

CONTACT



"We Are All Treaty People"

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

This Treaty Plaque is a replica of medallions originally presented to Chiefs at the time of Treaty 6 signing. It portrays a Chief and a Treaty Commissioner taking each other's hand. Between them lies a hatchet buried in the ground. The other symbols on the medallion – the sun, the grass, and the water – echo and symbolize their expected continuity: *Isko plim ta-sikisot, maskosiyia ta-ohpikihki, ekwa sipiya ta-pimipordki* ("...that this Treaty is to last for as long as the Sun shines, the Grass grows, and the Rivers flow.")

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

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

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

St. Andrew's College sits on Treaty Six Territory and the Homeland of the Metis. We pay our respects to the First Nations and Metis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

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Principal's Musings

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

In the winter of 2021, the College confronted several convergent challenges which arose during the pandemic. This convergence accelerated the strategic plan, which had been approved in the previous fall. This acceleration, specifically regarding partnerships, also led to difficult choices. These decisions continue to require attention and care regarding the hurt experienced in the College's community. In particular, the decision to issue Notices of Termination of 24 months for faculty was not easy, nor obviously popular.

Since that time, there has been much change. Leading up to the gathering of the Board of Regents this last spring, the faculty complement saw the departure of two members and the arrival of a new member. In May, the Board approved the appointment of three new tenure positions, which comprise St. Andrew's complement to the newly formed Saskatoon Theological Union Common Faculty:

- Dr. Becca Whitla, Professor of Practical Ministry
- Dr. Bernon Lee, Professor of Hebrew Scriptures & Educational Coordinator of the Lifelong Learning Pathway and,
- Dr. Lynn Caldwell, Professor of Theological Ethics.

This exciting development has led to a renewed and invigorated collaboration, both internally and with our Union partners as we move toward completing an integrated ecumenical curriculum for this December. In addition, the appointment of the Union's first Academic Dean, Dr. Lynn Caldwell (SAC, Professor of Theological Ethics) and its first



Dea. Dr. Richard Manley-Tannis

Chair (Rev. Dr. William Harrison, President, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon) occurred at the beginning of this academic year.

The following submission to the Lutheran Theological Seminary's Autumn Newsletter captures some of the hopeful developments that continue this work outlined since the winter of 2021:

- We are in a constant state of becoming. Whether that is living into our own personal journey as a disciple, a faith community more fully embracing its mission, or institutions finding themselves building upon years of deep relationship, becoming happens. I believe that, for St. Andrew's College, the act of becoming part of a more integrated and relationally mutual Saskatoon Theological Union is a trust that should never be taken for granted.
- Each institution in the Union has confronted challenges throughout our history. In each of these moments, as partners, we have been present in the emergence of change. This faithfulness to one

another has allowed us to fulfill our shared missional commitment to ensure that the Gospel is alive in those who answer Creator's Call.

- I am excited that, this fall, the Union's unfolding has led to the establishment of the first Common Faculty of the Union. With Dr. William Harrison assuming the role as the first Chair and Dr. Lynn Caldwell, the first Academic Dean, I have been humbled and excited by the creative energy being generated by this new community of scholars.
- Let me be very clear why this energises me in my own vocational commitment to St. Andrew's. Since my arrival four years ago, I have learned about the deep relational history the College has with both the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad and the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon. In this learning, an awareness began to arise where convergence, Spirit, and opportunity were being revealed.
- The signing of the STU Covenant earlier this year marked a commitment to not diminish any one partner's identity through closer relationship, but rather to highlight the uniqueness that we each bring. In our pluralist and secular Canada, where discourse in the public commons is increasingly frayed, we can set a different tone. Our Covenant, as a living document, captures what I have heard throughout the Union's long relationship: together we can do more than any one of us could do on our own.
- As we emerge from the pandemic, I believe that whatever "normal" may be, it will never again mean stability. It will remind us, as Christians, that we have often

been in the world. Being in the world, however, also means that our allegiance to Creator affords us a vantage that offers a message of radical love in the midst of oppression and marginalisation.

- As we emerge from the pandemic, the partners of the Union share a commitment to recognise our complicity in colonial ways of being that have harmed both the land and Indigenous partners and kin in life-destroying and soul-devouring ways.
- As we emerge from the pandemic, I believe that the path upon which the Union now finds itself is leading us in a good way. Our shared academic commitment places students at the centre of this integrated endeavour. This enterprise allows us to weave our ecumenical gifts, shared and diverse, into a vibrant tapestry of wisdom that will support those preparing to serve and bear the Good News. As each of the Union partners learns from one another and our denominational traditions, I believe we are creating something new (which happens ever so rarely).
- It is an honour to share in this LTS Autumn Newsletter. I hope this brief reflection captures my own reoccurring thought: once in a lifetime does such alignment occur, and that which is becoming is a marvel of the trust that the three STU partners continue to nurture. Together we will be resilient in chaotic times, and thus together will we thrive in innovative and generative ways, as the Spirit guides us. May it be so.

