

*The Twentieth Joint
Convocation
of the
Saskatoon Theological Union*



University of Emmanuel College-
College of Emmanuel & St. Chad
Lutheran Theological Seminary
St. Andrew's College

Friday, May 7, 2021
7:00 pm

Recognizing Graduates of
2020 and 2021

Prelude “Your Will be Done (Mayenziwe)” (MV151)

May-en-zi-we 'nta-ndo ya-kho
Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho
Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho
Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho
Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho

Your will be done, be done on earth.
Your will be done, be done on earth.
Your will be done, be done on earth.
Your will be done on earth.
Your will be done on earth.

Invocation Janet Clarke, Pastor in Residence
St. Andrew's College

Greetings from the College Heads

Rev. Dr. Iain Luke (ESC)
Rev. Dr. Bill Harrison (LTS)
Dea. Dr. Richard Manley-Tannis (SAC)

First Reading Isaiah 25: 6-9
John Chuol (ESC)

Second Reading Luke 24: 13-35
Diane Nokonechny (LTS)

Introduction of Convocation Speaker
Rev. Dr. Iain Luke

Address Dr. Carl Still, President
St. Thomas More College

Interlude “Halle, Halle, Halle” (VU958)

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Hallelujah, halleluhah!

Awarding of Degrees

**College of Emmanuel & St. Chad
(2020)**

Bachelor of Theology

John Machol Chuol
Tracey Lynne Taylor

Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa)

David Michael Jackson

(2021)

Licentiate in Theology

Tigist Gebeyehu Ketsela

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**Lutheran Theological Seminary
(2020)**

Master of Divinity

Sarah Lynn Urano
Erin Rebecca Thomas
Katherine Jane Zaiser

(2021)

Diaconal Certificate

Judith Rosalie Bauereiss
Kevin Kenneth Prouten

Master of Divinity

Andrea Christine Grozli
Olav Traa

Doctor of Ministry

Lon Alex Towstego

Doctor of Christian Letters (Honoris Causa)

Jennifer Lynn Henry

Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa)

Faith Elizabeth Rohrbough

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St. Andrew's College

(2020)

Bachelor of Theology

Ryan Nickolaus Sawchuk

Master of Theological Studies

Hoeun Lee

Doctor of Ministry

Catherine Louise Holland

Designated Lay Ministry Diploma

William Martin Clark-Ettinger

Laura Ellen Hutchison

Steven Allen Loweth

Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa)

Peter James Gilmer and Bonnie Ruth Morton

Allan Thomas Shaw

(2021)

Bachelor of Theology

Debra Lorraine Hall

Master of Divinity

Jonathan Patrick Roald Worrall

Master of Theological Studies

Karen Elizabeth Walden Cartmell

Young Seo

Doctor of Ministry

Richmond Chibiko Diala

Wilson Gonese

Sherpherd Munikwa

Laura Marie Piotrowicz

Christine Ann Salstrom

Designated Lay Ministry Diploma
Emma Mildred O'Rourke
Janice Cassandra Pow

Diploma in Theology
Carol Lynne Alice Many Chief

Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa)
Brenda Lee Baker
Joyce Marlene Sasse

Prayers

of Dedication

Janice Pow (SAC)

of Thanks and Concern

Tigist Ketsela (ESC)

Olav Traa (LTS)

Sherpherd Munikwa (SAC)

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction Janet Clarke, Pastor in Residence
St. Andrew's College

Recessional "Go to the World" (VU420)

1. Go to the world! God into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
2. Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. Go to the World! Go struggle, bless and pray,
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you 'til the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Tracey Lynn Taylor

From a very early age I felt that God was with me, I knew his voice and I felt his love as a constant presence. I knew that God was calling me to something. The more I became involved in leadership roles and the worship life of my congregation that call became more evident. With God's call in my heart, I set out on process of discerning a call toward locally raised, ordained ministry. With the support of the parish of Midlakes, The Diocese of Qu'Appelle, and the Qu'Appelle School for Mission and Ministry, I was prepared for, and ordained as a transitional deacon in the Anglican Church of Canada in 2012. Then, on December 1, 2013, I was ordained to the priesthood to serve in the Parish of Midlakes. In 2017 I felt the need to further my learning and entered into the Anglican Seminary at College of Emmanuel & St. Chad. It was an interesting first semester trying to explain to people, that, yes, I am already an ordained minister in the Anglican Church, I just like to do things differently. These past three years have been incredible, there were moments when I wondered what I was doing, while being thankful that I was able to do it at all. These years have fed my hunger for learning but have also made me hunger for more. God keeps calling and ever amid my trepidation, I can't wait to see where the next path leads.

From Lutheran Theological Seminary...

Erin Rebecca Thomas, BR, MA

"See, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

LTS offered me the space to develop my own theological and spiritual framework as I sought to integrate my own life's experiences with the training for formal ministry. I am deeply grateful for the support of all the staff and faculty, especially Drs. Gordon Jensen, Ann Salmon, and Kristine Ruffatto. I am also thankful for the support of Lord of Glory Lutheran Church in Lac La Biche, Trinity Lutheran Church in Edmonton, the Candidacy Committee, Alberta Synod, and Bishop Larry for supporting my journey. I look forward to what life has to bring next.

