

# CONTACT



Eva Biederman (left), Catherine Ruiz-Gomar, Roy Bortolotto and Lloyd Nyarota received degrees during convocation May 5

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# Looking toward the future with excitement

By Dawn Ballantine-Dickson  
St. Andrew's Board Chair

At no point in my time as chair have I felt as much excitement as I do now about St. Andrew's College. Yes, there have been celebrations. Five years ago, we celebrated our 100th year. We have also celebrated the installation of the elevator and, before my arrival, the new boiler. Today there is not one specific thing to point to but there is a deep sense of peace.



In February, we held a long-service recognition event for the staff and faculty. Considering how small our college is, it is remarkable to celebrate folks serving 20, 15 and 10 years with us. Coming to the college several times a year I can attest to the continuing feeling of welcome and caring from both staff and faculty.

The board, through the caring generosity of several generations of those folks faithful to this college, has been able to grant students greater bursaries by draw-

ing from the interest on endowments given for that very purpose. This has also allowed us to propose a balanced budget for this year. This speaks to the continued good financial management of our resources, considering that both the Province of Saskatchewan and the Mission and Service Fund have needed to cut back on funding of our college.

Joyfully the board accepted the recommendation of the academic committee to extend a tenured position to Dr. Lynn Caldwell, Professor of Church and Society. While we strengthen our ties with Lynn we say farewell but not goodbye to Faye Ford, our pastor in residence. Thank you, Faye, for your insight and compassion.

At the same time, we look forward to developing a memorandum of understanding with Sungkonghoe University of South Korea to begin student exchanges. Separate yet related, the academic committee approved two new class offerings, one to share a greater understanding of Canadian culture, such as explaining the community of a curling rink or what a wedding social is, and the other to further English language education for use in the church community. For example, what is a narthex, and does it differ from an entry way?

While we look to the future, we also realize that Principal Lorne Calvert will be retiring June 30, 2018.

We are now in the process of searching for a new principal while still trying to keep up with all of Lorne's unfailing enthusiasm. He has promised to visit Manitoba alumni, calling it part of his farewell tour. I don't think he is willing to say goodbye too soon, as he is still determined to replace the flooring in the community centre, once called the lounge, increase legacy givings, bolster the lay continuing education effort by bringing the college to the people, continue to host programs such as Music Matters, and the new ReJUNEvation. We are fortunate to have his inspiration and leadership continuing to guide and direct us.

There are reasons to celebrate our college. The reasons are many, ongoing and are a blessing from God, the many hard working people in the college and the time and gifts of those who are faithful to it.

Thank you, for your concern and your prayers. May what this college does to support and engage the ministry and Christian education in all of our pastoral charges continue. Amen

## Committee casting wide net in principal search

By Lea Pennock  
Search Committee Chair

The exciting but bittersweet task of identifying the principal who will replace Lorne Calvert in that role in July 2018 is now well underway.

The search committee reported to the board in February that it had met on January 12 to review the position profile and an extensive and solid base of information and suggestions gathered through community consultation with faculty, staff, students and other stakeholders.

The first meeting was focused primarily on matters of process: timelines, tasks, and the importance of confidentiality, fairness and diligence. We also reviewed the college's protocols around conflict of interest and apprehension of bias. Since then, the committee has

met again and will continue to meet by teleconference approximately every six weeks.

We set a June 9 deadline for receiving applications and nominations, and have created long and short versions of the position posting.

We have also sent letters out to theological colleges and religious studies schools and departments across the country, with copies of the long version for circulation and/or posting. And of course we have begun to identify prospective candidates.

Our expectation is that the committee will do shortlisting over the summer and conduct interviews in the fall, with a view to making a final recommendation to the board in January 2018.

We are committed to keeping the community and, through our representative from General Council, the United

Church informed of the progress of the search, with due regard to considerations of privacy and confidentiality.

And, of course, we are committed to finding a visionary leader who will carry on the faithful and transformative work being done by our current principal!

Members of the St. Andrew's College Principal Search Committee are:

- Mitchell Anderson
- Dawn Ballantine-Dickson
- Taylor Croissant
- David Crossley
- Leslee Harden
- Cam Harder
- HyeRan Kim-Cragg
- Lloyd Lovatt
- Lea Pennock (chair)
- Melanie Schwanbeck (*ex officio*)
- John Young

# Convocation celebrates students' achievement

St. Andrew's College celebrated the success of students from all across Canada during the college's awarding of degrees held as part of the Saskatoon Theological Union joint convocation ceremony on May 5.

In total, the college awarded degrees and diplomas to 13 students as well as two honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees. Six of the recipients were able to attend and participate in the convocation chapel service and luncheon that preceded the evening ceremony.

"We celebrate all of our graduates, those who can be with us this morning and those who are not here," Principal Lorne Calvert told the assembly of graduates, family and members of the college community.

The list of graduates included Eva Biederman, who received the only Master of Divinity awarded by the college during convocation.

The degree of Master of Theological Studies was awarded to Cara Broughton and Catherine Ruiz-Gomar.