As mentioned prior to the excerpt above, though St. Andrew's continues to be proud of its long history as the remaining prairie theological graduate school that

holds Testamur for our denomination, we also recognise that the College's longevity cannot be sustained based on this historic relationship. As a result, we continue to implement change that captures multiple "both/and" opportunities. The new Lifelong Learning Pathway is in the design process and will have three certificates. It will launch at the same time as the Common STU curriculum in the 2023-24 academic year:

- Leadership in the Faith Community
- Leadership in the World
- Spiritual Exploration.

To learn more about the Lifelong Learning Pathway, I draw your attention to the Contact article by Shawn Sanford Beck, College Recruitment Officer (11), in which he speaks more thoroughly about the Lifelong Learning Pathway.

The College continues to work with the denomination around the reality of the unsettled nature of the Designated Lay Ministry Program. As the denomination discerns what may become of this learning stream, which has been and continues to be a rich and important component of the College's life, we remain grateful for the privilege of supporting those called to this ministry.

The past two years have been a whirlwind of change and development; amidst the creative chaos, I am grateful for the presence of the Spirit who continually cajoles, comforts, and guides us into newness. I am also grateful for you, our wider community, and the network of support you offer. Even in challenging times, we are not alone ... thanks be to God.

Seeking Two Volunteers for the Designated Lay Ministry Program Team 2023:

The Designated Lay Ministry Program at St. Andrew's College (Saskatoon, SK) seeks **two** people to fill vacancies on the DLM Program Team which with the director provides leadership in one or two learning circles per year and assists in overseeing the curriculum. Travel, accommodation, and an honorarium are provided.

We value diversity and particularly encourage applications from those who are racialized.

Deadline for Applying: December 15, 2022

Anticipated Start Date: January 1, 2023 (with a program team meeting on Zoom in mid-January)

To Apply, please email kathleen.james-cavan@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca for more information and an application form.

From the Chair of the Board

By Doug Neufeld
Board Chair



Doug Neufeld

The casual conversations at our fall meetings (Oct. 25-27) were comprised of the all too familiar topics: the first snow falls, treacherous driving, and reminiscent stories of summer excursions. The business at hand was atypical of fall agendas of the past, and the evolution of St. Andrew's College has everyone excited about how this Canadian prairie seminary will serve its traditional catchment and far beyond.

The first priority is the completion of our integrated curriculum with our Saskatoon Theological Union (STU) partners so the first students can start the programs in September of 2023. The goal is to have it fully fleshed out by the beginning of the new year so we can begin to effectively market and recruit. Amazingly, we have a handful of students already enrolled despite incomplete information and several others eagerly waiting. These are great signs to the interest in our concept.

With this exciting joint venture between the Lutheran Theological Seminary, The College of Emmanuel & St. Chad, and St. Andrew's College, we have begun the work of establishing it as a legal entity. This work is crucial as there are necessary structural and governance needs for the organization but there are also many financial advantages to being a legal entity. What is critical is that we establish it in a manner that serves all three colleges most effectively.

We are also thrilled that our new educational dimension to St. Andrew's, the Lifelong Learning Pathway and its first three certificates, will be ready for the fall of 2023. We have designated learners in place to "beta test" (my words) the program and we are enthusiastic about the potential it has to draw a more diverse demographic to the college. Please see Shawn Sanford Beck's article (11) for more details.

As great as many things are going, life has a way of throwing obstacles into the best plans. The radical

changes initiated in 2021 were brought about by financial unsustainability and escalated by the pandemic. The University of Saskatchewan withdrawing from leasing space in the college was a huge loss of income but we had a financial bridging plan to carry us until we could re-lease the vacant spaces and activate our new academic curriculum. Acquiring new leases has turned out to be a slower process than anticipated. Organizations aren't looking for opportunities next month, they're searching for next year. We're still optimistic about filling our vacancies but it's taking significantly longer.

We also have some challenges with our bridging finances. I'm sure you've experienced some disappointment in your last few investment financial statements and St. Andrew's is no different. The performance in investment markets has significantly compromised our ability to draw from our restricted endowment funds. To add to this shortfall, one of our boilers failed at a cost of \$220,000, adding further financial burden.