Sarah Lynn Urano, BSW

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5

Throughout the formational process of seminary, God called me to explore the concept of "identity": who I am as a future pastor, the church's identity, and our identity in Christ. As God speaks to the prophet Jeremiah: God knew our identities before we were conceived, named us, and gifted us with new life full of possibilities. God has revealed God's self to me through all your unique identities - all different yet sharing one identity in the Body of Christ. Without the support of God's people, my husband and three children, my "home away from home," countless family and friends, LTS faculty and staff, financial donors, and support from my internship congregation, I would not be the person I am today. All thanks be to God!

Katherine Jane Zaiser, BSc

"Come, let us sing to the Lord!" Ps 95:1

Kate was raised in Calgary, AB. After high school she studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Calgary where she met her future husband. In 2015 she recognized that she was not called to engineering and began exploring a call to ministry. She began studying at LTS that fall. Kate enjoys singing and playing clarinet, studying God's Word, and experiencing creation in the garden.

Kate gives thanks and praise to God for all the support that she has received along this journey: for the faculty, staff and students at LTS; the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and the Candidacy Committee; her internship congregation, Church of the Cross in Calgary; her home congregation, All Saints in Calgary; and most of all her family: parents Beth and Dick and husband Brady. She would not be here without their support.

From St. Andrew's College...

William Martin Clark-Ettinger

I turn 65 this year. And I have been at my church since the beginning of the DLM program. I will be going on my fourth year there. And I still can't believe that I have my own church, and actually graduating from a college, to become a recognized designated lay minister. I never graduated from anything. I was addicted to drugs and alcohol for many-many years, and put my mother through hell. I have become something I would have never had thought I would become, and I am sure my mother is looking down on me and saying, finally you have become the person I raised you to be. I tried running from this for years, but could not outrun what was destined to eventually catch me. Today I look at where I was and where I am at today, but never to forget where I come from. God bless and thanks to all the support from Jennifer Janzen-Ball and my Husband who stood by me when I was ready at times to give up. I have been truly blessed. Thanks be to God.

Catherine Louise Holland, BTh, MDiv

I am a rural priest. I discerned in my early teens big city living wasn't for me. My resolve to live in smaller communities began with a career establishing computer technology in small city businesses. The journey progressed to where I am now, married to a farmer, sharing farm responsibilities, living 40 kilometers from the nearest town, and immersed in a ministry that lives with the joys, challenges, and pain of parish, neighbour and community life. I was aware that being planted in one place could lead to staleness, and complacency ... and it did. My prayers for renewal came when I answered a phone call inviting me to join the new Community Development and Rural Ministry program. Along with Dennis, my parish, ministry team, and friends, I am very grateful for that call from the Rev. Dr. Cam Harder and for the gentle yet firm guidance from The Rev. Dr. Bill Richards guiding me through my project.

Laura Ellen Hutchison

It's been a long and winding road that led to this day, that has included being a wife, a widow, a mother of eight, and grandmother of many more, and always "a learner, a teacher, and a pilgrim on the way" [VU578, *As a Fire*]. Through the journey, the presence of the holy, and the ordinary have sustained me. The words of A New Creed, that "we are not alone" has been constantly evident in the community created by staff and students of St. Andrew's, the DLM Program Team, beginning with my first Team Leader, Rob Reed, and carrying on through each member past and present. I have been blessed with two learning sites where God's people were engaged in learning with me, and supporting my growth. It is good to celebrate, and then to continue the love and the learning on this twisting, turning, often surprising path, where we are blessed so we may we become a blessing.

Hoeun Lee, BA, MDiv

I, an ordained minister of Presbyterian Church of Korea, as well as a migrant, am pursuing admission to The Order of Ministry of The United Church of Canada, and my intercultural journey has come along with the community of St. Andrew's College. I am deeply appreciative of St. Andrew's College which enabled me not only to experience the Canadian context but also to reflect on it as a marginalized but also privileged person. But for the whole process, I wouldn't have found my own mission and role in this postcolonial setting. I am thrilled to bring my gifts and skills that I have cultivated in my theological education and that came from my diverse ministerial experiences across Korea and Canada. Thank you, all the faculty and staff of St. Andrew's College. I also give thanks to significant others in my journey: to the congregations of The Coteau Hills Pastoral Charge and Grosvenor Park United Church, Nobuko & Doug, Marnie & Lorne, HyeRan & David, Jan, Julie & Jen and my partner Yoonjoo Shin who have embraced, encouraged, supported, and sometimes challenged me so I could keep journeying onward.

Steven Allan Loweth

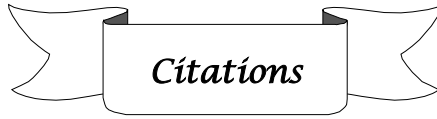
I was first made aware of my call to ministry as a late aged teenager. I had been leading the youth group, when my minister took me aside and encouraged me to look at serving the church through ministry. A few years later I gave it a try by moving into diaconal training focusing on youth ministry and refugee work. The learning styles of being in circle accompanied by some extra credit courses was what suited me. Unfortunately, I did not complete due to family obligations. Fast forward almost 30 years later where I once again began a discernment process which soon brought me to the DLM Program and St. Andrew's College. Three years of journeying with my peers in circle plus spending time in SME and extra courses was spirit filled. God led me to this wonderful college where I am now proud to be part of the Alumni. Because of my positive learning experience at St. Andrew's I now highly recommend the college for anyone looking at their own call to follow the path of Jesus into Ministry. Blessings to all students, faculty and staff for whom I say Thanks be to God.

