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The gift of peace.
The gift of happiness.
May all these be yours
this Christmas.*

Vision Statement

St. Andrew's College will be a leader in theological education rooted in a radical vision of the gospel.

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Principal's Message



Lorne Calvert

In the preparation of students for Christian leadership, the mission of St. Andrew's College calls us to be inspired by justice and to be "radically inclusive".

As our College community is well aware, we are failing in our mission to be inclusive because of the inability of our College home to welcome those in wheelchairs or with other mobility challenges. Potential students are denied access to our programs because they cannot enter our building. Potential students are denied access to our Residence because of the stairs. Some members of our alumni/ae are unable to return and visit the College. We often must turn away some who would attend Winter Refresher, or special events, or community programs. Worship in our Chapel and fellowship in our Lounge cannot be inclusive because many cannot enter. The stairs at every entrance of our building, the stairs to the Residence, the stairs to the Chapel and Lounge and every interior level are barriers to our mission of inclusivity.

Ms. Lisa Franks is an example of one who is barred from our College. Originally from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, at the age of 14 Lisa

Franks was left paralyzed, virtually overnight, by a rare medical condition. After months and years of rehabilitation Lisa earned back her upper body mobility but must continue to use a wheelchair for her general mobility. Recently Lisa Franks graduated from the University of Saskatchewan as a mechanical engineer and is current practicing with Stantec Engineering in Saskatoon, designing systems for new construction on this campus. In the meantime Lisa has won two silver and six gold medals in wheelchair racing and basketball in the Sydney, Athens and Rio Paralympics. She has set Canadian and World records. Lisa has been the fastest woman in a wheelchair on the globe. There is very little that Lisa Franks cannot accomplish – except enter St. Andrew's College.

Some years ago we began a campaign to make St. Andrew's House accessible to all. Funds were raised to build a wheelchair lift. A subsequent period of financial difficulty for the College required that the funds raised, with the donors' permission, were used to keep the College functioning. Those days of extreme financial challenge are past and the dream of making St. Andrew's accessible is being reborn.

We have discovered a means by which all levels of our College can be made accessible for about \$300,000. A current Federal Government program offers us the potential of a \$75,000 grant if we are able to achieve the balance. The 100th Anniversary of the College in 2012, when we expect many to return, offers us a further incentive to achieve an accessible College home.

Our Development Committee is giving active consideration to renewing the "Give Us A Lift" campaign in 2011. The faculty and staff, Board

members and student body have contributed resources to fund a campaign. A number of folks have indicated their willingness to serve on an Honorary Committee to give oversight to a campaign. They include Harold Empey, former CEO of the Federated Co-op in Saskatchewan; Russel Marcoux, owner and CEO of Yanke Transport; Isabelle Mills, former Associate Dean of Arts in Music and member of the Saskatchewan Abilities Council; E.K. (Ted) Turner, former CEO of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; and alumni/ae members Eleanor Geib, Don Leitch and Terry Shillington. And we are thrilled that Lisa Franks has agreed to serve as our Honorary Chair. A decision to launch a new "Give Us A Lift" campaign will be made over the next several weeks.

In his fifth chapter Luke records the group of friends who carried a paralyzed man to see Jesus and found, because of the crowd, there was no access to the house. They took the bold step of lifting their friend to the roof, cutting a hole in that roof, and lowering him with ropes to where Jesus was. In his Gospel Luke makes this interesting comment: "Seeing the faith they had, Jesus said to the man, "Your sins are forgiven."" (Luke 5:20). It was upon the faith of those lifters and builders who made the house accessible that the miracle was done.

Should we launch our dream of an accessible St. Andrew's College, it will be a launch based on faith. And should we be successful in achieving this dream that success will be achieved by the faith of many lifters and builders in our community. We have a marvelous home in our St. Andrew's College building. To make it accessible to all is our dream.



Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity 2011

The Academic Committee of St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon, is pleased to announce the two nominees who have been selected to receive the Degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, at the Spring Convocation. The Committee makes its choices from nominations received from the Church and community at large. The degree is conferred upon persons for distinguished service in ministry, especially pastoral or missionary services, theological scholarship, church leadership, and community responsibility and concern.

The 2011 recipients of the Honorary Doctorate will be the **Rev. Dr. Douglas John Hall** of Montreal, Quebec and **Mr. George Palmer** of Regina, Saskatchewan.

Douglas John Hall is Emeritus Professor of Christian Theology, McGill University where he served on faculty from 1975-1995. Following his ordination in 1956, Doug Hall served in pastoral ministry, completed his post-graduate theological studies at New York's Union Theological Seminary (M.Div., 1956; S.T.M., 1957; and Th.D., 1963), served as Principal of St. Paul's United College, and in the mid-sixties

became the MacDougald Professor of Systematic Theology at St. Andrew's. Doug Hall served the students and community of St. Andrew's College for a decade before accepting the invitation to the Faculty of Religious Studies at McGill.

