundland and Labrador to British Columbia and all provinces in-between. Fifteen students have graduated from 2012 (first graduation) to 2014.

The 3-year program operates under a "continuous admittance" policy, which means that new students can enter the pro-

gram at any point in time, with their first learning circle being either in January or June. However, work for each learning circle begins approximately two to three months in advance of the circle itself. Students must also be in a ministry appointment of at least 50% time during the 3-year program.

The Director of the program works closely with a dedicated volunteer group, the DLM Program Team. This six-person team has responsibility for the program, including policy development and implementation; general learning circle planning; and communications. The Team has members from across the country, lay, DLM, ordained, and diaconal. At least three program team members attend each learning circle. DLM Program Team members offer leadership to peer groups (small

groups of students) throughout the learning circles, teach, engage in assessment of student work at the learning circle, and participate in the assessment process at the end of each circle.





## Ten Year ATS Accreditation

The College received some exceptionally good news this past summer.

Following the process of required self-study, and an on-site visitation by officials from the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) the **Board of Commissioners of ATS have granted St. Andrew's College a renewed accreditation for ten years!** A ten year accreditation is the maximum period of accreditation that may be granted to a theological college. We are thrilled to have received this affirmation from our North American peers in theological education.

In granting the ten year accreditation period the Board of Commissioners highlighted what they believe to be the distinctive strengths of St. Andrew's College, including the following:

- A clear cultural identity as a school of and for the Canadian prairies, observable in such areas as the design of the DMin degree with its focus on Rural Ministry and Community Development, the ethos of the MDiv program, and faculty appointments committed to the region's cultural context.

- Capacity for institutional resilience attributed, in part, to strategic administrative appointments, demonstrated personal and financial commitment of the faculty, and the strong stewardship of the school's physical resources.

- The integration between theology and practice that characterizes the whole of the MDiv program.

- Commitment to a model of non-hierarchical faculty governance emerging out of deeply-held institutional values.

The Commission has asked us to maintain attention and diligence over the period of accreditation to financial stability, the challenges of our governance models and best practices in on-line education. We will also be reporting in over the next several years on the evolution of the Saskatoon Theological Union, evolving policies and ongoing strategic planning and assessment.

That the College has earned this remarkable accreditation is due to the support that St. Andrew's College has received from the wider community and Church; our friends and our alumni/ae; the gifts and talents of those who have served and serve on our committees and Board; and the faculty, students and staff who share together in theological education here. This College is richly blessed!

## Alum News

### Joyce Fergus-Moore

Since graduation and ordination in 1990, I served in pastoral charges in southern Manitoba and northwestern Ontario, as well as seven years in hospital chaplaincy in Thunder Bay. My partner, Peter, has shared the journey, finding work as a freelance writer, and as coordinator of adult learning at the Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre. We were blessed with a daughter, Emma, who is now 23. After Peter and I retired in 2013, we responded to a calling to be volunteers with the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI). We served in this capacity for three months last winter. We lived and worked with international EAPPI volunteers situated in the West Bank; I was placed in East Jerusalem and Peter was in Bethlehem for two months, then the third month he was with my group in East Jerusalem.

Our mandate was to accompany the Palestinian people living under military occupation (which has gone on for many

decades). In being with the people as they went about their daily lives, and at peaceful demonstrations aimed at ending the occupation, we were offering a protective presence. Residents told us they were treated much better when internationals were present. We also spoke with many wonderful Israeli advocates of peace and justice. We were to monitor and report our observations to EAPPI which then reported to the United Nations branches involved. An important part of the program is advocacy, and Peter and I have done twenty-three presentations, so far, in two countries, on our experience in this troubled area. We continue to have a stubborn hope that the world will wake up to the realities on the ground, and call upon the government of Israel to comply with international law and respect human rights, ending the occupation and treating all residents with equal rights and dignity, regardless of race or religion.

If anyone wants further information about our experience, or how to be involved, please contact us at [fergs@tbaytel.net](mailto:fergs@tbaytel.net).