Ryan Nickolaus Sawchuk

God has always had a presence in my life giving me the strength to be my own individual growing up. My call was affirmed; I could no longer avoid God's message after taking my first class at St. Andrew's College, during my second year of university. After a few more classes I enrolled in the Dual Degree Program.

I am excited to continue my journey with God to see where it leads me.

I would like to thank my parents and extended family for their unconditional love and encouragement. Rev. Andrew Appledore for being a patient mentor who continues to offer me guidance. Dundurn Community Faith for allowing me to share and practice what I learn. The faculty and staff of St. Andrew's for always being there to answer my questions and offer guidance as I grow in God's light.



for
The Honorary Degree Recipients

Peter James Gilmer, BA, MTS and Bonnie Ruth Morton, BJJ

Bonnie Morton and Peter Gilmer are a team in the work of the Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry (RAPM) in Regina. They were nominated for and are now being conferred with their Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree as a team. Bonnie was hired by Downtown Chaplaincy, the precursor to RAPM, in 1987. Peter has been minister and advocate for RAPM since 1996 and prior to that was the Executive Director for the Saskatchewan Coalition Against Racism (SCAR). Individually, and together within their work of anti-poverty advocacy as part of RAPM, Bonnie's and Peter's lives are rooted in the best parts of the social gospel and liberation theology. They live and teach a praxis of radical neighbour love and a preferential option for the poor. The work of RAPM is divided into three areas: Individual Advocacy, Public Policy, and Education. Through these activities, Peter and Bonnie serve and lead RAPM in carrying out its mission - stated as: "Rooted in God's radical love, expressed through compassion and action, the Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry advocates and educates with and for those seeking social and economic justice." As an example of this work, a key public education activity continues to be RAPM's monthly study circles with low-income volunteers and activists. These study circles offer individuals the opportunity to discuss poverty concerns that affect their lives. RAPM also provides many workshops to community and youth groups, women's shelters, labour unions, service providers and a broad cross-section of post-secondary and high school classes. Their office acts as an anti-poverty resource centre and RAPM is a strong and widely cited media resource for their expertise, experience, and engagement in economic justice and advocacy. The work of RAPM, through the commitment and leadership of Bonnie Morton and Peter Gilmer impact individual lives every day, and has contributed to significant public policy decisions at various levels of government. Their nomination for this degree was accompanied by endorsements from elected representatives provincially and federally, by community activists, General Council staff of The United Church of Canada, union leaders, and ministry colleagues. The ongoing impact of this ministry and the faithful and prophetic work of Peter and Bonnie is held in much respect by many.

Bonnie Morton was raised on a farm outside Gananoque in eastern Ontario before moving to Saskatoon. Bonnie's life experience includes receiving kindness in her own time of high need through the generosity and care of a cab driver, a motel operator, and a social worker - experiences through which she learned the value of

advocating for others, which is something she has never stopped doing herself. In 2011, Bonnie was recognized as a Designated Lay Minister by Saskatchewan Conference and she preaches regularly around the province. She was an active member of Wascana Presbytery and Saskatchewan Conference and does similar work in the Regina activist community. Bonnie is sought out as an authority on issues of poverty. She is the recipient of many community awards.

Peter Gilmer grew up in Melfort, Saskatchewan. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Saskatchewan and a Master of Theological Studies (MTS) from St. Andrew's College. He has chaired the Council on Social Development in Regina, the Regina Public Transit Coalition, and for many years has been a leader in The United Church of Canada's collective efforts to advocate for strong public policy at all levels of government. In 2011, Peter was recognized as a Designated Lay Minister by Saskatchewan Conference and he preaches regularly around the province. He was an active member of Wascana Presbytery and does similar work in the Regina activist community. Peter is a regular contributor to media and is sought out as an authority on issues of poverty. Peter is the recipient of many community awards.

St. Andrew's College and the Saskatoon Theological Union are pleased to honour the service of Bonnie Morton and Peter Gilmer in conferring upon them this Doctor of Divinity, Honoris Causa. The life work of each of them, and together through the Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry, is an embodiment of Justice-Driven Christian Leadership.

D. Michael Jackson, BA, MA, PhD, CVO, SOM, CD

In addition to Michael's outstanding contribution to public life in the province of Saskatchewan, the Revd. Dr. Michael Jackson has been a true pioneer, tirelessly advocating for the return of the vocational diaconate in the Christian Church.

At a time when the Church in many countries, and through many centuries, had diminished the role of deacon to that of a stepping stone to priesthood, Michael tirelessly called for the return of a vocational diaconate. Walking that talk, he has modelled, through the years, the importance of this order in the life of the Church, the fruits of which are now seen in the restoration and growth of this vocational order in many countries of the world, across Canada and especially in his own diocese of Qu'Appelle.

Ordained to the vocational diaconate in 1977, Michael is now the longest-serving deacon in the Anglican Church of Canada, a canon of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, and honorary assistant at St. Paul's Cathedral, Regina.