This is the moment where I extend the college's figurative hand out. St. Andrew's has been so blessed to have such a supportive and generous community. We are at a point in our history where we have incredible momentum in the vision of our future, but we need financial help to carry us over this obstacle. If you have the ability to share of your abundance, we would be so grateful if you added St. Andrew's to your Christmas list. No gift is too small (or too large).

Blessings and peace,
Doug Neufeld

Looking for gifts for family?

Are you an alum and need swag?

Want to fly your St. Andrew's colours?

Checkout our new online store: <https://urstore.ca/StAndrewsUCCan>



St. Andrew's College Principal's Tour

The Principal's Tour is one way in which St. Andrew's College continues to develop connections with faith communities and strengthen awareness of its programs through workshops that build resilience and capacity during these times of change.

This opportunity with principal Dea. Dr. Richard Manley-Tannis offers continuing education experiences to current lay and ordered leadership and serves as a model to invite reflection for those who may be considering a call to ministry.



Workshops

Appreciative Inquiry: Exploring the Provocative and Social Media and Evangelism workshops are offered as part of this learning experience.

We look forward to finding ways to build relationships together and, in so doing, find exciting means of sharing the Good News in these changing times.

If you or your faith community are interested in learning more about how

Legacy & Leadership

An evening Q & A session and presentation explores the programs and opportunities for leadership that the College provides for both the church and community.

to bring the tour to your area, please contact:

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College Sunday

A worship and giving opportunity that focuses theologically on Legacy and Leadership using the lived experience of the College.

Learn more about St. Andrew's College at standrews.ca or like us on Facebook at [StAndrewsUCCan](https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsUCCan)



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journey

Justice Committee Update

The St. Andrew's Justice Committee continues to work away at developing initiatives for the College and is looking forward to expanding its mandate to include the wider Saskatoon Theological Union in the future. The committee began when Ethics Professor Dr. Lynn Caldwell, then Library Technician Katelyn Haskell, alumni Rev. Hoeun Lee, and Pastoral Theological Professor Dr. Becca Whitla drafted a new Justice Policy (which can be seen on the College's website). They were seeking to expand the scope of identity and mandate in the College's pre-existing policy. From there, we started to dream about the ways our new policy (which was approved by the Board in the spring of 2021) could be lived out. We recommended that the College consider ways to support a student council, especially to provide spaces for minoritized students to find support and solidarity when experiencing discrimination; support faculty education, particularly with respect to anti-racist and anti-oppression training; animate the committee with

new members; and provide events for the St. Andrew's community and beyond. Many thanks to outgoing members Lynn, Katelyn, and Hoeun!!

This year we hosted our first webinar which was a community conversation facilitated by Dr. Lynn Caldwell after viewing a Wabash video on anti-racism as the work of the people. We had a great conversation! We are also planning to host a worship in February or March with Adele Halliday, Anti-Racism and Equity Lead for The United Church of Canada. We're open to people's ideas and involvement. Please get in touch with us: justice_committee@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca.

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Hyerim Park, Student

Rachel Kotei, Senior Library Technician

Dr. Becca Whitla, Practical Ministry Professor

Anti-Racism Resources

The following are a number of anti-racism resources available from the Saskatoon Theological Union Library. If you would like to borrow any of these materials, please contact the Library at 639-398-5561 or library@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca.

Anti-racism education : theory and practice by George J. Sefa Dei. Fernwood Publishing, 1996 [LC 1009.5 .C3 D44 1996]

Belonging : constructing a Canadian theology of inclusion by Kawuki Mukasa. Kamu Kamu Publishing, 2005 [BX 9881 .M68 2005]

Dancing on live embers : challenging racism in organizations by Tina Lopes and Barb Thomas. Between the Lines, 2006 [HT 1521 L66 2006]

Dear white Christians : for those still longing for racial reconciliation by Jennifer Harvey. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2020 [BT 734.2 .H275 2020]

Decolonizing academia : poverty, oppression and pain by Clelia O. Rodriguez. Fernwood Publishing, 2018 [LC 212.4 .R63 2018]

Disrupting white supremacy from within : white people on what we need to do edited by Jennifer Harvey, Karen A. Case and Robin Hawley Gorsline. Pilgrim Press, 2004 [E 184 .A1 D53 2004]

Embracing the other : the transformative spirit of love by Grace Ji-Sun Kim. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2015 [BT 704 .K471255 2015]

How to be an antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi. One World

Publishers, 2019 [E 184 .A1 K344 2019]

Mamow be-mo-tay-tah : Let us walk together. Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network, Canadian Council of Churches, 2009 [E 98 .C2 M235 2009]