Douglas John Hall is the author of some 25-30 books and numerous articles. Since his retirement he has continued to lecture widely and serve as a Theologian-in-Residence and Visiting Scholar across North America and Europe. Doug Hall and his work have been widely recognized and celebrated across Canada, the United States and Europe. Doug was made a member of the Order of Canada (C.M.) in 2003. Doug Hall is widely acknowledged as one of North America's leading 20th century theologians.

From one of his nominator's comments, Mr. George Palmer embodies "the spirit, beliefs and ministry of the modern United Church of Canada. His strong, practical commitment to the ideals and social stance of the church, to the example of the social gospel, led him to lead a life of service to humanity without thought of reward or recognition."

Challenged by the life-long effects of polio in infancy, George Palmer has served his church and community as lay minister, through the provincial public service, through his congregational choir work, and, following his retirement from the public service again through lay ministry and community service.

In his home community of Regina, Saskatchewan George Palmer is widely known for his commitment to the people of the inner-city and for his years of service and leadership of the Carmichael Outreach Program. Under George's leadership the Outreach grew from very humble beginnings to a significant social agency and has always been innovative and effective in meeting the needs of people and families.

It is said that George Palmer always "insisted that the Outreach follow the path of Martha, service without expectation of reward. George provided help and did not preach. Whoever you are, however you came to your difficulties, he was ready with support and constant belief in the possibility of every person to survive his or her difficulties and to fight through to a better life."

Hanshin Partnership

Following a year of discussion, St. Andrew's College entered into an historic partnership agreement with the Hanshin Graduate School of Theology in Seoul, Korea. The agreement will foster cooperation and exchange between our two Colleges and through the agreement we will welcome more students from Korea to St. Andrew's College and provide the opportunity for St. Andrew's students to study in Hanshin. As we signed the agreement in Saskatoon our friends and colleagues in Korea were doing the same in Seoul.





“You Will Know Them by Their Fruits”: A Report on the Evaluation of “Phase Three” of the St. Andrew's College M.Div. Program

REPORT SUMMARY

Study Shows St. Andrew's College Graduates are Doing Well in Ministry
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
September 2010

Graduates of St. Andrew's College are engaged in stable pastoral ministries. So says a recent review of the St. Andrew's College integrative internship/study program. The model, which intersperses a 16-month ½-time internship with 10-day college courses, saw its first graduates in 2004. By March 2010:

- 31 had completed the program
- 26 had been ordained
- 5 had been approved and expected to be ordained in 2010
- Of the 26 ordained:
 - 25 were still in active congregational ministry
 - 1 was retained on the ministry roll (raising young children)
 - 24 were settled in rural or small town pastoral charges
 - 21 were still on their settlement pastoral charges
 - 4 had moved once to a new pastoral charge
 - 3 of the 4 who had moved continue to serve rural or small town congregations; the 4th was serving a mid-sized prairie town

- They had been settled at ordination in 7 Conferences across the United Church.

Comments from the ordinands' settlement congregations affirm the effectiveness of their ministries. The graduates were variously described as: “a gem,” “our spiritual leader,” “completely dedicated to her faith and her congregation,” “a wonderful minister,” and “more than our minister ... our dear friend, without compromising all she offers as our spiritual guide.”

The program itself also received positive reviews from both graduates and those in congregational internship sites. The review team created a series of electronic surveys aimed at all participants in the program: graduates, faculty, internship supervisors, lay supervision team members, internship consultants, members of Conference-level committees, and members of congregations where graduates were settled as ordinands. Of the 67 survey respondents, 90% or more indicated “agreement” or “strong agreement”

with the most of the program's goals and outcomes. Further, 89% of graduate respondents “strongly agree” that they would recommend this program model to potential ministry students.

As the United Church reconsiders internship, St. Andrew's College will continue to employ an integrated model of ministry practice and academic reflection. It will seek for ways to assist both students and church leaders and congregations in “catching the vision” of partnership in a faithful, integrated learning experience.

The full report is available on our website: www.standrews.ca.

“A good tree cannot bear bad fruit,” says Jesus (Mt. 7: 18). Together with its partners, and by the grace of God, the St. Andrew's College community prays that it might continue to offer good fruit to the United Church of Canada and this good garden of Earth it strives to serve.

Alum News

Viola Louise Benjamin, the wife of Reverend Harold Benjamin (B.D. 1969), died on September 11, 2010 at the age of 78 years. She entered hospital early July this year and was in the Regina General Hospital when she slipped quietly out of this life. Besides her husband Harold, she leaves a son Rick, and two daughters Sandra and Sherry, two brothers, a sister

and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service to celebrate her life was held in First United Church, Swift Current, on September 20, 2010, with many family and friends attending.