All who know Michael attest to his passionate and prophetic leadership, in this full and equal ordained ministry in the Church, a vocation of exemplary service lived out in his public and ecclesiastical life. Often a lone voice in the wilderness in his

early years, Michael never lost faith in the importance of this order and now, he is respected locally, internationally, and ecumenically. Michael's is increasingly a voice, much sought out in discussions about, or the education and formation of, vocational deacons in the Church today.

In addition to his many publications on public life, Michael is also author of two online studies, *The Diaconate Renewed: Service, Word and Worship* and *The Deacon in the Worshipping Community* (Diocese of Qu'Appelle website). Michael facilitates an international network of Anglican and Roman Catholic deacons, and is a reviewer of diaconal publications. In addition, he coordinated an International Anglican-Roman Catholic-Ukrainian Catholic Conference on the Diaconate at Campion College, University of Regina, in 2018 and is editor of the book, published in 2019 *The Diaconate in Ecumenical Perspective*, a book based on the talks given at the conference which include chapters on the diaconate from a Roman Catholic, Anglican, Church of England, Methodist, Orthodox, Eastern Catholic, Evangelical Lutheran and Scottish Episcopal Church perspective.

In 1987 Her Majesty The Queen invested Mr. Jackson as a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (LVO) and in 2005 promoted him to Commander of the Order (CVO). In 2007 he was invested as a Member of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit (SOM). He is a recipient of the Canada 125 Commemorative Medal, the Canadian Forces' Decoration (CD), the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Without a doubt, the Revd. Canon Dr. Michael Jackson has made an outstanding contribution to the life of the Church especially in his extraordinary and distinguished service as a deacon. Michael has the respect internationally of ecumenical colleagues and especially those within the Anglican Church of Canada.

Allan Thomas Shaw, BA, MDiv

Allan Shaw was born on June 21, 1931. He grew up near Owen Sound, Ontario, and was involved with the United Church from an early age. After graduating from Emmanuel College he was ordained by Toronto Conference on June 1, 1958. He then accepted a call to Landis, Saskatchewan. After three years he moved to Unity. While there he was active with youth, involved with Starview Camp and served on the Saskatchewan Conference executive. While doing all this he also took flying lessons and got his pilot's license.

By 1970 Allan was married to Joan and together they had three children. The Shaw family moved to Alert Bay, BC, and Allan began flying a float plane into forestry camps and Indigenous communities along the coast. He and Joan were made honorary band members and given Kwakwaka' waku names. Allan's translated as "Let there be light."

In 1972 the family moved to Nipawin, Saskatchewan where Allan served the local United Church. In addition to leading worship, he led a Bible Study, a Youth

Group and marriage enrichment and parenting classes. He was also involved with the Lions Club and the Rotary. In 1983 he was named Nipawin Citizen of the Year.

Allan was a spiritual leader with a sense of humour and a deep commitment to the well-being of his community. The community was his parish and he served it in any way that his talents could fill its needs. Allan Shaw died on February 2, 2021; we are pleased that this honorary degree was granted to him last year, even though he did not live to participate in this convocation.



Some brief
words **2021**
from
our
Grads. . .

From the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad...

Tigist Gebeyehu Ketsela

Like many students, the first time my Canadian spiritual mother, Rev. Dr. Jan Bigland-Pritchard, a companion, currently my colleague and I walked up towards the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad, I had my doubts. I am happy to say that many of those doubts were dispelled by the grace of God and the encouragement of Staff and friends.

Indeed, it is graduation day! Such an individual accomplishment could never have been realized without the assistance and sacrifice of so many others: former Refugee Coordinator, Klaus and his wife Margaret; mum Laura-me Saider and her husband Robert; Jean Gibson; Rev. Amy and her family; St. Stephen's Anglican Church; the 2014 Refugee settlement team; JCL Care Home; L'Arche Saskatoon; Hyde Park View Care Home; Anglican Diocese of Saskatoon; the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad Staff, and all my Professors. These gifts of time, love, care, and money made the realization of such an individual dream possible.

On this Graduation day, my Graduation day, my sincere heartfelt thankfulness goes out to all of those people who have supported and cared for me during this journey.

God Bless you!

From Lutheran Theological Seminary...

Judith Rosalie Bauereiss, BA, BEd, MA

"One God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

Ephesians 4:6

I came to seminary to become more-enabled and empowered in my calling as an itinerant, ecumenical, lay worship leader, through the study of scripture, the Word, our liturgical practices and the history of our faith. This has been accomplished! I wish to express my deep appreciation to LTS staff, faculty, and students, and every one I have met. You have enhanced my learning experience. I also wish to thank Dr. Gordon Jensen, my mentor, for his constant guidance, patience, encouragement, and faith in me. Without the blend of in-class and long-distance learning, I would not be here today, receiving this certificate. I now know what I believe theologically, why I believe it, and I own the means to express it. Blessings and life abundant indeed. "Here I am, Lord". Thanks be to God.