### Walter Farquharson

Walter Farquharson with his friend Jeff Cook (Transcona Memorial UC) has written and published "*An Audacious Invitation*". These two friends explore John Gospelwriter's invitation to a life of compassion and hope. Believing that John's gospel has special relevance for our time, and that it is primarily the work of a poet and storyteller who delights in dancing with theological and ethical themes, these two writers urge us all to dance as well - often setting aside preconceptions about John and his gospel. Farquharson acknowledges that this has always been his favourite gospel. While Cook says it was never his, he delights in the ongoing dialogue. For information or to order, contact [farq.blueheron@sasktel.net](mailto:farq.blueheron@sasktel.net) or Wood Lake Publishing Inc.



# Winter Refresher 2015 – The Holy Spirit and the Environmental Crisis

March 5, 6 and 7 2015

We are in the midst of an environmental crisis that threatens all forms of life. Theologians, environmentalists and others have been saying this for several decades. But the environmental crisis is not old news. It remains a crisis of life on this planet, a crisis caused in large part by the ways in which North Atlantic societies relate to the environment. This crisis is changing as it unfolds and so is our understanding of it, as new developments occur and new information comes to light. Several years ago people spoke of global warming. Now the talk is of climate change. Where are we in this crisis now? How is it being addressed?

In the midst of this, we are not alone. God is with us in the Holy Spirit, the source and sustainer of life. A crisis is a time of opportunity as well as danger. It is a time when change can happen, when new ways of life can arise. How is the Spirit manifesting its presence in relation to this crisis? What does this crisis mean for the Holy Spirit as the giver and breath of life? Where and how is the Spirit at work to bring repentance, comfort, healing and hope in this? What is the Spirit calling us to be and do in relation to this crisis?

Mark Wallace will be the theme speaker for St. Andrew's Winter Refresher, to be

held March 5, 6 and 7, 2015. His talks will be addressing this topic and these questions. Mark is Professor of Religion and Interpretation Theory Coordinator at Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. He is a gifted teacher and theologian who connects Christian faith to the environmental crisis in an insightful, accessible and engaging way. He describes his teaching and research as focusing "on the intersections between Christian theology, critical theory, environmental studies, and postmodernism."<sup>1</sup> Much of his work focuses on the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of life, enlivening all creation and wounded along with it by environmental degradation. His thought is grounded in his location in Pennsylvania, yet he is widely connected through his writing and activism. Mark combines theoretical depth and breadth with a remarkable personal openness. He is a much published author who has written several books on the Holy Spirit in relation to the environmental crisis. He is also frequently in demand as a speaker. To view a brief video of Mark speaking about themes central to his upcoming Winter Refresher talks, go to <http://youtu.be/50H11UJEYrc>.

In addition to three sessions with

Mark Wallace, there will be workshops on topics like the Earth Bible, the Holy Spirit and social movements, and the work of the World Council of Churches on climate change. Shawn Sanford-Beck will be leading a workshop describing where the Holy Spirit has led him and his family in their search for an ecologically friendly way of life. There will be the ever popular movie night for those who like to discuss a film over a good meal, as well as the great conversations and chances to connect with others that are essential to Winter Refresher. Come add your thoughts and join your voice to this conversation.

More information on Winter Refresher 2015 can be found at [standrews.ca](http://standrews.ca). Registration can be done online through [Picatic.com/winterrefresher2015](http://Picatic.com/winterrefresher2015), or over the telephone by calling 306-966-8970 or 1-877-644-8970.

<sup>1</sup> *Swarthmore College Profile: Mark Wallace*

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## The Inquirer's Program At Winter Refresher 2015

The 2015 Winter Refresher is offering ten opportunities for people currently involved in the discernment process of The United Church, or those who may be considering theological education to be part of an *Inquirer's Program at Refresher*.

Inquirers will have the experience of Winter Refresher events, including the presentations of Mark Wallace on this theme

"The Holy Spirit and the Environmental Crisis"; the workshops; the meals; the fellowship of the Winter Refresher community; and the opportunity to meet St. Andrew's students and to get to know the College.

Successful applicants for the Inquirer's Program will have their full registration paid by the College and meals during the

event. If requested Inquirers may receive a \$50.00 travel subsidy. Inquirers will be responsible for their own accommodation but the College can assist in finding a billet.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in the Inquirer's Program please contact Melanie at 306-966-8970.