We trust that her spirit rests in peace with the heavenly company of all those who have travelled this journey of life before us.

Jay Cowsill (MTS, 2000; STM, 2001) received a PhD in English from the University of Saskatchewan in June, 2010. His dissertation is entitled “Refractions from the Book of Amos: A Study of a Literature of Violence from Marxist and Freudian Perspectives.”



St. Andrew's College Internships



Rev. Debra Berg
Internship Coordinator

What a lovely thing it is to become reacquainted with an old friend. In many ways being back at the College has been just like that. There is a shared memory when one gets together with an old friend and in these past few months I have been reminded of my student years where I enjoyed the hustle and bustle of College life, chapel, classes, and social gatherings. I still get a little thrill each time I saunter through the staff lounge on my way to the kitchen as such a journey would have been taboo in my student years. As with meeting an old friend there is also an acknowledgement that much has passed since last we were together. I am aware that the years have brought change and challenge to my friend and

yet there is something that remains steadfast and true.

St. Andrew's College remains firmly rooted in the prairie soil and continues to be committed to academic excellence and dynamic leadership development. The changes and challenges have brought to the fore front, amazing leadership, clarity of vision and strength of purpose. It has been a joy to become reacquainted with my good friend St. Andrew's College and to become part of the work it does in developing relevant and effective leaders.

As the College becomes reacquainted with me it finds a graduate with a variety of ministry experience. Since my graduation from St. Andrew's College in 1994 I have served with the folks of the Living Shamrock Pastoral Charge, a two point rural Pastoral Charge which became a three point charge during my 7.5 years with them. In 2002 I moved to Saskatoon and began ministry, part time, with the fine folk of St. Martin's United Church, as their minister with children. In 2006 I increased my work responsibilities through River Bend Presbytery as their administrative assistant. My third ball in the air is now serving St. Andrew's College as Internship Coordinator. As testimony to the continued evolution of the College and as we implement the new Residency model that has been affirmed by General Council I am in the process of a title change.

These are exciting times to be part of the St. Andrew's College community. Over the past couple of months I have had the opportunity to chat with each of our interns. I am inspired by their sincere gratitude for their learning sites and the people who have had the grace to encourage and challenge them as they learn. This integrated learning model continues to be a gift not only to the students but also to the church communities who offer themselves as learning sites.

I have two challenges for you as we move into a new year together. First, I encourage you take some time to look around with a discerning, prayerful heart for those who are showing gifts for ministry and then I ask that you tap them on the shoulder and tell them what you see. You could be part of opening someone to a Call to ministry. My second challenge is to encourage this person to seek out St. Andrew's College as the place to learn and grow into the adventure of ministry that God is calling them to embrace.

I look forward to serving the College community and to being a small part of supporting those among us Called to Ordained ministry. If you have questions about the Residency program or our current Internship program please contact me at the College or by email

standrews.internship@usask.ca.

Winter Refresher

Winter Refresher 2011 is on its way, February 27-March 2! Please mark the date and become an early bird to register. The registration form is available on our website: www.standrews.ca; click on Winter Refresher.

Our guest speaker is Dr. Kwok Pui-lan, an internationally renowned scholar,

a teacher, a prolific writer, and an activist. She will speak of postcolonialism, transnational feminism and sexuality as the challenges to Christianity in the 21st century. We will also have scholars from the University of Saskatchewan as panelists to discuss the interdisciplinary issues that are intrinsic and critical to

theological education.

There is also a 3 credit course offered in conjunction with this event. For more information contact Colleen Walker at standrews.registrar@usask.ca.



St. Andrew's People

Don Schweitzer

In early June of this year I presented a paper entitled "Two Theological Movements in India that complicate Western Reformed Identities" at the annual meeting of the Canadian Theological Society in Montreal. A presentation I gave as part of a panel two years ago on a book entitled *Baptized in the Spirit: a Global Pentecostal Theology* was published as a review essay in the inaugural issues of the online journal *Canadian Journal of Pentecostal-Charismatic Christianity* 1 (2010), 133-145. This September there was a book launch at St. Andrew's College for *Contemporary Christologies*, which came out last spring. This October Peter Lang published *Jonathan Edwards as Contemporary: Essays in Honor of Sang Hyun Lee*. This is a collection of 14 essays on the history and thought of Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758). As the title states it is dedicated to Dr. Sang Hyun Lee, a noted Edwards scholar who will be retiring from teaching in spring 2011. Dr. Lee introduced me to the thought of Edwards when I was a graduate student and we have continued to discuss Edwards' thought and theological issues ever since. I edited this book and contributed a chapter, "Jonathan Edwards' understanding of Divine Infinity."