Andrea Christine Grozli, BN

"Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love." Eph. 4:1-2

Thank you to all those who supported me with their love, wisdom, prayers and listening ears throughout this seminary journey: LTS faculty, staff, students, and donors; my internship supervisors and sites in Winnipeg and Carman, MB; my family, friends, and Zeta sisters from around the world and my home congregation of Sherwood Park, Winnipeg.

I am forever grateful for the ongoing prayers and support of Bishop Jason Zinko, the MNO Synod, the MNO Candidacy Committee, fellow clergy (especially Rev. Fran Schmidt), and my seminary brother Olav Traa.

I am so thankful to my brother Peter for his support and to my amazing husband John who sacrificed so much for me to follow God's call to ministry - you are a Rockstar! Love you!

Kevin Kenneth Prouten

"In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed." 1 Pet 1:6, 7

It had never been my plan to go to Seminary. Or, even less to become a Diaconal Minister. I am reminded of Jonah who did as God commanded even though he did not want to. I too ran and hid from God's call. God would drag me back kicking and screaming with the promise of blessing. I have come to accept this is how my faith will be tested. God's to create, God's to destroy, Mine to follow. This is my life - now.

Lon Alex Towstego, BTh, MDiv

"We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20

As my time in the Doctor of Ministry Program draws to a close, I give thanks to God for the many blessings I have received throughout this process. I wish to thank all of the Saskatoon Theological Union, professors, administrative and support staff and the 2018 cohort of students and those who joined the journey as we formed friendships.

I thank the Parish of Central Saanich, the Educational Trust Board of the Diocese of Islands, and Inlets (BC), Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee, retired Bishop Logan McMenamie and my patient editors Marian Towstego and Elisabeth Archambault. I am mindful of all victims of the Residential Schools in Canada. My research is complete, but the work of reconciliation continues.

Olav Traa

"For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." 1 John 3:11

All glory and praise be to God. LTS was a source of abundant blessing and discovery. I offer gratitude to the faculty and staff at LTS for encouragement and support. You are a gift to our church. I am grateful for the many relationships with classmates and the pastors I met along the way.

For the Alberta Synod, Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, the Candidacy Committee, Rev. Dr. Deborah Ann Taylor, the Armena Lutheran Parish and Bethel LC (Camrose) and the ELCIC as a whole, for their support and prayers throughout my formation: thank you.

For the Norwegian Seamen's church: You planted the seeds, thank you. Finally, I would like to thank my beloved wife Marie-Paule and my children, Lars, Eli, and Rose, without whom none of this would be possible.

From St. Andrew's College...

Karen Elizabeth Walden Cartmell, LLWL, BMath, MBA

After obtaining my LLWL (Licensed Lay Worship Leader) designation and leading some worship services in various United Churches, I found that I was thirsty for more knowledge. Knowledge about the Bible, about Christian history, and about United Church history. My family always tells me that I'm a life-long learner, so it didn't come as a surprise to them when I said I was going to take a few courses at St. Andrew's College. A few courses quickly morphed into an entire Master of Theological Studies degree. And I still want to learn more!

One of my passions is travelling to different countries. I am grateful that various courses exposed me to early writings such as the Codex Sinaiticus and Dead Sea Scrolls, so I could appreciate them when I saw them personally. Traveling, combined with the readings, made the course work come alive for me.

I would like to say "Thank you" to my husband for all his support, and to the staff and faculty at St Andrew's for helping me along this journey. It has been a rewarding and enriching experience.

Richmond Chibiko Diala, MTh, PhD

Born about five decades ago in a typical Nigerian village, pretty more rural than the most rural places in Saskatchewan, I would say life has been quite challenging, yet rewarding. Raised by a widow, a super woman, who went out of her way to challenge the status quo, remaining single and giving me and my siblings western education (these even today are not generally accepted in Nigeria). I definitely inherited from her, or would I say, learned from her how to pursue my dreams, even when they seem eclectic.

Becoming a catholic priest is one of those choices, and being a student at St Andrew's is yet another which truly is a big dream come true. My life mission is to empower myself with a view to empowering others, and the DMin is quite rewarding.

It is so much joy to carry on my mission, to make my mom proud, and above all, what a joy to have my dream come true. I am indebted to all who helped me on this journey.

Wilson Gonese, BTh, MA

From the time I enrolled in the DMin program, I have come to discover that our call to service is key to our ministry. Our call to serve is a ministry of presence and we must always reach out where the people are.

Now serving as a chaplain in the Armed Forces, I am using what I learned in the program in a fruitful way in my work. I am convinced that the DMin program will continue to inspire and shape ministers and church leaders to be effective in their specific contexts. I enjoyed every part of the program and this has been a gift and life enriching experience.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all our Professors and staff. A big thank you to my family and friends for all the support.

Peace and Joy!

Carol Lynne Alice Many Chief, RMT

Thank you to Lynn, Gregg, and the entire St. Andrew's College. I consider the course work that I received for my Diploma of Theology to be my foundation. Not only has it been important, starting me out with my ministry; but towards the entire aspect that is a way through that can impact generations. I get to do my homework with a granddaughter.

I have been accepted into the Indigenous Ministries for the United Church and have the started the Masters of Divinity towards a pastoral ministry both for my community and beyond. I do hope to return to St. Andrew's as the second huge interest is for rural ministry. I look forward to continuing my path, and wish all the graduates, good journeys and many blessings.