Graduates of the Designated Lay Ministry program who received their diplomas were Paul Allard, Beryl Barraclough, Lloyd Bennett, Roy Bortolotto, Brynn Carson, Barbra Creelman, Edward Turner and Karen Willis. Many of the DLM graduates reside in communities across Canada and were unable to be in Saskatoon to attend the ceremony.

Christian Kakez-A-Kapend and Lloyd Nyarota received recognition for the completion of courses for admission to the order of ministry of The United Church of Canada.

"We particularly want to celebrate the two women who the Academic Committee of St. Andrew's College have awarded the honorary degrees," Calvert said. "They are two women who have served Saskatchewan Conference and the communities of Saskatchewan, both in lay and ordered ministry."



**Eva Biederman received a Master of Divinity degree**

Laura Thomson of Regina has served the United Church as a layperson in a number of capacities at the presbytery, conference and national level, including a term as president of Saskatchewan Conference.

Heather Wyatt of La Ronge has served her community since 1992 and has been in full-time ministry at La Ronge United Church since 1995. She has built relationships within the town's faith and secular communities and has held several positions in Tamarack Presbytery and Saskatchewan Conference and as a commissioner to two General Councils.

## Lynn Caldwell awarded tenure by St. Andrew's board

The board of regents of St. Andrew's College is pleased to announce that, following a thorough review process, Dr. Lynn Caldwell has been awarded tenure as a member of the St. Andrew's College faculty. Dr. Caldwell currently serves as Professor of Church and Society in the college community and joins Dr. Sandra Beardsall, Dr. Don Schweitzer, Dr. Christine Mitchell and Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg as tenured faculty.

Caldwell has deep connections with the community, The United Church of Canada and the college. Born in Meadow Lake, Sask., she graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a BA (Hons) in Psychology, lived in the St. Andrew's student residence and graduated from St. Andrew's with a Master of Divinity. She has served the church in Kamsack-Togo as an intern and in Elrose as a staff associate; as

program director of the Alberta Youth Animation Project on Southern Africa in Calgary; and on the program staff of Saskatchewan Conference.

Caldwell's graduate studies in Sociology and Equity Studies in Education were completed at OISE/University of Toronto for her MA and PhD from 2000 to 2008.

She returned to Saskatoon in 2008 and began sessional lecturing with Educational Foundations and Sociology at the U of S and St. Thomas More College. She also returned to St. Andrew's to job share the position of Professor of Church and Society with Dr. Nettie Wiebe from 2008 to 2015 when she undertook the position full time.

Caldwell brings a vibrant connection with the wider community and church and a passion for social justice to her teaching and academic work. She is also



**Dr. Lynn Caldwell**

bringing her experience and knowledge in education and research to lead the college's new emphasis on continuing education.

# College responding to needs of the church

**Lorne Calvert**  
St. Andrew's Principal

Our mission at St. Andrew's College to "provide justice-driven education for Christian leadership" comes into sharp focus with each convocation of our students. Our recent convocation, again celebrated with our colleagues in the Lutheran Theological Seminary and the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad, was no exception.

As we awarded Laura Thomson and Heather Wyatt with our honorary degrees, we celebrated ministries of justice seeking, compassion, health and community building. Among those who received their Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies, Diploma in Designated Lay Ministry or Certificate of Admission to The United Church of Canada we find some among us who are in the midst of ministry, and others at the beginning of ministry.

All of these, who have been our students for a season, are now alumni/ae for a lifetime. They each are justice seekers, compassion givers, community



builders, worship leaders and proclaimers of the Gospel.

To meet the needs of our students and to better serve the church and community the college has engaged in significant change over these past several years.

Our Master of Divinity has been adapted with an even deeper integration of study and practice; we have extended and deepened our relationship with international students and our colleagues in Korea; we have welcomed the Designated Lay Ministry program into our college offerings; we have forged the Doctor of Ministry program in partnership with the Lutheran Theological Seminary; and we have created the Dual Bachelor of Theology and Master of Divinity program that is particularly well suited to those just beginning post-secondary education.

Our faculty have vigorously pursued research, writing and theological inquiry and together are leading the college in progressive response to the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. And it is with great joy that we are able to announce in this edition of *Contact* that Dr. Lynn Caldwell has earned and been awarded tenure among the faculty of St. Andrew's.

As well we are labouring to renew our college home on the campus of the University of Saskatchewan to serve our

students, the church and the community for decades to come.

As I begin my final year as your principal I do so with an even greater conviction of the importance of theological education and our school than when I began.

At a time when greeting card theology in some quarters seeks to suffice, we need the rigour of academic study and research in our seminaries. We need our practical theologians and well-equipped and educated leaders in our congregations and communities.

At a time, in this province, when we would ponder the notion of taking the decency of a funeral service from the poorest among us and on this continent would choose to build walls as opposed to lengthening tables, we need the schools where justice and compassion are upheld and taught. We need the graduates who will lead justice and model the gospel of love and tolerance. And when our congregations and churches, our communities and our people, face a Red Sea of challenge and change we need, more than ever, our Miriams and Moses to lead us.

I am convinced that God is not quite finished with us yet and I am certain that God is not finished with those who stood during our convocation just weeks ago.