On being included : racism and diversity in institutional life by Sara Ahmed. Duke University Press, 2012 [LC 212.4 .A398 2012]

Race and racism : a comparative perspective by Pierre L. Van den Berghe. Wiley, 1967 [HT 1521 .V3]

Race and racism : Canada's challenge edited by Leo Driedger and Shiva S. Halli. Published for Carleton University by McGill-Queen's University Press, 2000 [FC 104 .R311 2000]

Race and theology by Elaine A. Robinson. Abingdon Press, 2012 [BT 734.2 .R623 2012]

The racial healing handbook : practical activities to help you challenge privilege, confront systematic racism and engage in collective healing by Anneliese A. Singh. New Harbinger Publications, Inc., 2019 [HT 1561 .S564 2019]

Racism and anti-racism in Canada edited by David Este, Liza Lorenzetti and Christa Sato. Fernwood, 2018 [FC 104 .R33 2018]

Racism without racists : color-blind racism and the persistence of racial inequality in America by Eduardo Bonilla-Silva. Rowman & Littlefield, 2018 [E 184 .A1 B597 2018]

The skin we're in by Desmond Cole. Doubleday Canada 2020 [FC 106 .B6 C65 2020]

So you want to talk about race by Igeoma Oluo. Seal Press, 2018 [E 184 .A1 O454 2018]

Understanding and dismantling racism : the twenty-first century challenge to white America by Joseph Barndt. Fortress Press, 2007 [E 184 .A1 B249 2007]

Wait – is this racist? : a guide to becoming an anti-racist church by Kerry Connelly with Bryana Clover and Josh Riddick. Westminster John Knox Press, 2022 [BT 734 .C59 2022]

White fragility : why it's so hard to talk to white people about racism by Robin DiAngelo. Beacon Press, 2018 [HT 1521 .D486 2018]

Whiteness and morality : pursuing racial justice through reparations and sovereignty by Jennifer Harvey. Palgrave Macmillan, 2012 [E 184 .A1 H3528 2012]

Whiteness fractured by Cynthia Levine-Rasky. Routledge, 2013 [HT 1575 .L49 2013]

Why race still matters by Alana Lentin. Polity Press, 2020 [HT 1521 .L4126 2020]

Alum Rep to the Justice Committee

Dear Alums,

If you share our interests in equity, diversity, and inclusion, the new St. Andrew's Justice Committee may be for you! Help us plan this year's events and dream into the future!

According to the St. Andrew's Justice Policy:

"The Justice Committee will meet on a regular basis (at least 3 and up to 6 times per calendar year) to review this policy, ensure accountability, recommend initiatives, and plan community events/outreach. The committee should include: one faculty member, one staff person, one alumnus, at least one student, and one member from the community and should prioritize BIPOC membership. The committee reports through College Council, and the Joint Faculty Council, to the Academic Committee."

If you are interested in serving on this committee with us, please send a reply to the College at: standrews.college@sasktoon-theologicalunion.ca. Thank you!

Property Updates

The following projects for the 2022-23 budget have been completed:

- Asbestos removal in the photocopy room
- Yearly fire alarm inspection, emergency battery packs, fire extinguishers inspection/replacement and maintenance of UCL fire panel monitoring
- New wiring of the flow switch to fire alarm panel in the south side mechanical room
- Installation of an additional horn/strobe in the library
- Yearly back flow four connections tested
- Elevator and dumbwaiter six months service
- Two more residence rooms renovated
- Rectified deficiencies to the standpipe and hoses

system as per code

- Boiler start up and maintenance, one new rebuilt pump installed in the hot water boiler
- Total replacement of the steam side boiler
- Total of 33 windows replaced in the basement, leaving only six to be replaced in the basement
- Replacement of lighting to non-ballasts LED is ongoing
- Annual roof maintenance
- Southwest stairwell painted

This year there are 43 full time parking spots rented plus the three daily spots constantly booked. We have 19 residence rooms rented for the Fall and Winter term.

Carolina Castro

Building Manager

Faculty Updates



Dr. Becca Whitla

This fall's report from me will be a little shorter than usual. As I write I am recovering from Covid-19 and the death of a close relative so I am finding I need to channel my energy carefully.

It has been a very busy fall as the Saskatoon Theological Union Faculty come together to build the new curriculum for the launch of our new program in September of 2023. Meanwhile, we're also teaching the students we have at the moment. I'm teaching learning circles as well as preaching and worship. There's also a brand-new course that will be happening in spring called: Community Song, Justice, and the Sacred. It'll be a fabulous course with lots of opportunity to sing – and a great course for auditing. Stay tuned for details!