I continue to work on another book on Christology as well as a few papers. I am also the book review editor for *Touchstone* and edit the spring issue of *The Ecumenist*.

Sandra Beardsall

At this year's meeting of the Canadian Society of Church History in Montreal, I presented some reflections on the novel *Gilead*, by Marilynne Robinson, as part of a panel on portraits of clergy in recent fiction. (The other novels presented were *The Bishop's Man* and *Abide with Me*.) I was back in Montreal this September for the annual gathering of the North American Academy of Ecumenists, for which I am the board secretary. I wrote a couple of short pieces that appeared in the *Observer*, and this fall presented a half-day workshop

called "An Ecumenical Pilgrimage through Christian History," held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, for the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism.

On the board of *Touchstone* journal, I have the newly formed role of "Profiles" editor – seeking historical figures whose life stories would be of interest to United Church readers, and finding authors for these profiles.

At the college I helped to produce the report of our extensive evaluation of "Phase Three" (our integrated internship and final year), and am now helping to design the modified version of that program that we are piloting for the United Church and its "Candidacy Pathway" steering team. I am also the chair of a group that is evaluating Saskatoon's CPE (clinical pastoral education) program for its 5-year reaccreditation.

HyeRan Kim-Cragg

I was a guest speaker for the Women's Retreat at Camp Christopher in September. In that same month, I was invited to teach a weekend course on "United Church Formation," at Vancouver School of Theology. I was a guest speaker to talk about "Is the Pulpit Gendered?" at Friends of Sophia and I co-presented a paper, "Intercultural Threads of Hybridity and Theological/Pedagogical Implications" with Dr. Joanne Doi, a professor at Franciscan School of Theology at Berkley at the Religious Education Association academic conference, in Denver in November. Lynn Caldwell and I will lead a workshop called "Creating Intercultural Community: What's Racism and Colonialism got to do with it?" at Grosvenor Park United Church, on November 28. This will be followed up with a service on January 16 and then a second workshop on February 13 to help the congregation work through the implications of the United Church's call to intercultural ministry.

I am looking forward to teaching our Learning Circle 4 for students who are finishing their internships from November 15-24. I am also looking forward to host-

ing our Winter Refresher Event with Dr. Kwok Pui-lan as our speaker, February 27-March 2, and offering a 3 credit course, "Kwok Pui-lan Seminar," built into the event. I am invited to lead a session on life stage and faith development for Designated Lay Ministry's Learning Circle in January. I am also invited to co-lead a workshop on "Multiple Identities and Sexual Identities" during the national intercultural conference, "Behold! We are Many, We are One" held in Vancouver in May.

I am currently serving on the steering committee of the Association of the Asian/Asian North American Theological Educators (AANATE) as well as the international editorial board of *Madang: International Journal of Contextual Theology in East Asia*.

Nettie Wiebe

I had the privilege of working with the Board of Trustees of Heifer International in June 2010. Because of their focus on food and agricultural issues, they were interested in learning more about food sovereignty and understanding the impact that 'land grabbing' (foreign purchase of land for export food and agro-fuel production) will have on rural development and food security. This work took me down to Little Rock, Arkansas, home of the Bill Clinton Presidential Library, and the site where school desegregation was tested at the all white Central High in 1957. Nine black students entered the school under U.S. army protection. The governor of the day fought back by shutting down all the high schools in the city for a year. But the civil rights movement prevailed and Little Rock is now a charming, racially diverse, integrated city.

In a shocking contrast, my travels in July took me into the home of Chief Alex Little Bear, head of a non-treaty 1st Nations settlement near Cando, Saskatchewan. There I learned that the village school has been abandoned by the non-aboriginal people in the community. The segregation is so pervasive that even the children of the school's teachers are bussed elsewhere.

I am pleased to say that a book which I



co-edited along with Annette Desmarais and Hannah Wittman, *Food Sovereignty: Reconnecting Food, Nature and Community* (Halifax: Fernwood Press, 2010) is “on the shelves”. And a second volume on food sovereignty in Canada is well underway. Happy reading and good eating in these winter months!

Lynn Caldwell

Lynn Caldwell is still around St. Andrew's - sharing the Church and Society faculty position with Nettie Wiebe. She also continues to show up other places on campus, teaching as a sessional lecturer for various other departments. In October,

Lynn represented St. Andrew's at The United Church of Canada's national justice gathering called “TURN,” held in Pinawa, Manitoba and will be participating in a Saskatchewan-based learning community to follow up on that event.