## Students benefit from library resource orientation sessions

**By Alison Jantz**  
STU Library Director

During the past eight months our library has offered more information literacy, orientation, and research and writing sessions than ever before.

This has started a new routine of offering ongoing, regular sessions as students need them. Traditionally these sessions were offered at the beginning of each term on a very general basis, but now we have created more detailed, learning intensive, experiential sessions for students to make better use of the library resources, and ultimately, to hopefully feel more confident using library resources.

We have been able to collect multiple copies of most volumes of the UCPH

New Curriculum collection. We are very happy to see items continuing to trickle in. Thanks to everyone who has graciously donated pieces of their personal or congregational collection to our library!



This year we switched from being open two evenings per week to one

evening per week and it worked well. In addition to being open one evening per week, extra evening hours were offered during specific courses, learning circles and cohorts. A great big thanks to Young Jin Park and Hyun Heo for working

those evenings and keeping the library open for our students.

The process of migrating over to a new library catalogue is well in progress. Please excuse any glitches or complications that may occur as we make this transition. We expect the Reindex site to be available until June 30 with the new catalogue coming into effect on July 1. Once again, please be prepared for hiccups and bumps through this transition period. Please feel free to contact the library at any point should you have questions or concerns.

As we celebrate convocation and the culmination of all achievements and challenges of this academic year, the St. Andrew's Library sends best wishes for a rejuvenating, inspiring and rich summer for all.

# Moderator's message highlights gala evenings

St. Andrew's College hosted two successful dinners this spring on April 18 at the Wascana Country Club in Regina and April 19 in Saskatoon at the German Cultural Centre.

Both dinners featured the Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell, Moderator of The United Church of Canada, and alumna of the college as the speaker. She spoke on "Travelling Mercies: Stories From the Road to Right Relations." The entertainment in Regina was provided by Lori Erhardt, Corinne Groff and Chris Martin. The entertainment in Saskatoon was provided by Sons of Django, a gypsy jazz trio.

The evenings were filled with laughter, entertainment and good food.

Thank you to our event sponsor, Guardian Capital, and our gold sponsor, MNP.



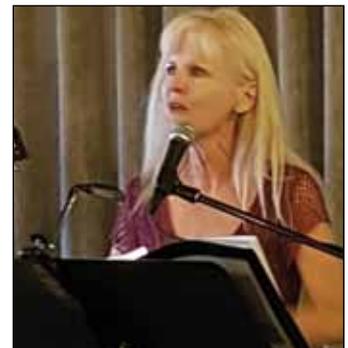
**Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell**



**Checking out silent action items in Saskatoon**



**A good crowd was on hand for the Regina gala**



**Lori Erhardt performed at the Regina event**

# Faculty, staff recognized for long service to St. Andrew's

On February 8, the college hosted its first-ever employee long-service recognition event at Boffins Social Club in Saskatoon.

In 2016 the board of regents implemented a long-service recognition policy that would recognize the accomplishments of its employees in contributing to a supportive work environment by formally recognizing 10 years of service and each succeeding five years thereafter.

Six staff members were recognized during the evening: Margret Hernik (Accounting and Administration Clerk), Melanie Schwanbeck (College Secretary) and Christine Mitchell (Professor of Hebrew Scriptures) were recognized for 10 years of service.

Don Schweitzer (McDougald Professor of Systematic Theology) and Sandra Beardsall (Professor of Church History and Ecumenics) were recognized for 15 years of service. Carolina Castro (Property Manager) was recognized for 20 years of service.



**(L. to R.) Carolina Castro, Sandra Beardsall, Don Schweitzer, Margret Hernik, Melanie Schwanbek, Christine Mitchell**

## *The Legacy Gift Campaign for St. Andrew's College*

# **We're building for the future . . . where there's a will there's a way!**

Legacy gifts to St. Andrew's are an opportunity to extend and enhance both the present and future mission of the College in preparing Christian leaders for Church and community. Legacy gifts are a powerful statement of gratitude for gifts we have received over a lifetime.

Legacy giving, sometimes called planned giving, provides gifts from end of life accumulated assets rather than from current income. Most often legacy gifts are provided through wills and bequests but may also involve charitable gift annuities, assignment of life insurance, or transfer of property such as cash, stock, bonds and real estate.

**We invite you to consider planning a legacy gift for St. Andrew's College.**

For information about planning a legacy gift for St. Andrew's College we invite you to contact our Legacy Gift Officer, Mr. Tom Cameron.

Tom has volunteered to provide information and guidance on the options for legacy giving to the College.

Interested individuals may reach Tom at [tdcameron@sasktel.net](mailto:tdcameron@sasktel.net) or 306-546-3689, or contact the College at 1-877-644-8970 or by email at [standrews.college@usask.ca](mailto:standrews.college@usask.ca)

Have you already included St. Andrew's in your legacy giving? If so we thank you very much and ask if you would have your name(s) added to our Legacy Gift Society? For public acknowledgement, our Legacy Gift Society will include those who plan a legacy gift and the names of those from whom we receive legacy gifts.