In my new role as Professor of Practical Ministry, I have taken on the coordination of STU Chapel services. Services are held every Tuesday via Zoom with Thursday services held mostly in-person. We are also working on setting up a simple live stream for them.

Last summer I attended the annual meeting of the Hymn Society in July which took place in Washington, D.C. It was the society's 100th anniversary! I presented two sessions at the conference: the new Anglican supplement, *Sing a New Creation*, with Ken Hull, as well as "Sing the World God Imagines: Performing Liberation in Congregational Singing" with Marcell Silva Steuernagel from Perkins School of Theology. Planning is also well underway for next year's conference in Montreal which I'm co-chairing with my colleague Anneli Loepp Thiesen.

In August, I also attended a summer seminar at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship in Grand Rapids, MI on "Power, Participation, and Access" in congregational music.

I continue to work on research and writing including: "In the Beginning was Song" a chapter on music for the new Wiley-Blackwell Companion on Liturgical Theology; "Sounding Coloniality" a chapter for a Routledge collection on Hymns and Races; and a chapter on music and the Word for a new collection on liturgical music by colleagues from the North American Academy of Liturgy. My chapter, "Inclusion," for the Oxford Handbook of Music and Christian Theology is submitted and awaiting peer review. The book I'm co-editing with Néstor Medina under contract with MQUP, provisionally titled "Decolonizing Church, Theology, and Ethics in Canada" is close to being finished. I must say, with all the changes at the college, it has been a real challenge to find the time for these projects, not to mention a couple of other book ideas I'm working on as well. But I am persevering!

I remain grateful for the deep commitment of faculty colleagues past and present to the St. Andrew's ethos of transformative leadership through collaborative teaching and learning, especially their attentive concern for students and their contexts. I ask for your prayers as we at the college hold fast to the

vision of hope and perseverance in the prairie context as we chart a new direction for this remarkable learning community in closer collaboration with our STU partners.



Dr. Bernon Lee

As Fall 2022 unfolds, my enfoldment in the life of the college continues on several fronts. With Shawn Sanford Beck (Recruitment Officer) and Wenona Partridge (consultant for the Lifelong Learning Pathway), my work on the college's Lifelong Learning certificate programmes continues (see Shawn's piece in this issue (11) for more detail on Lifelong Learning). This season, we are working on the registration platform and the learning management system that will support the emerging programmes, even as we move towards finalizing the competencies and outcomes that govern our three certificate programmes. I look forward to a trial (with actual volunteers!) in the first quarter of 2023 as we look forward to the official launch in September of the same year.

This semester I offer two courses on the Hebrew Scriptures: a two-week intensive on the Torah/Pentateuch and a semester-long introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures. The candid and robust exchanges on difficult and sensitive topics—genocide, divine violence and inter-generational trauma, etc.—is underway. As it has been the case for quite a while, I am learning much from the concrete contextualized concerns my students bring into the classroom, fodder for rumination as we (the faculty of the STU) advance in curriculum design in moving towards the launch of our new academic curriculum in September 2023.

As I compose these lines, I am preparing my paper on Florence Nightingale's scriptural commentary from the leaves of her Bible (and its many interactions with Anglo-imperialistic discourse on non-European bodies and spaces) for the 2022 national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Denver, Colorado. In Denver, I will also have the privilege of chairing a panel discussion on Joy A. Schroeder and Marion A. Taylor's new book, *Voices Long Silenced: Women Biblical Interpreters through the Centuries* (Westminster John Knox Press).

Fall 2022 is turning out to be another rich chapter in my life at St. Andrew's.



Dr. Lynn Caldwell

I was pleased to be invited to present a keynote lecture for the President's Lecture Series at the University of Saskatchewan this fall. The lecture series is organized as a "thinkers conference" for Saskatoon Seniors Continued Learning (SSCL) by the Office of the University President, Dr. Peter Stoicheff. The theme of the conference for 2022 is "Imagining a Post-Pandemic World," and

I was invited to present on the topic of Protestantism in a Post-Pandemic World. The focus of my remarks in the lecture is on the importance of studying, and the work of study, in order to consider, understand, or propose any ideas for or about Protestant Christianity, religious life, or about what post-pandemic may even mean. My emphasis in the talk is that it is important that studying be a part of what informs people in a position to shape the futures of Protestant Christianity; and that it is also important to study the impacts and contributions of Protestantism in the world and into the future. This includes the ways that Protestant Christianity in its incredibly diverse forms and localities shapes any responses to the Covid-19 pandemic and to what “post-pandemic” may or could mean. In this talk I am not restricting “study” to academic work; however, I name the value of sustained study as work and advocate for investment in study as critical to the public good (care for which is very much part of any traditions of a social gospel).