Staff Update

In September we welcomed Rev. Debra Berg to the College in the position of Internship Coordinator. As most will know, Debra graduated with her M.Div. from St. Andrew's in 1994, was ordained, has served in rural ministry and since

2002 has been a part of the ministerial team at St. Martin's United Church in Saskatoon. Recently Debra has been a part of our Development Committee. She knows the College well. She brings a depth of knowledge of the Church, its

structures and courts, and her commitment to the value of theological education, our internship model and our mission of preparing women and men for Christian leadership.

Gratitude



Vic Wiebe
Board Chair

How easy it is to get stuck in our problems and all the difficulties we face! This summer was particularly difficult as weather made it seem almost like we didn't have a summer. We shared with the concerns of our farming folk who

had difficulty in seeding as well as harvest and were faced with a reduced quality of the grain they could harvest. Many people were unable to enjoy their usual hot weather activities. At the College, with all of the rain, the tunnels under the college flooded and we incurred additional costs with the clean-up and the necessary repairs that we had to undertake.

At the fall meeting of the Board, however, we took a broad look at what had been happening at the College and we quickly realized how very blessed we continue to be. Thanks to the efforts of Jake Buhler and Jeannette Liberty-Duns, the grounds at the College had never looked better than they did this summer

with beautiful flower beds and flower pots everywhere and with some picnic tables strategically placed so people could sit outside and enjoy them. We received approval from General Council to proceed with our proposal for a pilot project to offer a theological education curriculum that is based on an enhancement of the internship program that had shown such great results in our Phase 3 evaluation. We also received word from General Council that we would share in the enhanced funding that, unfortunately, would be at the expense of four other programs for which funding was being eliminated—this was part of the Church's strategy to deal with a shortfall in donations to the Mission & Service Fund by focusing funding more narrowly to secure the future for those programs still being funded. We spent much of our meeting updating the strategic plan we had developed at the time of our amalgamation from St. Stephens College—it was gratifying to see how much progress had been made on those plans and to realize that the future of the College has been secured even though there are still a number of challenges before us.

During the three days that the Board met, we decided to devote one evening to what we referred to as a Thank-a-Thon. Each board member phoned a number of our donors to simply thank them for their support of the College. We had time to call only a small fraction of our many supporters, but it was a delightful experience. Without exception the persons receiving the calls were gracious and so warmly expressed their support of the College. We came away with a very deep sense of gratitude for the support there is for the College across all three prairie provinces and beyond. The College's glass definitely is not half empty—it is much more than half full and for that we are very grateful.

On behalf of the Board I truly want to say thank you to the many folks who support the College, not just financially, but also with their prayers and in so many other ways. As we approach the Advent Season, may the hope, joy, peace and love of Christ be with you during this season of celebration and during all of 2011.



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May 28, 2010 - November 15, 2010

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Wood Carving

It is an unfinished wood bas relief carving of The Last Supper, on beautiful maple wood, approximately 4' x 6' x 3". Reg Cole started it many years ago when he attended the Wascana United Church on Elphinstone Street in Regina, but he was

unable to complete it. The pattern has been applied and he was working on the carving of the feet. It has its own easel. Reg's daughter is hoping that someone would like to take the carving and complete it. Since Reg had intended it for his church,

Heather would like to see it go to the United Church in some way. If someone would like to take this carving to complete it, please call Heather, in Regina, at 306-529-4966.



The Good News of Affirming Ministry

Psalm 39:3

**“...my heart became hot within me.
While I mused, the fire burned;
then I spoke with my tongue:”**

The above Psalm speaks of the condition of one who has something to share and yet tries to keep it to oneself. In the context of the Psalm as a whole, it may refer to someone who sees injustice and yet refuses to speak out against it. In the case of Grosvenor Park United Church (GPUC), the burning sensation in our hearts is the need to share something good which has happened to us. It seems impossible and wrong to keep it to ourselves.

After four and a half years of hard study, reflection and prayer, in 2009 our congregation voted “yes” to becoming an Affirming Ministry. Thanks be to God! This meant welcoming, affirming, and unconditionally accepting EVERYONE, regardless of sexual orientation, age, ability, race, culture, etc. Although our mandate included all forms of human diversity and inequity, we focused on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and queer (LGBTQ) people because of an inherent aversion among church people to deal with human sexuality issues. But as we’ve ‘drawn the circle wide and wider still’ (More Voices #145), our focus has moved toward building a congregation that is inclusive of a variety of linguistic, racial and cultural backgrounds. Overall, the impact of our Affirming journey to date has been exciting and energizing, with “new life restored to a valley of dry bones” (Ezek.37:1).

Our Affirming Ministry Committee (AMC) grew out of curiosity, sense of call, and responsibility when Canada’s Government started to accept same sex marriage in 2003. A Christian Education event, “Together in Faith,” held over several weeks in the fall of 2004, plus a presentation by St. Thomas Wesley United Church, got us started on our journey.