If you wish your name to be included please contact College Secretary, Melanie Schwanbeck at [melanie.schwanbeck@usask.ca](mailto:melanie.schwanbeck@usask.ca) or phone 1-877-644-8970 or 306-966-8970



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# College experience affirming for DLM grad

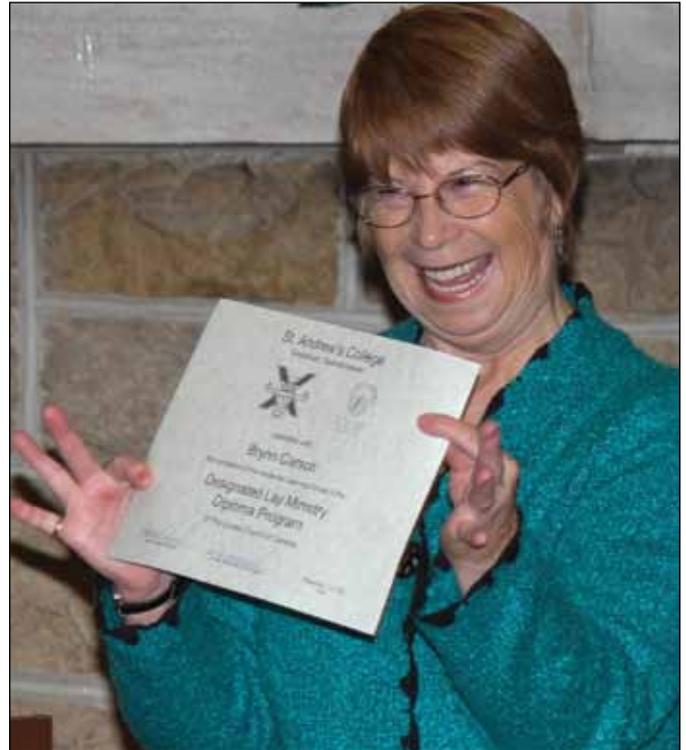
By Brynn C. Carson

I began the Designated Lay Ministry program at Calling Lakes before the program was relocated to St. Andrew's College in September 2014. Lorne Calvert made a trip to Calling Lakes in June 2014 to welcome us in advance and assure us of how excited the college was to be our new home for this program.

Personally, I found the opportunity to gather at St. Andrew's with my colleagues from across Canada for the 10-day learning circles an amazing opportunity to share with each other what we had been doing back in our sites — living together in community, sharing challenges we might be facing and continually exploring our call to be ministers within The United Church of Canada. There was always someone to laugh with, pray with, cry with or simply just “be” with. The DLM program was the best program for me not only due to my particular learning style but for my personality.

We are required to take three complementary university courses as part of the program. These are theological courses to be taken through a United Church seminary and in many of our cases we were able to do so online if we did not live in the immediate vicinity of St. Andrew's. As there are no theological seminaries where I live in Northern Ontario, this online option was truly a blessing. Many of the students are entering the ministry at a later time in their lives and these complementary courses are a wonderful way to expand upon the theological knowledge they may already have or feel they need and want more of.

The relocation of the program to St. Andrew's offered us the ability to access the libraries of the four associated seminaries, something that was a bibliophile's dream come true! I could hardly wait for the books I had requested to come in when I did a research paper on Dorothy Day. The fact that I was considered a distance student enabled me to have the books for 60 days as opposed to the usual 30. One of my last questions to our director, Rev. Dr. Jennifer Janzen-Ball, was “would we be able to access the library even though we had graduated?” Her answer of “absolutely” had me smiling for the next two days. Now that I have graduated from the course, the Con-Ed research “just for fun” begins.



**Brynn C. Carson graduated from the DLM Program in November 2016 and is serving the congregation of Porcupine (Ont.) United Church**

The fact that my last circle had three St. Andrew's faculty as resource people (Don Schweitzer, Christine Mitchell and HyeRan Kim-Cragg) for a day and a half each was also an added perk. Knowing that we could be in contact with them gave us the opportunity to formulate questions that we may not have thought about or had time to ask during a presentation and then do so after the break or even the next day. Their questions to us were always exciting and challenging.

In conclusion, my time at St. Andrew's was one of excitement, reaffirmation of my calling to the ministry and a period of study that I will always remember with smiles and much gratitude.

## College hits the road for Conversations in Community

### Conversations in Community in Moose Jaw, Sask.

October 14, 2017

October 21, 2017

October 28, 2017

November 4, 2017

Register by calling Tim Ellis at (306) 631-0082

St. Andrew's College is taking lively learning, critical questions, and conversation about faith in contemporary times on the road for a series of Saturday gatherings in Moose Jaw.

Hosted by Minto, St. Andrew's, Trinity, and Zion United Churches in Moose Jaw, Sask., members of the college's faculty look forward to offering a Conversations in Community series for continuing education.

For each of four weekends in fall 2017, a member of St. Andrew's College faculty will lead a time of conversation that connects

community questions with their areas of knowledge, teaching and research.

Each event will be led by a different faculty member who will share stories and guide discussions about theological teachings, practices in ministry, the Bible, church history, community life, and worship.

This is a pilot project as a part of St. Andrew's new developments in continuing education.