## Accepted in Principle but still in the UCC's Admissions Process!

Jenny Sprong



All systems 'GO' or so we thought when I was offered the position by the St. Andrew's United Church in Swan River, Manitoba, in June 2013. I resigned from my job in Durban, South Africa, where I had been the Social Justice Coordinator for the Diakonia Council of Churches. What we didn't count on, was the three-month-long immigration workers strike – so, waiting for our visas became a little nightmare – July **nothing**, August **nothing**, September **nothing** – but, in the middle of October the long-awaited visas arrived! A quick scramble to get flights booked and foreign exchange arranged! Phew! Happily though, on October, 29th we arrived in the beautiful little town of Swan River.

I soon discovered that I had missed the registration deadlines for some of the courses I needed to take to satisfy the requirements of The United Church of Canada's Admissions Process. They had already started in September, while I was still waiting for my visa! Many e-mails passed backwards and forwards but soon I was registered for two of the required five courses with St. Andrew's College, which started in January 2014. Firstly, the 'Directed Reading and Research Course in Worship and Sacrament' and secondly, the 'United Church Faith Formation and Postcolonial Intercultural Ministry'.

Studying is one of my passions even though I had believed that my formal studying days were over when I finally graduated with my PhD in 2012! The UCC had other ideas and now I am so very grateful. Coming from South Africa means that I bring many experiences of diversity and inter-cultural understanding with me but immersing myself into the stories of Canada – many of them from Story and Song: A Postcolonial Interplay between Christian Education and Worship by Prof HyeRan Kim-Cragg, enriched my thinking and will continue to inform my ministry here in Canada.

I was not unfamiliar with distance learning and I suppose by now I see myself

as an independent student but all kudos go to professor Kim-Cragg here. It is seldom that students get adequate and helpful feedback when they are not regularly in a class room atmosphere. St. Andrew's College has a gem in this lecturer, who is obviously passionate about her subjects and who also understands the UCC Admissions Process. Each and every assignment was marked with care and comments and further ideas shared. The concepts I explored were engaged and my efforts were affirmed. The postcolonial issues are sensitive and the First Nations Peoples' dilemmas here are complex. I don't for one moment think that I have now arrived, but my experiences, throughout these two courses, encouraged and informed me.

Contrasting worship traditions and exploring why the UCC does what it does, was not only an academic exercise. The course helped me to engage with the members in our Worship and Faith Formation Committees. I appreciate hands-on material, which both educates and inspires.

Not only do I now have a fuller understanding of some of the stories of the people in the UCC, I have also made some new friends with colleagues, whom I met through this process.

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2. Select St. Andrew's College and set your preferences
3. Use your cards as usual to begin giving with *ChangeIt*.

The small change from your everyday purchases can make a big difference for our students and our College.

# An Evening With Paul Martin

By Rod Drabble

A former Canadian prime minister offered his passionate insight and leadership on Aboriginal education during a fundraising event in support of St. Andrew's College students.

The Right Honourable Paul Martin shared his thoughts on the current challenges and a vision for the future as part of an interview and dialogue based on the theme *All My Relations: Aboriginal Education and the Future*.

The evening of inspiration and ideas — held September 18 at Mayfair United Church — attracted a full house of an estimated 400 people with the audience representing a cross-section of society including people from the Indigenous, political, St. Andrew's College and United Church of Canada communities.

The evening opened with an interview conducted by St. Andrew's student Mitchell Anderson in which Martin touched on several aspects of his life including his spirituality.

"I would describe myself as a person of faith," he said, adding that there is no doubt his Roman Catholic background shaped his view on how others should be treated even though his decisions while in office weren't governed by his personal religious beliefs.

"I disagreed with my church. I was the PM (prime minister) who brought in gay marriage," he said to loud applause from the crowd.

"I forgot," Martin then added to laughter, "that I was in a United Church!"

Throughout the interview and the question-and-answer session that followed Martin emphasized the need for all Canadians to engage in dialogue and build a communications bridge with First Nations and the broader Aboriginal community.