Our AMC went to work with guidance from the Affirm United folks and others who had experienced this process. Committee members were passionate and committed to educate ourselves, then engage the congregation. Along with holding workshops and viewing films, we corre-

sponded with all the Affirming congregations in Canada. By 2007, we initiated “Affirming Minutes” — informational messages presented every other Sunday during worship on various topics, such as racism, sexism, etc., but predominantly on LGBTQ issues. Initially, we based these on information from written resources (eg., “What did Jesus say about Homosexuality?”). So effective have been these Minutes, we continue presenting them to this day but now, they also include heartfelt personal stories which have greatly influenced the success of our Ministry.

In this process, lives have been transformed. Those who had previously been reluctant to accept a diversity of sexualities learned something which changed their minds. Relationships with neighbours improved. And a feeling of something heavy being lifted off the heart was experienced. For others with LGBTQ family members, new comfort and acceptance was gained. For lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and queer congregants, there was celebration. Others from the community decided to join the Church and invite friends. Some felt encouraged to step forward to ask for counselling. And still others watched from afar in silent gratitude.

One unexpected but, in hindsight, completely obvious effect of the Affirming process has been to open hearts and minds in the congregation to a greater cultural diversity as well. In fact GPUC’s Statement of Faith identifies a number of stumbling

blocks to community, race among them, and commits to rising above them. When, by the grace of God, greater numbers of Asian, African and Latino people started to arrive at our doors, newcomers to the City, our congregants were ready in their minds and in their hearts to reach out. As we dream into the United Church’s vision of Intercultural Ministry, we are grateful for the momentum that our Affirming journey gives to that process.

Four words describe the impact of our journey: 1) “Transformation” of hearts, minds, and congregation’s face; 2) “Empowerment” of congregants and Minister with an issue around which to articulate our faith and responsibility as Christians to reach out to others; 3) “Gospel” with new excitement in living our faith fully, with integrity and desire to spread our good news; and 4) “Energy” that has taken hold of our congregation even though the work is extensive and demanding.

Perhaps this journey’s greatest impact, which has far exceeded our dreams, is the fresh-born conviction that ‘we are ALL created in God’s image’ (Gen.1:27), and ‘there’s neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, for we are ALL ONE in Christ Jesus’ (Gal.28:3).

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From a Faculty Bookshelf Nettie Wiebe

Book: Father Andrew Britz, OSB, *Truth to Power: The Journalism of a Benedictine Monk*, edited by Dennis Gruending. (Kingsley Publishing: 2010)



The rather bold title of Father Andrew Britz's book, *Truth to Power*, doesn't disappoint. Selected from among the more than two thousand editorials Father Andrew

wrote during his 21 years (1983-2004) as editor of the Catholic weekly, *Prairie Messenger*, this is a sparkling collection of clear, radical, challenging opinion. It is a bold defense of "the people" against unjust, top-down, hierarchical doctrine, practice and power both within his church and elsewhere in society.

A precursory glance through the chapter headings of the book might mislead prospective readers into thinking that this book is primarily for and about matters of interest to Catholics. Headings such as "Magisterium: People, Bishops, Pope" or "Pope John Paul II" could deter the general, non-Catholic reader - but definitely shouldn't. The editorials deal with a wide range of topics, such as gender equality, war, penal reform, economic and social justice that are pertinent to everyone. Even where the focus is internal to the Catholic Church, Britz deals with issues in such an open, challenging, intelligent way that there is always something of general, broader importance to be learned from the specific. For example, although the selection process for Bishops is specific to the Catholic Church, Britz's forceful argument against a "secretive, boardroom model" [24] in favour of a more democratic model has wider application for leadership selection and decision-making elsewhere.

Britz offers passionate arguments in

favour of ecumenism. As well as the chapter devoted to a selection of his editorials on this, his defense of strengthened relations with other denominations is laced throughout his work. He is sharply critical of close-minded dogmatism, whether in his own Catholic church or elsewhere, and warmly welcoming of truths as expressed in various ways. Gospel truth cannot be confined, and he decries the simplistic certainty of fundamentalism. In a flash of wit he notes "the birth of Fundamentalists Anonymous to counteract the imprisoning nature of all simple answers." [136].

One of the key contentious issues which Father Andrew does not hesitate to confront is the role and status of women in the church. He is unequivocal in speaking truth to power in his clear advocacy for gender equality. Invoking gospel truth, history, prudence, experience, necessity and justice, he argues for the empowerment of women within the church and denounces their historic and continued exclusion. "It is embarrassing to read what the great bishops and theologians of age after age in the church had to say about women" [77] he scolds before proceeding to offer some truly egregious quotes. Critiquing exclusive language in a catechism Britz notes "The English language is changing...because people everywhere are espousing new cultural values - not the least of which is the conviction that our language should reflect the utter equality of men and women." [155].