For information on registering for any or all of this series, please contact Tim Ellis in Moose Jaw at 306-631-0082.



## Northern exposure for Korean students

Almost 10 years ago Korean students began coming to St. Andrew's College and this has become part of an ongoing exchange program with Hanshin Graduate School of Theology.

Students in this program come to St. Andrew's for a fall or winter term. They come to broaden their knowledge of church and the world through study and exposure to Canadian life. Other Korean students have also come to complete degrees at St. Andrew's and some of these go on to serve as clergy in the United Church.

In light of the geographical and cultural differences between north and south, and in order for our international students to get a fuller exposure to Canada, we try to arrange a trip for them to La Ronge, usually in November or March.

This year's trip to the community took place March 16-20. The students

typically go up on a Thursday and see the community on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday they preach and lead worship at La Ronge United Church, then return to Saskatoon on Monday. This is all thanks to the cooperation of La Ronge United Church.

For many international students, this trip is a highlight of their time in Canada. Students coming from Seoul, population 10.23 million, tend to find Saskatoon rather quiet. But La Ronge is exciting! It is also very educational. Here they get a sample of what life is like in northern Canada.

It has been suggested that all of our students should have a trip like this to La Ronge. The idea has merit. Certainly it greatly enhances our exchange program for Hanshin and other international students. For that, we at St. Andrew's are very grateful.



### A student perspective

By Kyoko Miura-Takatsu

We, the international students of St. Andrew's College, visited La Ronge, which is about 380 kilometres north of Saskatoon.

#### Day One

Six of us rented a car (four Korean students, one student's son, and me) and drove to La Ronge. La Ronge United Church is a similar size to churches in Japan and it is a bright church. We saw many interesting sights . . . even in the grocery store!

#### Day Two

We rode a snowmobile on the huge, frozen lake. Then we tried fishing, but no one caught anything. Then we made a fire and ate hot dogs!

#### Day Three

I preached a sermon at church then went to the church's winter festival. We played many games, had snowshoe races and then a tug-of-war. We received lots of courage from the people of the La Ronge United Church! Thank you!



## Church, students create warm bond

La Ronge United Church has had the good fortune to host Korean visitors from St. Andrew's College for almost a decade now. Our church delights in hosting these energetic, hardworking, compassionate students and giving them a taste of northern Saskatchewan that many people do not get to experience. We are intensely proud of our landscape and our people and relish the opportunity to share with others.

La Ronge, by urban standards, is still quite remote. In this part of the province we tend to make a lot of our own fun. For the past five years our church has hosted a winter festival with games and activities that are part of the culture here. All of this is done on the frozen shoreline of Lac La Ronge. We have made treks out on snowmobiles and dog sleds, cut down Christmas pine trees and learned the art of fine cooking on the end of a stick (wiener roasts). The students are toured through the community and have visited schools, our infamous Robertson's Trading Post, and on the odd occasion, witnessed our true pride and joy, the northern lights.

The students and congregation form personal bonds through the interactions of billeting, congregational meals and integrated worship. The gifts of music and ministry have been freely shared. Many of these relationships have been maintained with the advent and ease of social media, particularly with the youth in our congregation.

The students have been given a learning opportunity when they visit this part of the province, however, the learning is reciprocated. These scholars are fine ambassadors for South Korea and so we listen with more clarity when South Korea is mentioned in the news. We have taken the time to learn about their cuisine, art and culture.

Ministry, in its many varied forms, is evident and exemplified through the relationship of St. Andrew's College and La Ronge United Church.



## Story of the stained glass

By Jake Buhler

Stained glass windows in churches tell much about what local people were thinking when the glass was installed. They fix in time the current theology of a church or institution.

The stained glass window at the St. Andrew's College Chapel was designed and installed in early 1961 by Westmacott Leaded Art and Glass Studio of Winnipeg. The families of three early faculty — Malcolm Munro, Edmund Oliver, and David Dix — sponsored and financed the project.

The window describes the ethos of The United Church of Canada of the late 1950s. At that time, the UCC was struggling with how evangelism and social service might co-exist. John Coleman Bennett's thinking led the UCC to combine those two streams of thinking into one department. The window reflects these two ideas and conflicting views quite accurately.

A triumphant King Jesus is standing with wounded hands on the global world messaging that we are to teach all nations of the salvation of the risen Lord. Under the globe are the lamp and the Bible with St. Andrew's original motto, *Christ the Power of God, and the Wisdom of God*. Two compliant Caucasian young people, one male and one female, are kneeling in agreement. Scattered throughout the busy stained glass are a half dozen motifs reminding the viewer that the world is ever part of the teaching mandate of St. Andrew's. Those motifs include science, literature, agriculture, politics, industry, and medicine. The window says the Gospel and the World must co-exist.

There are three features in the window that are way ahead of 1950s thinking. The first is the inclusion of the seven colours of the rainbow, which was a harbinger of the original seven colours of the 1979 flag that the LGBTQI movement adopted. Later, one colour was dropped. The second progressive motif is the quote, "Lo I am with you always" which would re-appear decades later in the *New Creed* as "We are not alone." The third progressive feature is the wounded Jesus which would much later appear in female forms, and in forms that would speak to vulnerable groups.