That conversation, the former prime minister said, is needed if Canadian society is to understand the challenges faced by those communities. Only understanding will create the impetus to work together in charting a path for the future.

"The only way we are going to turn it around is to make sure we talk," Martin told the crowd, saying that First Nations people must continue to tell their stories and share their world view with other Canadians.

"If you don't explain to us where you are coming from we are not going to understand. You say that we don't understand you: You are right. (But) you can't give up. You can't give up on us."

Martin, who served as prime minister from 2003 to 2006 and minister of finance from 1993 to 2002, founded the Martin Aboriginal Initiative after leaving office in order to identify issues affecting Aboriginal Canadians.

The initiative focuses on elementary and secondary education for Aboriginal students through the Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative while the Capital for Aboriginal Prosperity and Entrepreneurship Fund works to develop business expertise and provide mentorship

opportunities for Aboriginal business.

As prime minister he was key in creating the 2005 Kelowna Accord that would have directed \$5 billion over five years to improve education, health, and housing in First Nation communities. The initiative was dropped when the Conservative party defeated Martin's Liberals in the 2006 federal election.

He regrets that the plan was never put into action, and Martin is dismayed that First Nations education has been largely ignored in subsequent years and remains controlled by a federal Aboriginal Affairs department that he says doesn't have the educational expertise, interrelated resources, and funding required to bridge the education gap between First Nations' students and those of the general population.

Martin believes Canadians are hungry to change in the country's relationship with First Nations people because they realize the future health of the Canadian economy is tied to the education and health of First Nations communities and their young demographic.

He encouraged those in attendance to engage in the "hard talk" needed in order to push the federal government use the power of the purse to lead the country.

"I think the country is desperate to turn this thing around. They don't want to see it any longer," he said. "We have a huge financial incentive in basically doing the right thing."





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The St. Andrew's 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 also 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 also serves to support those who study within these walls and whose ministry will serve the future Church and the world.

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## St. Andrew's: Connected

In 2014, through the generous response of the St. Andrew's Alumni/ae, one of the College classrooms was refurbished with new desks and chairs to better serve today's students. The fifty year old tables and chairs designed for pen and paper have been replaced with desks and chairs designed to accommodate laptop and tablet computers. The change has been warmly welcomed by students and faculty. Seeking to further enhance the student learning experience at St. Andrew's, and to open doors to new possibilities in distance

and continuing education, in 2015 the College will again reach out to Alumni/ae and friends seeking support for "St. Andrew's: *Connected*".

St. Andrew's: *Connected* is a project to introduce into the College 21st century learning and teaching tools and technology. It seeks to provide Wi-Fi internet access in all of the classrooms, the library and meeting rooms where students gather. The project seeks to equip the College to offer live or on demand webcasts and to better utilize social media. The project also plans

to give the renovated classroom a video conferencing capability so that St. Andrew's students across the nation and around the globe can join students in the classroom here.

These technological investments will enhance the learning opportunities of students on campus and offer wide new possibilities in distance education and continuing education beyond the College walls.

St. Andrew's: *Connected* will help move the College into its second century.

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## "Evangelization Day"

By Jason Richards

Two months ago I arrived in Seoul, South Korea to begin the first leg of my residency journey. Challenged by culture, daily life, food and church schedule I have sought to learn, in both understanding and acceptance. Since I first began my work at Kangnam Community Church of the PROK (Our United Church's partner church in Korea) I have been pelted by a chant at the end of worship. As our head pastor raised his fist in the air, our congregation shouted the response in unison, four hundred people strong. I was at first very taken aback by this, it seemed strange, and almost cultish. As the weeks went by, an Elder of the church began translating the worship for me, including this ending mantra. They were shouting out a date, 10/19, and they did it for months. I was told this was our countdown to evangelization day, the one day a year where church members were to bring friends to church. That sounds simple enough. As 10/19 approached, the pastors began to get busier, the service was to be a grand celebration, a welcoming, with food and a rose for the newcomers (all newcomers get a rose, I got

one my first service too!) a special musical performance, and even orientation classes. I had never seen anything like this, and at first I tried not to judge, until I realized as I saw all the work that went into it, and the hundred new faces learning about Christ and the church, why was I even judging in the first place? Evangelize is a cringe worthy word in my understanding of it, yet this was no cringe worthy event.