But although Britz is acutely aware of power imbalances in other domains, he holds fast to the anti-abortion position without apparently taking account of the unequal power dynamic, vulnerabilities and sexual violence against women that frame the abortion question.

Seeing the abortion issue solely in terms of protecting the vulnerable unborn, he focuses on what should be decided without asking who should decide. Why entrust the decisions on new life to celibate male church authorities who, as Britz knows, don't experience the reality and import of child bearing and family responsibilities?

As the above indicates, readers will find that Britz wrestles with difficult issues. Although usually willing to take multiple perspectives into account, he never lurches towards moral relativism and doesn't pretend to be "objective". [12] Rather he seeks to be fair, faithful, compassionate, just and truthful - great strengths when confronting power.

There are many good reasons for reading this book. Because of the time span and range of issues covered, it offers valuable insight into progressive thinking within the Catholic church. Britz clearly loves the Church even more fiercely than he criticizes it. He's an 'insider' when it comes to commitment to, and knowledge of, Catholicism so his writing offers a window on this history.

I also found it an inspiring book to read. Difficult and contentious issues are tackled in a forthright, courageous way. Hard things are said without harshness. Frankness is coupled with compassion and humility. His humanitarianism, faith, wisdom and intelligence shine through in so many places. It makes for a refreshing and inspiring read.

Finally, read the book for its style. Father Andrew Britz is a learned man who used the discipline of brevity required of editorials without reaching for simplicity. The writing is crisp, direct, sometimes elegant and always clear. A good read.



News from the Library



Well, the big news for us this year is the addition of a whole new library to our consortium. Horizon College & Seminary joined the Saskatoon Theological Union library system in September. Horizon is not part of the STU, but they recognised that a shared library system would be beneficial for everyone, and approached us last year about pooling our library resources. As you can imagine, this has, for the past number of months, involved a great deal of work from everyone involved, from our library technicians all the way up to the heads and boards of all four colleges. We are very grateful for the help and enthusiasm everyone has brought to this project. Thank you!

Horizon's collection is roughly the same size as Emmanuel & St Chad's – about 20,000 volumes – and it brings the whole STU library system up to around 120,000 volumes total. This makes us one of the largest theological library systems in Canada. Horizon will contribute to some of the costs of the library system, the same way that all the other STU colleges do (databases are shared, for instance), and I will now spend one quarter of my work time at Horizon (*or on the Horizon*, as someone joked – they're situated off campus, on 8th Street). This has been an exciting time for all of us!

Your STU library card is valid at Horizon as well, and when you search our catalogue you'll find Horizon's materials included in your searches. And remember: as of last year, you can access the STU library system anywhere you have Internet access, and you can renew your items online – although you can still always phone, email, or come in person.

At St Andrew's, our library technician, Mallory Wiebe, handles our book orders, user requests and reference questions, and the everyday running of the library. Mallory has been here for a full year now,

and has been a great addition to the St Andrew's community. We're very grateful to have her.

This year we have had to reduce the number and hours of our library student assistants. Currently we have only one assistant, Jay Cowsill, who has been with the library for several years. He knows the place inside out! Jay works Tuesday evenings and some Saturdays, handling book shelving and extra projects.

Party! Professor Don Schweitzer's book, *Contemporary Christologies* was published this year, and the library was very pleased to host the book launch in September. We had a good crowd come and take part in a discussion of the book, and about the subject in general, and then, of course, we had delicious treats! For of course no St Andrew's event is complete without that! A Good Time Was Had By All.

We always enjoy hearing from people. Email, phone, or just drop by!

Our web site: reindex.net/STU
Our email: standrews.library@usask.ca

Sarah Benson

Spring Learning for Intercultural Ministries!

The hottest, sunniest, days of the most recent Saskatchewan spring found a group of St. Andrew's learners and teachers gathered for 5 days of reading, conversation and engaged learning together – exploring the challenges of and resources for intercultural church community in the current global

and Canadian contexts of racism and colonialism. This May 2010 "intensive" course was called "Critical Race Theory and Postcolonial Intercultural Ministries". Pictured are instructors HyeRan Kim-Cragg and Lynn Caldwell, and eight students (including St. Andrew's MDiv stu-

dents, students from our partner theological seminaries, candidates for UCC admission from other denominations, and one life-long-learning enthusiast who audited the course).