There it is: a strong visual statement made in 1961 that we are to be bold disciples of the wounded Jesus Christ to proclaim the good news of salvation. Dated perhaps, but the window is there for all of us to see, and to move onward in creative ways.

# Faculty visit affirms relationship with Hanshin

## Lynn Caldwell

In early May I was pleased to hear that the board approved my application for tenure with St. Andrew's. The tenure review process was a good opportunity to describe and reflect on my teaching, writing, and other contributions to the college and I am grateful for all who participated in the review! I am very glad to be here at the college and look forward to what's ahead!

A significant highlight from this past year was my trip to visit our colleagues at Hanshin University in Seoul, South Korea. On behalf of the college faculty I attended a conference hosted by the School of Theology and was



also pleased to visit a classroom of students in their Studies in Ecumenism and Social Transformation (SEST) program. The trip was made possible thanks to Young Ho Kim, who provided the air fare; Young Ho studied with us as an exchange student in the fall of 2015.

It was wonderful to connect in person with Dr. Young Mee Lee who coordinates the SEST program and who actively supports and organizes the exchange visits of students between Hanshin and St. Andrew's College. We regularly have theology students from Hanshin spending a term of their studies here with us in Saskatoon, as well as several graduates from Hanshin who have come to St. Andrew's for further theological study in this context. I really valued the chance to see Hanshin in person and to connect with some of the students who have attended St. Andrew's on exchange.

It was great to see former exchange students Yoonsic, JuYeong, MiYeon, and Young Ho, and to meet Sanghyuk and Eunji just as they were planning their time here. I am particularly grateful to Young Ho for his generous hospitality, and to Yoonsic, MiYeon, Taylor, YongSeok, and HyeRan for their time and kindness in helping me organize the journey! As well as a learning time for me personally, it was such an affirmation of the strength of our relationship between St. Andrew's and Hanshin and

of the ways that this relationship is carried with such care.

I continue to work closely with the new Continuing Education Committee of St. Andrew's and in the coming year we will be launching some new initiatives and a program design for continuing education opportunities at the college. Details will be shared in this newsletter, online, and through our other communication networks in the months ahead. We are piloting one of the new initiatives this fall with a four weekend Conversations in Community series with churches in Moose Jaw. We also continue to partner with Emmanuel Anglican Church in Saskatoon in their offerings of theological education in the community and look forward to expanding that work.

I will be on sabbatical from July to December 2017, and look forward to focusing on a book manuscript related to my ongoing work in critical Canadian studies, as well as developing a new research project on community engaged education.

## Don Schweitzer

In the fall of 2016, Christian Eberhart and I published online our second dialogue paper. This one is entitled " 'The Blood of the Covenant' According to the Gospel of Mark: Dialogical Reflections on Mark 14:24."

It is published in the online journal *Canadian Journal for Scholarship and the Christian Faith* and can be accessed online at <http://journal.ccscf.org/journal/theology/>.



Chris and I have begun a third dialogue paper

which will look at Hebrews 9 as a study in theological creativity.

The election of Donald Trump prompted a request for brief theological reflections on this unexpected and unfortunate event. My response, along with others, was published as "An Election Victory for Vulgar Anti-humanism," *The Ecumenist* 54/1 (Winter 2017), 16-18. Further responses were published in the Spring 2017 issue of *The Ecumenist*.

## HyeRan Kim-Cragg

I thoroughly enjoyed teaching the worship class this past semester with the once-a-month, semi-intensive format, which was introduced to accommodate students at a distance.

I added an extra-curricular experiential learning component by visiting different churches, including a Jewish Sabbath service. The conversation, reflecting on the visit and the reading, seemed very informative and meaningful for our students.

On the academic publication front, my article, "Through Senses and Sharing: How Liturgy Meets Food" appeared in the journal *Liturgy* 32:2 (2017).



I wrote an article for an upcoming book called *Parenting as Spiritual Practice and Source for Theology: Mothering Matters* (Palgrave), which is in press.

I also submitted the chapter for the upcoming book *Theology of The United Church of Canada* (Wilfred Laurier University Press, forthcoming).

Finally, I co-authored with Dr. Mary Ann Beavis at St. Thomas More College the book *What Does the Bible Say? A Critical Conversation with Popular Culture* (Cascade) which is in press. I will look forward to celebrating the book launch with her once it is out this fall.

On service to the wider community, I have been asked to teach a course on Gender Justice and Women's Ordination at the Global Institute of Theology for the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) in Leipzig Germany, June 2017. This program was created in conjunction with the General Assembly of the WCRC and is designed to give an opportunity to learn, teach, and do theology in an inter-contextual and ecumenical way, situating the theological task in local, regional and world contexts.

Although I am sorry to miss ReJUNE-vention, I will represent our college there and engage in critical theological issues with 50 students and 10 faculty members who came from all over the world as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

# College hosts UCC Music Matters conference

The halls of the college rang with singing, drums, hand bells, piano, flutes, accordion, and brass instruments on Saturday, May 6, as St. Andrew's hosted the annual Music Matters conference of the United Church.