I will be attending a School for New Deans organized by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in early November, as an opportunity to learn about and develop the role of Academic Dean with the Saskatoon Theological Union (STU). I expect this to be a good opportunity for conversation and learning about the landscape of theological education in North America, as any connections with ATS and its member schools always is. I also continue to serve on the Research and Data Advisory Committee of ATS, and this School for Deans will be my first chance to meet in-person some of the ATS staff I’ve connected with online through that work.

Over the past year, I’ve been connected with the project team

developing an Open Access textbook designed to accompany an already existing free, open, online course called “Disinformation: Dealing with the Disaster”. My small contribution to the project has been to write a Foreword situating the work of the book in the context of many efforts to address the harms of information misuse. The authors and researchers for this text are all library workers and information professionals (including a former Library Technician for St. Andrew’s College, Katelyn Haskell) and the text provides detailed information to help readers understand the creation, distribution and machinations of information in environments such as news, social media, search engines, political campaigns and advertising.

In the summer of 2022, I conducted an interview on engaged scholarship as part of a series of “Exchanges” that are published in the *Engaged Scholar Journal*; the purpose of these exchanges are to share conversations about engaged scholarship that connects communities, colleges, universities and diverse projects together in the work of meeting social needs. I was pleased to interview my colleague and friend Dr. Carrienne Leung, a fiction writer and assistant professor in creative writing at the University of Guelph about the work she does through creative writing and teaching, to co-create knowledges through what she describes as “radical generosity.”

As part of my own collegial networks I continue to maintain active connections in the University of Saskatchewan, primarily through the Department of Educational Foundations at the College of Education, and with the Women and Gender Studies Program in the College of Arts and Science.



Saskatoon Mayor Charlie Clark has volunteered at St. Andrew’s College for a number of years. He is pictured here, with his daughter Rachel, cutting down an overgrown shrub.

College Sunday Digital Library

St. Andrew's College has a long tradition of visiting communities of faith, large and small, to bring greetings, share the Gospel, and strengthen our bonds with the wider church. The Covid-19 era has invited us to consider innovative ways to continue that tradition, and so we are pleased to offer our College Sunday digital resources. These include a growing digital library of full worship services, including sermons, hymns, liturgical notes, and conversation-starter questions. Current themes include leadership, stewardship, compassion, vocation, humility, and much more. For more information, contact Melanie Schwanbeck at the College office (melanie.schwanbeck@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca).

Classroom Enhancement Initiative

As the college prepares for renewal over the next few years, we are also continuing to update our classrooms to offer hybrid learning. This will allow students to learn together whether onsite or remotely. Please consider giving to the College's *Second Century Fund*.

Companions of the College

This new initiative of St. Andrew's College builds upon its ongoing commitment to develop deeper relationships with supporters and friends. College Companions are those who have committed to support the College, on an annual basis, at one of two initial tiers:

1. Cypress \$500/annum with a yearly commitment to increase the gift by 10% annually; and,
2. Tamarack \$1,000/annum with a yearly commitment to increase the gift by 5% annually.

This initiative invites new donors to give at these levels; existing supporters, at either of these two-tier levels, are invited to commit to the annual increase. Each tier will have access to ongoing new digital content, which the college has and will continue to create:

1. Cypress: This donor level will have access to the College Sunday Digital Worship Library. This resource allows individuals and faith communities to download and/or stream full worship services developed by members of St. Andrew's. Currently there are six worship services, which range from thematic to stand-alone. The college will be adding at least two to three year new worship experiences per year; and,
2. Tamarack: At this donor tier, supporters will receive access to the College Sunday Digital Worship Library and exclusive access to all previous and future #NoGalaGala events. Currently the college has hosted two online premieres and intends to have one or two per year.

If you or your faith community want to know more about this exciting initiative and the digital resources which accompany the tiers, please contact Melanie Schwanbeck, College Secretary, melanie.schwanbeck@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca.

Regina Dinner Committee



The Regina Gala Dinner Committee recently gathering together to wrap up the work of the committee and celebrate the work that has been done over the years. Pictured are those in attendance.

Front row: Susan Graham, Bev Diduck, Wilma Bell Wessel, Darline Artemchuk, Gilda Treleaven-Graham
Back row: Wayne Thompson, Ken Powers, Vic Wiebe, Stewart Graham

St. Andrew's Lifelong Learning Pathway

By Rev. Shawn Sanford Beck, Recruitment Officer

St. Andrew's Lifelong Learning Pathway: more than ticking the boxes!