At some point I think our medium and message have gotten confused. The medium of talking to people about our faith in Jesus Christ is not wrong. We, as the mainline liberal Western churches, have become so stalwart in our belief that willful speaking of Jesus is wrong as it might encroach on someone else's beliefs that we have nearly lost the ability to speak about our faith at all. This medium, word of mouth, is the oldest form of medium in existence. We need to have the heart and confidence to realize that our message is one worth speaking of, which it most certainly is, in my humble opinion. Just because certain groups of Christians in the world use/have used this form of evangelism for ill, does

not mean we should disregard it entirely. Such decisions are not only black and white, within the gray there is a modicum of wisdom, even if it is uncomfortable to go looking for it. There is strength in the resolve of belief, one that we as the United Church must find **and** share, not hoard this faith, this theological understanding in our buildings waiting for the random newcomer to drop by. If you were to ask me, I think we should **go find them**.





## St. Andrew's People

### Don Schweitzer

During the 2013-2014 academic year I enjoyed a sabbatical. Most of this time was spent working on Jesus' resurrection. The work went well but I did not make as much progress as I had hoped to. In November 2013 I travelled to Detroit with two friends to see this city that has garnered so much attention recently and to learn about the grassroots social activism there. Last spring I published a paper entitled "A Sacrificial Dynamic in the work of the Holy Spirit," in *The Ecumenist* 51/2 (Spring 2014), 14-21. I presented a paper entitled "Jesus' resurrection as a saturated phenomenon," at the Canadian Theological Society annual meeting May 26-27, 2014, in St. Catharines, Ontario.

### Christine Mitchell

Christine Mitchell had a busy summer and early fall. She's been working on curriculum issues and development for the college. In June she spent a week in the Netherlands at an interdisciplinary seminar on the Persian Empire and has contributed to the volume of proceedings. She's also been collaborating with a colleague in the U.S. on two publications. In August she taught a one-week intensive course on Prophets, with a focus on Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. In the fall semester she's teaching the introductory Hebrew Scriptures course and the Entry Colloquium for the DMin program. She is looking forward to her upcoming sabbatical in 2015-16, when she plans to spend time in Europe and the U.S. doing research, and travel to Korea as part of the Hanshin exchange program.

### Lynn Caldwell

In September I attended a conference in Ottawa along with other contributors to a forthcoming book called "Celebrating Canada". Both the conference and the book aim to reflect on the political, social and

cultural forces that have shaped Canada over the course of its history as a nation. My own contribution is a chapter I have co-written with a colleague in which we look closely at these factors in relation to events in Quebec and in Saskatchewan. Our chapter examines how indigenous and settler relations are described in commemorative events in both of these regions. It's a project that fits with my ongoing work, in teaching and scholarship, to bring critical attention to what is meant by "a prairie context."

In support of my work with Integration Seminar and coordination of community field placements for that course, and also for my own continuing education, I am participating in a year-long program called Leadership Saskatoon. This involves meeting once a month with a network of other participants who represent a variety of organizations and workplaces in Saskatoon, to explore the topic of leadership in community.

I completed my term as co-chair of the Provost's Advisory Committee on Gender and Sexual Diversity (PACGSD) at the University of Saskatchewan, but I continue to serve on the committee as a member. Significantly this involves helping to facilitate workshops on gender and sexual diversity with various groups on campus.

### Sandra Beardsall

Ecumenical activities once again loomed large in my calendar these past months. In June attended the third International Receptive Ecumenism conference at Fairfield University, in Connecticut, where I got to hear about research as diverse as the interfaith practices of Christians in Pakistan to the state of ecumenism in Africa to the "Icelandic Ecclesial Landscape." I convoked a panel on the work of ecumenical shared ministry congregations in Canada, the USA, and Australia. Also in June, my article "The Case of the Missing Ecumenical Spirit

(Pulp Fiction for Delicate Sensibilities)" appeared in *Touchstone* journal.