Participants from Nova Scotia to British Columbia joined a local crowd at plenary sessions and workshops devoted to helping United Church congregations sing. The evening featured a public hymn festival in the chapel where all of the hymns, taken from *Voices United* and *More Voices*, had a Saskatchewan connection.

The event formed the educational component of the annual meeting of Music United, an association that exists for the mutual encouragement and support of those who provide musical leadership at all levels of United Church worship. The group receives very modest funding from the national church.

The group chose its meeting date to coincide with the Saskatoon Theological Union convocation so attendees could provide musical leadership at the convocation service at Knox United Church. Along with offering an ensemble of talented instrumental and vocal musicians to accompany the hymns, Music United organized a pick-up choir to sing the anthem.



**The Music Matters Conference was held May 6**

On Sunday, Music Matters participants joined the worship service at St. Paul's United Church, Saskatoon.

For more information about Music United, see the website at [musicunited.ca](http://musicunited.ca).

## Sabbatical time fuels writing for faculty members

### Sandra Beardsall

My half-sabbatical (July-December) allowed time for reading, writing – completing a book on ecumenical shared ministries with two American colleagues — and travel.

In October my Faith and Order Commission work with the World Council of Churches took me to the Philippines. There I participated in a conference on “globalization and catholicity” with a group of brave and faithful Christians from the Philippine Independent Church. I also worked with the study group I co-chair to draft of a statement of “theological foundations” for the WCC’s Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace. The purpose of this document is to enliven Christians with “pilgrimage” as a metaphor for the active and prayerful life of the churches in a troubled world. The study group – comprised of 15 theologians from all over the world – is committed to helping the churches heal their theological differences through “walking together.” It is definitely an uphill climb! We continued to refine our



draft at a meeting of seven members of the group in Scotland in March. I hope the document will eventually find its way to the churches for study.

In November I was the guest preacher at Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church in Medicine Hat, Alta., where St. Andrew's alum Dave Pollard is minister and several other St Andrew's alumni are in the congregation.

At Christmas, Bill and I travelled to Arviat, Nunavut, to spend Christmas with my brother and his family. We got to experience an Arctic winter and the enthusiasm with which the people of Arviat (population 2,700) celebrate Christmas. Along with fireworks and nightly parties in the town hall, all four of the town's churches were packed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Christian faith is strong in Nunavut, as people deal with the challenges of poverty and hopelessness that can impede healthy living.

Back at the college since January, I have enjoyed working with students in the DLM, DMin, and masters programs. I spoke at a gathering of Saskatchewan UCW women celebrating the 55th anniversary of the United Church, and helped to facilitate an evening with McClure United and Holy Spirit Roman Catholic churches as they discussed the authority and interpretation of scripture

in our two traditions. I also helped to plan the Music Matters conference that filled the St. Andrew's building with song in early May.

### Christine Mitchell

I've been preparing to teach an intensive course this June, BA 226 Prophetic Books of the Hebrew Scriptures, that incorporates the lectures of our new ReJUNEvation event. I've also been writing a book that comes from my sabbatical work of 2015-16.

Recently I came to the decision that I will not be travelling to the United States for academic conferences for the foreseeable future. As a non-U.S. national, and a scholar who works on and with Iranian scholarship, I'm choosing to stand publicly in solidarity with those barred from entering the United States as a result of rules that discriminate against Muslims and refugees. Many other scholars from around the world and in a whole range of disciplines are making the same decision. You can Google “U.S. academic boycott” to read more about this movement.



# Textbook offers useful resource for ministers

*An Introduction to the Bible: Sacred Texts and Imperial Contexts*

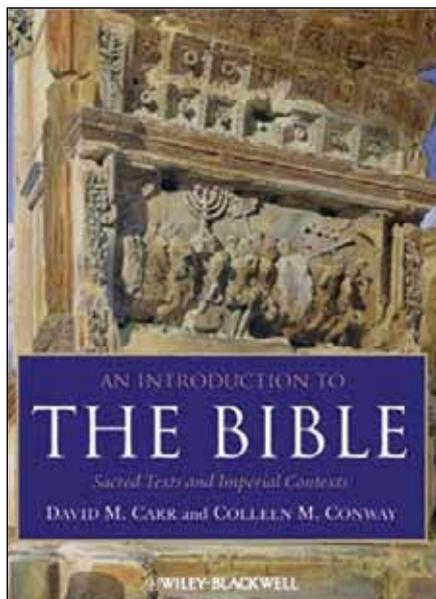
by David M. Carr  
and Colleen M. Conway  
(Wiley-Blackwell, 2010) 406 p.

By Christine Mitchell  
Professor of Hebrew Scriptures

This past fall, I taught part of the Designated Lay Ministry program learning circle at the college. I was given the quite formidable task of teaching the basics of the entire Christian Bible (Genesis through Revelation) as well as the fundamentals of exegesis in a day and a half.