Sherpherd Munikwa, BTh, BSc, MA

I grew up in the war climate of Zimbabwe in the 1970s in which the natives were trying to liberate themselves from the British colonial regime. I witnessed people brutally killing each other based on their difference in ethnicity, skin colour,

and culture. From that experience, I concluded that there is no peace that can be brought on earth through the barrel of a gun. From this personal experience, I realized that opportunities to relate across the table sharing cultural experiences, celebrating the uniqueness of difference are essential. This background attracted me to intercultural theology and intercultural way of life. Moving to Newfoundland from Africa everything was different, language, weather, food and culture. I came as a stranger, later I became a friend and eventually a family member. Their culture became mine and mine became theirs. "How good and pleasant it is when people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).

Emma Mildred O'Rourke

I have called you by your name, you are mine.

I have gifted you and asked you now to shine.

I will not abandon you, all my promises are true.

You are gifted, called, and chosen, you are mine. MV 161

The words of this hymn have been my mantra throughout my ministry journey. A journey with many bumps in the road that led me to the DLM Program at St. Andrew's College. During my first learning circle, my call to ministry was affirmed. I truly felt that God had placed me among a select group of adult learners, each with a passion to be Disciples of Christ. Each with a passion to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Each of us aware that we were not on this journey alone but had been brought to this place to step out in faith and to be an encouragement to each other. The DLM Program provided me with visions beyond my imagination as Rev. Dr. Jennifer Janzen-Ball, members of each program team, and many presenters shared their knowledge, provided answers to the many questions, and gave me guidance when needed. These people have allowed me to see that I am gifted, called, and chosen. As I leave this place to go into the world, I go in the footsteps of Jesus Christ to love and serve others. I am truly blessed to call myself a graduate of St. Andrew's College.

Laura Marie Piotrowicz, BA, MDiv (Hon), CSTE, ThM

Hailing from the west, I am now living (and loving) the east coast lifestyle; my formal ministry with the Anglican Church has spanned from my home in Winnipeg through Ontario to my present parish in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. I've served parishes of all sizes, and thrive in small town settings. I've been involved in education, advocacy, and chaplaincy settings, and regularly engage in ministries around prayer, gender justice, ecological theology, and social justice.

I am 'fur-mom' to two big dogs who ensure that my life is never dull. I love being outside, traveling, canoeing, and camping; I am an avid reader, puzzle-solver, and enthusiastic Winnipeg Jets fan. I'm known for my high energy levels, loud laugh, and funky shoes.

The DMin programme has been life-giving and I am so grateful to Dr. Ann Salmon and everyone at St. Andrew's and the STU for encouraging me along this journey.

Janice Cassandra Pow

When I consider that I am graduating from the Designated Lay Ministry Program, my heart grows larger within my chest, and my eyes become misty. Just imagine, God called me! I no longer look over my shoulder to check if *the call* was

meant for someone else. My time at St. Andrew's College and my SME site has blessed me with knowledge gained from education and work experience. I have discovered the courage to move forward and take chances. I am capable of more than I ever dreamed possible. I look forward to the future as a life-long learner. Thank you to everyone at St. Andrew's for your kindness, guidance, and support. "To expect the possible is great, but to live in the impossible is grace." (Rigby, ReJUNEvation, 2019) That I get to serve as a DLM for the United Church is truly a testament of grace. I cry out, "Hallelujah."

Chrisine Ann Salstrom, BA, MDiv

Chris Salstrom is a life-long learner who was called to ministry as a teenager but found her calling as a Chaplain in middle life. During her educational journey into Chaplaincy, she was also fortunate enough to find her husband, Gary Potter, without whom she might not have finished her DMin and definitely would not be as happy in life! Who knew that Theology school could offer so many wonderful gifts? As a reformed Accountant, Theology has offered a place where she finally "fit into her life" and met many wonderful people. This part of the journey has been no exception! She now looks forward to new adventures with Gary and their pup Taffi.

Young Seo, BCEd, MDiv

I recognize all things by the grace of God when I look back over my life.

While studying theology for my MDiv from Hanshin Seminary, our South Korean partner seminary; the fact was emphasized that God can be found in places of suffering, while holding up the social salvation of Jesus. The struggle between this understanding and the conservative, patriarchal Christian traditions brought questions to my mind.

I met an exchange student from St. Andrew's who would eventually become my partner, Jason Richards, while in my last semester. He encouraged my ministry and introduced me to Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg. I am thankful also to Lorne Calvert for sending an invitation, expanding on my dream to study at St. Andrew's College.

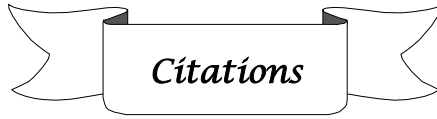
In 2016, I started the Master of Theological Studies course. My heart is so filled with gratitude to all the people who have helped me discern what exactly my ministry can look like. It was thanks to professors like HyeRan, Don, Becca, Sandra, Christine and Lynn. I also am profoundly thankful to my partner Jason, my son Lincoln, and my parents-in-law, my mentors Catherine and Leslie, classmates, and college staff. I look forward to continuing to be a minister to Alma United Church, in Ontario. God bless you all!