This past year I have been part of a small editorial team assisting Fr. Bernard de Margerie, an ecumenical pioneer in Saskatoon, in the preparation of a book of ecumenical liturgies, prayers and resources: *In God's Redeeming Grace*. The book was published in August, and thanks to generous donations, especially from Catholic parishioners, all costs of publishing were covered, and Fr. Bernard was able to offer the book as a free gift. He has given copies to members of River Bend Presbytery, and chapel sets for the Saskatoon Theological Union chapels. It is a beautiful publication, with both meditative and longer liturgies, excerpts from ecumenical texts, and prayers from various Christian traditions. If you would like a copy, please let me know, and I will have Fr. Bernard send you one. He invites everyone who receives one to consider making a donation to the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism.

In September I was one of the keynote speakers at the North American Academy of Ecumenists conference at Burbank, California, responding to two papers by John Gibaut, the Director of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches. My paper was called: "It Takes a Village: Can The Church: Towards a Common Vision Help Raise North American Ecumenists?"

This fall, the Roman Catholic/United Church dialogue group of River Bend Presbytery and the Saskatoon Diocese continues to meet regularly. Jordan Cantwell and I are the Presbytery members of the planning team. Other participants include St. Andrew's graduate SunDo Hyun, and current M.Div. student Eva Biederman. From international to local, ecumenical work is a lively and exciting endeavour!

### Nettie Wiebe

As autumn folds into winter, my memories of the intense months of harvesting,



teaching and civil society events are giving way to thoughts of Christmas and a change of pace.

Our farm is located in the rural municipality of Harris where, over the last six years I have been noting some subtle but remarkable changes. Much of the pasture land in our neighbourhood has been purchased by an outside investor. Inquiries, supplemented with maps, at the municipal office confirmed that the patterns of land purchases in the entire municipality are undergoing a dramatic change. Land ownership is rapidly shifting from local farming families to non-local investors. This warrants further investiga-

tion so I am now part of a four person team of academics undertaking to find out more about the consolidation of agricultural land ownership. Our first paper on this phenomenon, "Land grabbing and land concentration: Mapping changing patterns of farmland ownership in three rural municipalities in Saskatchewan, Canada" will be published on-line in *The Canadian Journal of Food Studies* in January, 2015.

Happily I have been granted a six month Sabbatical leave beginning in January. This will permit us to expand the research to include all of Saskatchewan and to explore what these changes might mean for rural communities, food sovereignty

and our relationship to the land.

Over the past fifteen years I have had the privilege of sharing the classroom with a great diversity of wonderful students, working alongside valued colleagues and being a part of the community of St. Andrew's College. This wonderful, challenging, fulfilling journey as a member of the St. Andrew's College faculty is coming to an end on June 30, 2015. Thank you to the many, many people who accompanied, supported, encouraged, laughed with and worked in solidarity with me along this path. THANK YOU TO ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE!

## Ministry Residency on the "Interweb"

(to quote Brent Leroy on Corner Gas)

By Lynn Bayne



Friends of St. Andrew's College, have you checked out St. Andrew's website recently? St. Andrew's College posts loads of interesting and informative text and photos to stay in touch with friends, new and old. Rod Drabble, our communications guru, keeps the website up to date and makes it easy to access.

The recent St. Andrew's College video (only 4.5 minutes long) can be viewed from the home page on the College YouTube site.

As well, copies of the video may be borrowed from the College by groups and congregations for a taste of the mission and life of St. Andrew's.

From the home page, our friends can check out pieces on the St. Andrew's "Community", "Your Journey" of students and prospective students, "About Us" at St. Andrew's College and the "For Students" section.

"Your Journey" presents information about the requirements and supports for students engaged in studies with St. Andrew's. For example, friends of the College are credited with providing free tuition for one fulltime year of study for students in the Master of Divinity programme.

Next, please direct your attention to the "For Students" section because there is information there about another way for friends of the College in Saskatoon to support St. Andrew's students and potential students. Yes, this section is for friends as well as students of St. Andrew's!

Click on "For Students" and scroll down to "Ministry Residency" to see answers to frequently asked questions about Ministry Residency, the Ministry Residency Guidelines, and the evaluation forms which can be downloaded for use by Residents, their Education Supervisors and Lay Supervision Teams.