To prepare students for the learning circle I was asked to recommend readings. So I started looking around for a textbook that would introduce students to the Christian Bible in a user-friendly yet up-to-date way. Luckily, there's a market for this sort of textbook, as many American liberal arts colleges have a one semester course on the Bible. The one I chose was *An Introduction to the Bible: Sacred Texts and Imperial Contexts*, by David M. Carr and Colleen M. Conway (Wiley-Blackwell, 2010). David Carr, a Hebrew Bible scholar, was our Winter Refresher 2012 speaker, while Colleen Conway is a New Testament scholar.

During and since the learning circle, I've been talking up this textbook as one that could be used by someone in ministry to help with preparing for a study group or even the background for a sermon or children's time.



It's divided into 15 chapters (to align with the typical 15-week American college semester), and each chapter has a chapter overview, discussion of one or more biblical books and associated background, a chapter review with questions, and resources for further study. Throughout the book, "Basics" boxes give an overview and outline of individual biblical books, and "More on Method" boxes give brief discussions on various approaches to the study of biblical texts. There are plenty of colour pictures.

Most helpfully, each chapter suggests particular biblical chapters to read and provides discussion questions. I used the questions from the chapter on the Gospel of Matthew with the DLM learning circle.

What sets this textbook apart from its competitors? Well, first of all, it's written by an expert in each testament, which isn't always the case for these sorts of books. Second, it approaches the Bible as a product of the interaction between the authors of biblical texts and the various empires that ruled them. We can see the biblical texts as products of people trying to negotiate their identities in a world that was not of their shaping; in our increasingly secularized Canada, this approach may open up helpful avenues for our own interpretations. Third, the scholarship is up-to-date, which isn't usually the case with introductory textbooks. And, finally, it's a well-made and attractive volume that's easy to navigate – not something to be taken lightly.

The book could be a goldmine of information, discussion prompts, and carefully chosen biblical texts for the busy minister. When paired with the Society of Biblical Literature's *Bible Odyssey* website ([www.bibleodyssey.org](http://www.bibleodyssey.org)), the busy minister would have a complete set of resources for the biblical portions of a confirmation class. A really adventurous minister with a dedicated study group could even use this book as a textbook for a six- or eight-month Bible study course, breaking each chapter into two or three parts.

If you'd like to talk about how you could use this book, the *Bible Odyssey* website, or any other resources you've found for teaching the Bible in your ministry, please get in touch! I'd be happy to help.

## Ford a friend, mentor to students

The St. Andrew's College community extends many thanks to the Rev. Faye Ford for her years serving as the college's Pastor in Residence.

Faye, who has served in the role for the past four years, recently announced her desire to retire from the work. In her role as pastor to the college community she has worked closely with all of our on-campus students and with faculty.

"Faye has served during years when our student body has become much more international," Principal Lorne Calvert said.

"She has developed special relationships with many of our students, offering them her experience in ministry and support as a friend and mentor. She has helped reshape the Core Group experience for our students and has taken an active role in bringing student concerns to faculty. We will miss Faye's gifts among us very much."



## Mallory Wiebe looks toward fashion career

Mallory Wiebe, the college's library technician, will be leaving St. Andrew's on June 30 after eight years of service.

Mallory has been accepted to George Brown College in Toronto and will be pursuing studies in the area of fashion and business. We wish Mallory all the best in this new and exciting adventure!



## St. Andrew's College invites nominations for honorary Doctor of Divinity recipients

Nominations are invited for the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, in preparation for St. Andrew's Convocation 2018.

The degree is conferred upon persons for distinguished service in ministry, especially pastoral or missionary services, theological scholarship, church leadership, and community responsibility and concern.

Nomination forms are available by calling or writing the college.

The nomination deadline is September 15, 2017.



Heather Wyatt and Laura Thomson received Doctors of Divinity, *honoris causa*, this year

## Friends We Shall Miss

**Rev. Dr. Wendell Stevens** (1952; DD 1989) of Saskatoon passed away on January 28. Stevey was a remarkable man with a passion for life and all things in it. He graduated from St. Andrew's in 1952 and served in ministry in Rockglen, Shaunavon, Wainwright, Saskatoon, North Vancouver and Rosetown. In 1989 Stevey received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the college.

**Rev. Gudrun Shier** (BTh 1993) of Saskatoon passed away on April 9. Gudrun graduated from St. Andrew's College in 1993 and served in the Aylsham and Viscount pastoral charges. She had a strong social conscience, volunteering and donating to many causes.

### Alumni Update

**Jim Pulfer** (MTS 2006) The University of Saskatchewan has re-appointed me to the Senate Executive for 2017-18 and, for the fourth year, to be the Senate's Representative on University Council.

## Residence alumni provide support to Second Century Fund

For the first time, a fundraising appeal was directed to those who had once lived in residence at St. Andrew's College.

In early March, approximately 1,200 letters went out asking for donations to the college's Second Century Fund to help renew the flooring and furnishings of the Campus Community Centre (also known as the Main Lounge, Student Lounge and Fireplace Lounge).

Thank you to all of those former residents who have supported this project.

The St. Andrew's Second Century

*"I have great memories of times in the Lounge; the great St. As dances we used to have, and sneaking in the side windows by leaving one ajar so I could play the piano late at night!"*

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, including funding the replacement of failing plumbing and deteriorating windows.

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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