As the College Recruitment Officer, I'm very excited about the progress being made on our Lifelong Learning Pathway. It has been a joy to work closely with Dr. Bernon Lee (our Educational Coordinator of the LLL Pathway) and Wenona Partridge (our educational consultant), to help shape a program which will be unique in the flexibility of focus it offers to learners. Using competency-based portfolios, personalized learning plans, and education guides, the three wide certificate streams we are offering will be able to accommodate the learning goals of a wide variety of prospective students. While the program launch is not until fall of 2023, we have been happy to recruit a handful of "guinea pigs" to help us test the pathway early next year.

Some of the benefits we are planning on offering as part of the subscription model of the program include:

- Personalized learning plan / journal / portfolio
- Access to coordinator and guide
- Peer cafes
- Internal learning offerings
- College chapel and other worship invitations
- College social events (the LLL learners will be as deeply integrated with the degree students as possible, to develop a large and vibrant mixed community of learners at the College)
- Core community and access to Pastor-in-Residence
- Contemplative Gatherings (and other spiritual formation opportunities)

- Practically Prophetic webinars
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The St. Andrew's Lifelong Learning Pathway seeks to open the great joy and privilege of theological and spiritual reflection to a wide community of learners, beyond our traditional degree programs. For those who are exploring Christian discipleship through leadership in church or in the wider society, and for those who are seeking paths of wisdom in other spiritual traditions, our certificate programs create new possibilities of study.

Rather than a "tick-the-box" style of modular instruction, our Lifelong Learning Pathway prioritizes the student's own learning goals, and pairs the learner with their own educational guide. By identifying educational resources and opportunities, developing a personalized learning plan, and building a portfolio of reflective work, the student progresses at their own pace toward the competencies described in their chosen certificate.

This unique new program will be a perfect fit for seasoned pastors seeking continuing education, lay leaders who desire to engage in theological work to enhance their ministries and vocations, and spiritually curious wisdom-seekers who will benefit from a flexible and supportive framework of reflection. Regardless of one's previous formal education, St. Andrew's Lifelong Learning Pathway opens a treasure-trove of theological and spiritual exploration to all who desire it!

If this sounds intriguing to you, or perhaps to someone you know in your family or faith community, I'd encourage you to get a hold of me at shawn.sanfordbeck@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca or 306-441-6367. I'm always happy to tell you more!

Friends We Shall Miss

Rev. Dr. Jack Carr (DD 2012) of Saskatoon, SK, passed away on May 11. He was ordained in 1968 and served congregations in Saskatchewan including Speers, North Battleford and Mayfair United Church in Saskatoon. Jack served as Pastor-in-Residence and Core Group Leader at St. Andrew's College for many years and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree in 2012.

Rev. Dr. Bernice Saulteaux (DD 2013) of Carry the Kettle First Nation, SK, passed away on September 6. Bernice was very involved with the United Church with Plains Presbytery, All Native Circle Conference, the United Church's Residential Schools Steering Committee and was involved with the learning circles at St. Andrew's College. Bernice received an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree in 2013.

Rev. Dr. Paul Newman of Sooke, BC, passed away on September 6. Paul served as Professor of Systematic Theology at St. Andrew's from 1975-1988 and was named Professor Emeritus following his retirement.

Rev. Don Lawrence of Winnipeg, MB, passed away on September 25. Don graduated from St. Andrew's in 1959 and served congregations in Southwestern Saskatchewan, Regina and Winnipeg before retiring in 1997.

Long Service Recognition



(L to R) Carolina Castro, Melanie Schwanbeck, Leslee Harden, Margret Hernik

On Wednesday, October 25, the Board of Regents hosted its third long-service recognition event at the Park Town Hotel in Saskatoon. Four employees were recognized in person during the event: Leslee Harden (Chief Administrative Officer) was recognized for 10 years of service. Margret Hernik (Accounting and Administration Clerk) and Melanie Schwanbeck (College Secretary) were recognized for 15 years of service. Carolina Castro (Building Manager) was recognized for 25 years of service.



*Silvia
Barba
Mojica*



*Don
Schweitzer*

Also recognized were Silvia Barba Mojica (Custodian) for 10 years of service and Don Schweitzer (McDougald Professor of Theology) for 20 years of service.