Scroll down further to "Student Forms and Documents". Scroll down again to the "Request for Billet" and "Offer to Billet" forms. Read for information about how friends in Saskatoon can offer to billet students and inquirers in order to assist them to attend classes and Winter Refresher. Remember how tight finances were when you were a student?

Friends of St. Andrew's College who do not have access to the "Interweb", are invited to contact Lynn Bayne, Ministry Residency Coordinator, at 306-966-8974, with questions about Ministry Residency or offers to billet students.



## From a Faculty Book Shelf:

By Nettie Wiebe

This may be a first: a faculty book review of a cookbook. But Catherine Verrall's *Every Bite Affects the World: an earth care cookbook for joyful, mindful eating* is a cookbook with a difference. Although it should be housed in your kitchen, you may do well to take it along into your office or reading room also.

As the title suggests, Verrall and her friends are not just focused on sharing good recipes and cooking tips in this volume. Although the book has a good many interesting and promising recipes in it, they are aware that there are plenty of good cookbooks already. The focus of this book is to explore the myriad ways in which our daily eating can be healthy, environmentally sustainable and socially conscious along with being delicious.

*Every Bite* is unequivocal in its critique of the global, industrialized food system. It is packed with information about harmful components of that system such as genetically modified (GMO) foods, unhealthy plastic packaging, toxic pesticides and the foods that are most likely to be heavily sprayed. Going beyond the personal health of the individual eater, it raises the alarm about the collapse of bee colonies, factory farmed meat and fish, the treatment of

migrant farm workers and many key interwoven ecological and social aspects of the corporate food system.

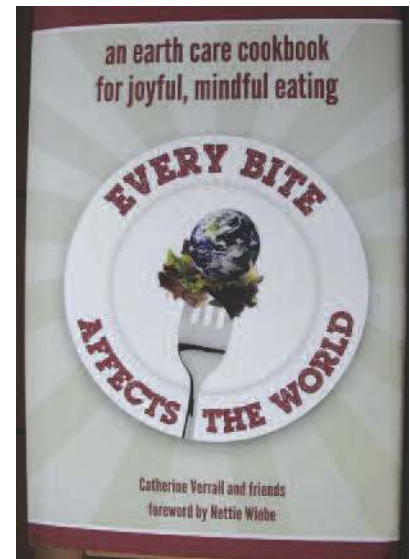
But the key delight of this recipe book is the wealth of practical information it delivers in a lively, usable way. Weaving stories, recipes, cooking tips, gardening, ecological care and social justice together, it manages to be highly informative while remaining entertaining. Who knew that chickweed, dandelions and lamb's quarters were rife with nutrients? With a heavy emphasis on eating local, reducing food waste and combining delicious with healthy, the recipes in the book are a treasure trove of good meal ideas which are ecologically and socially responsible.

Catherine Verrall notes in her introduction that *Every Bite* is an invitation to relationship, creativity and community. It is also an invitation to share stories, provoke action and express faith. As Menno Wiebe (Mennonite Central Committee) puts it "I believe in a gospel that reaches right into the digestive system" (p. 213). In an amusing anecdote, an elderly nun recounts her experience of borrowing a shovel and proceeding to garden on a vacant developer's lot in Regina. Being a "guerilla gardener" turned out to be a life-

giving and productive act of resistance.

*Every Bite Affects the World* takes the admonition from Isaiah seriously: "Why do you spend your money on that which is not food? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in life-giving food." (Isaiah 55:2)

*Every Bite Affects the World: an earth care cookbook for joyful, mindful eating*, Verrall, Catherine (and friends), Victoria: Friesen Press, 2014.



## A Major Gift from the Congregation of Third Avenue United Church, Saskatoon

St. Andrew's College has received a major gift from the congregation of Third Avenue United Church in Saskatoon. Having recently sold their historic edifice in downtown Saskatoon, and with a portion of the proceeds of sale dedicated to a Community Fund designed to support United Church ministries and community based projects, the congregation has gifted St. Andrew's with \$100,000. At a recent College Sunday at Third Avenue United

Church this amazing gift was presented to Principal Lorne Calvert by the children at worship that Sunday. This gift is supporting the new generation of servant leaders for our Church who are in preparation for ministry at St. Andrew's College today. Our whole College community is deeply thankful for the generosity and commitment to theological education in the people of Third Avenue United Church.