Jonathan Patrick Roald Worrall, BA

My call to ministry was entirely unexpected; before being bid by Grace, I had never entertained the idea of becoming a minister. However, following my call, I was greatly enthused about enrolling in St. Andrew's College in the MDiv program. My call was affirmed throughout the academic process. While there have been some challenges, I have thoroughly enjoyed my journey towards ordination.

A heartfelt thanks to all of the faculty and staff who have made and continue to make the college such a welcoming and nurturing environment for education and faith exploration. A special thanks to Professor Schweitzer and Professor Caldwell, my academic advisors who have offered endless mentorship and

support, and to Tony Thompson, my educational supervisor; he was a pillar of support and guidance during my time in student-ministry. I will be finishing my student-ministry in June and look forward to my future ministerial work.



for
The Honorary Degree Recipients

Brenda Lee Baker, BFA

Brenda Baker is so multi-talented that her life and work almost defy definition. As a "Project Artist," she uses many media: music, creative writing, and visual arts to create space for joy, spirituality, justice, and community. Her nominators describe her as bringing together "sometimes seemingly disparate worlds," to "weave a rich tapestry to help us to hear God's song and heartbeat in the world."

Brenda grew up in Saskatoon, inheriting her from her parents a concern for community, an artistic flair, and a love for her congregation, Grosvenor Park United Church. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts with distinction in visual arts, followed by continued studies in theatre and acting, at the University of Saskatchewan in the early 1980s. Along with her ongoing work in the visual arts, she became known as a writer of fiction for children and adults. Brenda has won two Saskatchewan Book Awards, one for a collection of short stories, *The Maleness of God*, and one for children's literature for her novel *Camp Outlook*, which also won the 2015 USA-Canada High Plains Book Award.

But Brenda is also a gifted musician, composing and recording albums, performing, and coaching others. In 2005 she became the artistic and founding director of Kids of Note, an integrated choir for children with and without disabilities. Kids of Note and Notations, founded by Brenda's sister, for older youth, produce two sell-out concerts a year at Grosvenor Park Church. Brenda brings out the best from both typical and special needs children. Say her nominators, "She gives both a chance to shine."

Brenda has always used her multiple gifts in the service of others. To cite two examples: in 2010 she brought together artists to produce a concert raised that raised \$54,000 to help build Station 20 West, a community centre in an underserved area of Saskatoon. "Artists for Refugees" in 2016 assisted the sponsorship of a Syrian refugee family.

Woven through all that Brenda does is her deep and active faith. A member of Grosvenor Park United since her youth, Brenda has served in many capacities, always with a "fierce dedication" to helping to make it the best it can be as it communicates the gospel, and especially in sharing the good news of the work of

Grosvenor Park's Affirming Ministry. In 2019 she founded the "Contemplative Arts Festival of Saskatoon," held at the church to bring the arts, spirituality, and social justice together.

Brenda has won awards for her many creative endeavours, for championing children, for spotlighting women's contributions. It is a great pleasure to add one more, to present Brenda Baker for the degree Doctor of Divinity, Honoris Causa, at St. Andrew's College.

Jennifer Lynn Henry, BA, BSW, MSW, MTS

Jennifer Henry is the former Executive Director of KAIROS, a Canadian ecumenical organization dedicated to faithful action for ecological justice and human rights. Supporters of KAIROS include ten church denominations and religious organizations. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Anglican Church of Canada, and The United Church of Canada are part of this support group.

Jennifer has a Masters in Theological Studies from Emmanuel College in the University of Toronto, with a thesis on "Contrite Hearts in Solidarity Action: Elements in a Biblical Theology of Allyship"; she won numerous scholarships while studying theology. In addition, Jennifer has a Master's in Social Work from the University of Toronto, where she was on the Dean's Honour List and was granted a Citation for Meritorious Achievement. Her Bachelor of Social Work and Bachelor of Arts Degree are from the University of Manitoba.

Beginning in 1993 as Education and Communication Coordinator of the Ecumenical Coalition for Economic Justice, Jennifer has had an extensive career as an advocate for justice, and a leader with KAIROS. With KAIROS she has served as: Education and Networking Specialist; Animation, Communication, and Education Team Leader; Organizational Development and Movement Building Team Leader; Manager of Dignity, Rights and Development; and, finally, Executive Director.

In her final message to KAIROS, in December 2020, Jennifer wrote:

When I think of what KAIROS is, at its essence, the first words that come to mind are "together," "accompaniment" and "solidarity." Almost 20 years ago, KAIROS was created out of rich legacy as a place for churches and religious organizations to continue to come together across denominational differences, in commitments to ecumenical social justice. Today, we continue in that vision, but perhaps even more broadly, striving to be a place where peoples and communities can come together across diverse identities, spiritualities, and locations.

At our core is the call to accompany, to offer and receive support, advocacy, and action, and to join in mutuality and solidarity in the struggles against systemic injustice in Canada and around the world. This was so powerfully brought into view a few weeks ago when women from South Sudan, Palestine, Colombia, Philippines, and the DRC spoke of how that

accompaniment—that being with one another, connected to other women in the Global South and those of us in Canada—makes such a difference in their lives. How it strengthens their agency and power and then, well, how this solidarity changes the world. Solidarity banishes fear, emboldens hope, and galvanizes common action.”