Upcoming Courses

SA 340 The Holy Spirit

Course description: This course offers an introduction and overview to the person and work of the Holy Spirit, as understood in Biblical traditions and in contemporary theology. It will examine different classic and contemporary ways of understanding the Spirit. It will examine how the Spirit works, what it gives, and its place in the Trinity. A goal of the course is to help students develop

their own understanding of the Holy Spirit in dialogue with the Biblical witness, contemporary theology and their own experience.

Professor: Dr. Don Schweitzer

Dates: January 16-20, 2023; Blended format: onsite synchronous course allowing distance students to take the course by remotely viewing and participating in the

lectures using our tech classroom.

PA 208 Community, Song, Justice, and the Sacred

Course description: This course examines how sacred song from a variety of traditions helps us shape and express our identities and works towards transformation. The course begins with the anthropological origin and role of song and a brief survey of song from the main religious traditions of the world, including Indigenous, Hindu, Buddhist, Islamic, Christian, and Jewish contexts. Both the positive impact of song for social transformation, as well as the use of song for propaganda will be explored. The course examines sacred songs from Cuba, South Africa, and various North American social movements (civil rights movement, women’s move-

ment, and trade union movement) and also addresses the perversion of song through colonialism.

Methodology: As a voice-engaged and participatory course, students will listen to—and sing—examples from a variety of traditions and struggles for justice. While no experience in singing is necessary, all students will be expected to participate. Basic techniques for sharing and leading songs with others as a mode of cultural and inter-cultural engagement will also be introduced. Ethical issues related to song leading, especially of “global music,” will be addressed.

Professor: Dr. Becca Whitla

Dates: TBD – Spring 2023; a one or two week on-site intensive course.

Creating Connection for Journey of Truth and Reconciliation



In 2022, Pincher Creek United Church (AB) United Church, with other community groups (Town of Pincher Creek, Adult Learning Centre, PC Library, Co-op etc.) organized an outdoor Truth and Reconciliation Service on September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The event started with welcoming and Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory. The guest speaker was Elder Peter Strikes With A Gun. Members of his family shared singing, drumming, and smudging. Then, the people who gathered for the event stayed for food (frybread, berry soup, and drinks) and social time in the downstairs of the United Church. Peter told the following story to a crowd gathered at Pincher Creek United Church.



Peter Strikes With A Gun was a survivor from St. Mary’s Residential School, which was located near Cardston. St. Mary’s was roughly 80 kilometres away from their hometown of Brocket. In his speaking, Peter said, the

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past is an important step toward healing, and everyone needs to know of the desperation and emptiness Indigenous children felt when they were torn from their families and their culture was stripped away from them. Peter continued to say, the path to healing is not an easy one, but it starts when Indigenous people are allowed to voice their issues and express their culture publicly.

After his speaking, Peter and Eric Crow Shoe, another



member of Piikani Nation, performed a smudging ceremony for guests. Peter explained the significance of the sacred practice Smudging is practised by many Indigenous groups for a variety of purposes and is similar to prayer as it involves sending a message to the Creator. Peter says the soil in the smudge box is symbolic of the people on earth, while the fire represents the Creator and the sun. “The soil represents the identity of who we are,” he said. “The fire is a symbol of the Creator that guides us everyday. Smudging, it gives you the cleansing to be able to travel with the freedom of choice,” he ex-



plained. Practising his traditional culture has given Peter the strength to come to terms with the past and look toward the future. “Today I can accept the things I cannot change, but I still have today to enjoy, to put all my dreams into the community he belongs, because tomorrow is not guaranteed,” he said. “Today is the beginning of the rest of our lives.”

It has been a year since I came to be a minister in



Pincher Creek United Church. A move to Pincher Creek wasn't initially in the cards for me, but it turned out to be exactly what I was looking for. This Truth and Reconciliation gathering was a good example in my ministry and taught me what I can do and how we get together in the community. For a year, the Pincher Creek community provided the social atmosphere I had always wanted. What I'm doing now is all about creating connection, inviting and encouraging them. Especially, I learned a considerable amount about Indigenous story and wisdom through this event, also local values from those who gathered. It is important to know who I am, where I come from, what we believe but, I hope that no matter who we are, where we come from, no matter we are Indigenous, white or Korean, we gather together in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation just like what Jesus showed us.

Rev. Hyun Heo, Pincher Creek United Church, AB,
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Zion Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

St. Andrew's College Convocation will take place next spring as part of a larger event of the Saskatoon Theological Union, as we join with our partners the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad (Anglican) and the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

#NoGalaGala

You are still able to purchase tickets for this year's #NoGalaGala featuring award-winning writer and performer Brenda Baker. She shared her thoughts about the influence the United Church has had on her life and work through music, readings and conversation with three different hosts.

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