Working in Partnership: Equipping Leaders

On October 1, 2010 Principal Lorne Calvert received a letter from Patricia Lawson-Paul, Program Coordinator, Vocations for Ministry Leadership, within the General Council Office of the United Church, confirming "St. Andrew's participation in a pilot of the 'equipping' stage of the Pathway using the 'Probationer (Resident)' model." This confirmation is intended to indicate that St. Andrew's has been granted permission to modify its delivery of internship in light of the desire of the Steering Group on the Candidacy Pathway to test new forms of ministry preparation. The "equipping stage" is the educational/internship program, to be distinguished from the "call and accompaniment" aspects of the Steering Group's mandate.

It is important to note that this plan does not represent a significant change in our curriculum. Rather, thanks to the overwhelming endorsement Phase Three received in the Academic Committee's recent review process, this plan attempts to strengthen those aspects of the program that are working well, and to address some areas of concern. The plan sent to the Steering Group thus represents an enhancement of the existing M.Div. degree program at St. Andrew's.

What follows is a description of the entire M.Div. degree program, with an emphasis on the process and logistics of Phase Three.

The Residency Model

1. Phases One and Two:

The Residency Model M.Div. continues to be divided into three phases. Phase One consists of basic academic studies which may be completed at distance from the College (such courses are already in place at St. Andrew's through internet and intensive one-week options) or in the College community. Phase Two consists of required academic study resident in the College community. Phase I and Phase II are the equivalent of 2 years of full-time M.Div. study. There is no change to these two phases from the current program at St. Andrew's.

2. Phase Three: Internship becomes "Residency"

The key change to the current program occurs in Phase Three: the 16-month half-time ministry internship becomes a 20-month ministry "residency" at ½- to ¾-time. Students will still be required to complete 18 credit hours of learning circles, although in a slightly different configuration, and will need to complete all other course work to complete the M.Div. program. The "resident" will continue to relate to a faculty advisor, to work within the framework of a Learning Covenant, and to undertake periodic formal evaluations.

The time to graduation will be the same, but the time on the ministry learning site will be extended. Where students currently complete internship on December 31st of the year before graduation, they will now complete internship by April 30th. the year of graduation.

Why would we extend this ministry learning period?

a) The review of Phase Three showed us several things:

Both students and the people who work with them in internship are anxious about the low pay interns currently receive through the nationally funded internship program, especially since persons in some other ministry streams can be earning more money, benefits, and pension accruals with similar or less prior training.

- Most interns are invited to remain serving on their internship sites after the end of the 16-month formal internship, and most have chosen to do so.
- Very few Phase Three students choose to return to the college full-time for their final semester (after internship) before graduation.
- A significant majority of internship sites indicated that without the intern they would not have been able to have a resident minister on their pastoral charge (due to funding and availability of ministry personnel).
- Absences for 18 credits of learning circles during 16 months of 1/2-time

intern ministry create challenges for interns and the congregations they serve.

b) In addition to what we learned in the Phase Three review process, we are also aware that changes are occurring in the church:

- The national church has signalled that funding for internships cannot continue at its present level, and is likely to be cut drastically in coming years. (The proposal brought by the Candidacy Pathway group to GC 40 eliminated internships. This was rejected on the floor of General Council, although at least one Conference will pilot a model of post-education ministry work of 2 years prior to ordination.)
- The passing of the General Council remit on Transfer and Settlement opens the possibility of persons being called to continue serving their internship pastoral charges after ordination.

The college's change to internship allows our students to become "resident" ministers in presbytery appointments, designated as **candidate supply ministers** and thus eligible for a slightly larger salary, plus pension and benefits. Currently, *with the exception of Student Interns*, all ministry personnel (including those training for DLM recognition) participate in the United Church pension and group benefits plans if they are paid for an average of 14 hours or more per week. Residency will normally average to 20 hours per week (for ½ time ministry). The salary for full-time Candidate Supply ministry is approximately \$31,000/year plus manse/housing allowance.

An educational benefit accrues as well. As the timeline shows, the student remains actively engaged with the college until closer to graduation time. It extends the peer learning experience and the integration of scholarship and the practice of ministry for a longer period (without adding further course requirements).

Since most of the changes to Phase



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Three affect and require the participation of the church, particularly at the CIES, Presbytery E&S and Presbytery Pastoral Oversight levels, the College will work carefully and closely with the personnel of those courts, to make sure the program is clear and workable. This communication has already begun, and will

need to continue intentionally as the pilot gets underway.

Complete details of the Residency Model are available on the website: www.standrews.ca. For further information, please contact the St. Andrew's College Registrar, Colleen Walker at standrews.registrar@usask.ca or the St.

Andrew's College Ministry Residency Coordinator, Debra Berg, at standrews.internship@usask.ca. You may also reach either of these persons by calling the college at 1-877-644-8970 (locally: 966-8970).

Guild Tea & Bake Sale

The St. Andrew's Guild held a Tea and Bake Sale on October 13 at McClure United Church in Saskatoon.





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