Since the end of her tenure at KAIROS on December 31, 2020, Jennifer continues to work as a public theologian and justice animator, in addition to serving as a consultant in strategic planning for The United Church of Canada.

Today, we celebrate Jennifer Henry's commitment to engaging churches to come together in the name of God's justice around the world, in accompaniment and solidarity with those who face injustice, by granting her the degree of Doctor of Christian Letters, *honoris causa*.

Faith Elizabeth Rohrbough, BA, DPhil

Rev. Dr. Faith Elizabeth Rohrbough is President Emerita of Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon. She has made substantial contributions to theological education, particularly in areas of women's leadership, cross-cultural education and accreditation of theological schools.

Faith grew up Methodist in an Illinois university town. Her family and ancestral heritage encouraged her to assume that women could accomplish far more than societal roles assigned them. After studying under an all-female faculty at Wellesley College near Boston, Faith took her DPhil in Basel, Switzerland (including study under Karl Barth) where she focused on church and state relations.

In the mid-70's Faith taught part-time at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore and at Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg before joining faculty at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. A year later, she was elected Dean of the seminary. She also served as Vice-President and held the Anna Burkhalter chair in the History of Christianity. In 1996 Faith emigrated to Canada to accept Presidency of Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon where she served until her retirement in 2004. Faith has been an ongoing gift to LTS in many ways, including Acting Dean in 2011-12.

Faith pioneered three "firsts" in women's leadership. She was the first female dean, first female vice-president, and first female president of a Lutheran School in North America. She deepened that experience with professional development at Bryn Mawr Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration and has used her expertise to provide encouragement and training for women in theological administration across the world.

Faith is committed to diversity in theological education regarding gender, race and culture. She facilitated development of an Urban Theological Institute in Philadelphia, enabling inner-city African Americans to take master's level studies. She served on ecumenical and international initiatives with the Lutheran World Federation, the Lutheran Coalition on South Africa, and Lutheran-Seventh Day Adventist

dialogues. For LTS Saskatoon, Faith initiated a cross-cultural immersion program that gives all MDiv students a disorienting, mind-altering experience in a culture different than their own that many students say transformed their view of pastoral ministry. Faith herself has visited over three dozen countries, encouraging international students to study at LTS.

Finally, Faith has made substantial contributions to theological schools in North America through long-term work with the international accrediting body, ATS. She shepherded LTS Philadelphia and Saskatoon, as well as many other seminaries, through critical reviews, ensuring they have been able to maintain high standards of scholarship. She worked tirelessly on ATS committees to support her concerns for cross-cultural education and women in administration.

For these contributions, Rev. Dr. Rohrbough has been awarded honorary doctorates from Capital University, Columbus Ohio and LTS Philadelphia, the President's Medal from Andrews University, Missouri. Today LTS Saskatoon awards her the Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*.

Joyce Marlene Sasse, BA, BD

Rev. Joyce Sasse is a story-teller. In pedagogy and practice, Joyce has nourished and supported healthy congregations and communities throughout rural Canada and the world. She has been instrumental in articulating rural stories and spiritual values, affirmed the Church's role at the heart of small communities, and continually advocated on behalf of rural perspectives. A graduate of St. Andrew's College, Joyce completed a Bachelor of Education at the University of Saskatchewan prior to her Bachelor of Theology at St. Andrew's. She was ordained in The United Church of Canada in 1965, later achieving a Bachelor of Divinity in 1968 and Master of Divinity in 1987.

Joyce arrived in Milk River, Alberta at 10 days old, adopted by her parents Floyd and Dorothy Sasse. Joyce's first job was in the church when, at the age of 9 years old, she was paid 5 cents a week to dust the pews at Milk River United on Saturdays! During her time at university in Saskatoon, she was student minister, first at Langham (1960-61) and then at Rosthern (1962-65). Her settlement charge was Morse/Chaplain, where she served until she applied to work with the Division of World Outreach, serving with the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) from 1967-72 as Community Development Worker at the YMCA and as Chaplain/English teacher at Saigwong Boy's High School, Chongju.

Joyce began writing *Spiritual Vignettes* as Religion Columnist of The Western Producer and other local rural papers, to remind people whose church buildings had closed that "the church hasn't forgotten you". She continued to share these Vignettes for 14 years. Barb Glen, of The Western Producer, remarks, "she provided unique and insightful content on a weekly basis... during which her writings reached some 50,000 readers."

Joyce has long been well known nationally and internationally, consulting and collaborating with other rural leaders and thinkers and is cherished by many as a strong advocate and source of resources, stories and wisdom. She attended an international conference in Durham, England, through the Arthur Rank Centre, which became the International Rural Church Network. Joyce has remained a strong partner and supporter of IRCA. Joyce was also instrumental in the founding of the Centre for Rural Community Leadership and Ministry (CiRCLe M) with the Saskatoon Theological Union.

Rev. Joyce Sasse has spent her life in a ministry that reflects the highest ideals of theological education and reflection. Like St. Andrew's College itself, her entire 55 years in ministry has been rooted in a prairie context. She is a nationally- and internationally-known resource on rural ministry, and well respected and loved by many church members in southern Saskatchewan and Alberta.



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