## From the Library



*Alison Jantz*  
STU Library Director

Greetings from the St. Andrew's College Library! It has been an exciting few months as I have settled into my new role as the STU Library Director. I spend Wednesdays and Thursdays at St. Andrews; Wednesdays are devoted to St. Andrew's Library issues and happenings while

Thursdays are overall STU planning days. It has been an incredible pleasure and opportunity to take on this role and become part of the libraries as well as the larger college communities. The library staff in each location carried a lot of responsibility for the period of time when there was no library director in place. A special thanks for taking such good care of the libraries as well as for welcoming and teaching me over the last few months. I anticipate positive and fruitful working relationships within and between the libraries!

In late spring, the moving and arranging of the Emmanuel & St. Chad library collection over to St. Andrew's was completed. Thanks to Mallory Wiebe for organizing this massive endeavour! The library catalogue is up to date so that all ESC library material now appears in the catalogue as ESC material housed at St. Andrew's. This is a great asset for not only Emmanuel and St. Chad, but also an opportunity for more people to visit the St. Andrew's Library.

Throughout September, several library instruction sessions were held in the library

for St. Andrew's students in various classes. These sessions helped to familiarize students with the library catalogue and journal article databases so that these resources would be useful in time for writing papers and assignments. Group and individual library tutorials and information sessions are always available upon request.

This year, we have reduced our evening hours to Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-9:00. Our student assistants are Katelyn Haskell and Rohit Sachdeva. Thanks to these students for keeping the library open longer hours for our students, faculty, and community members who use the library in the evenings.

The library continues to work well within the college and broader STU environment. As I spend more time here and sit in various college meetings and gatherings, I get to know more people! It is wonderful to put faces to names I see in emails and on college documents. The work and purpose of the St. Andrew's College Library continue to flourish! Stop by to update your library account, check out our new book shelf, browse the stacks, or simply to say hello!

## Property Update

By Carolina Castro

This past July we were able to continue the replacing of a few windows (12 in total). As usual, we do them in order of safety.

The flat roof above the Library on College drive was replaced and now we need to do a lot of maintenance on the missing or broken slate. This will take several years to complete.

The chapel steps have been replaced to bring them up to code and safety. We also replaced all the outside lights with LED ones which will give us better lighting and they also are good on savings.

Our grounds are looking beautiful thanks to all the extra work that Jake Buhler, our grounds master, puts into it.

As for the inside of the building we have been replacing carpet in some offices with LV Tile.

Two hallway doors in the basement were replaced with fire rated ones to meet code.

## *Friends We Shall Miss*

**Hiraku Iwai** passed away on October 27, 2014 in Saskatoon. Hiraku was born in in Funabashi, Japan. He and his wife, Michiru, shared ministry in various places both in Japan and Canada. In retirement, Hiraku and Michiru moved to Saskatoon and began holding weekly prayer meetings which grew to be worship services and birthed the Japanese Saskatoon Mission in Grace-Westminster United Church. Hiraku was

also a Core Group leader at working with students. In 2006 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity from the College.

**Winona Lambert** of Saskatoon passed away on October 29, 2014. Winona was a very active member of the St. Andrew's Guild and also helped out with many of our international students.

**Christopher Lind**, former Professor of Church and Society and President of

St. Andrew's College passed away on July 11, 2014 in Vancouver. Chris served as Professor of Church and Society from 1985 until he became President in 1998. After leaving St. Andrew's College in 2003, Chris was the Director of the Toronto School of Theology and, most recently, the Executive Director of Sorrento Centre, an Anglican Church retreat and conference centre in British Columbia.



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Thursday, March 5th to Saturday, March 7th, 2015  
*The Holy Spirit and the Environmental Crisis*



*Theme Speaker:*  
**Mark Wallace, Ph.D.**

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## Saskatoon Theological Union Convocation 2015

Friday, May 8th, 7:00 p.m.  
St. John's Cathedral, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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