



Dear Friends

December 2019

At the end of a tumultuous year for the College of Emmanuel & St Chad, and our sister institutions in the Saskatoon Theological Union, I am delighted to be able to write to you. Most of all, I want to say thank you for your on-going support, in so many ways, for our College community and the work we do. I also want to share with you an update about the changes that are afoot, to invite you to celebrate our students' achievements, and to join me in giving God thanks for the new opportunities ahead of us.

The Pilgrim College - on the Move Again

The most momentous news is that the College is once again on the move! From July 2020, all three colleges of the STU will be located in the St Andrew's College building. This comes as the result of Lutheran Theological Seminary's decision to leave its home, which also became our home when we began renting in 2006. The joint move to St Andrew's enables better stewardship of resources for everyone, and is opening up fresh conversations about renewing and strengthening partnerships.

Plans are being made for a service of farewell and welcome on April 30th, as we give thanks for all the ways we encountered God in learning, worship, and community life, here in the LTS building, and then pray for God's blessing on our new and enriched community at St Andrew's. If you would like to be present on that occasion, please contact the College office for more details, closer to the time.

One particular element of the move means that the three college libraries will be integrated, and in order for this work to be completed, the libraries will be closed for a period starting in late May.

Celebrations and New Beginnings

In the midst of these plans, our work continues of preparing those whom God is calling to ministry and leadership in the faith community. This year it was my privilege to attend two ordinations of students as transitional deacons: John Chuol on June 8 (Calgary), and Rosemary Mathews, December 1 (Saskatoon).

Rosemary graduated with her M.Div. in May, and John continues his final year of studies with us. Three other students are currently in programs, with several more taking courses on an occasional basis. Please keep them all in your prayers, that they may have courage to hear and respond to God's call, and the spiritual health and perseverance they need to balance study with all their other responsibilities.

In August, we took a major step forward in support for our students, with the hiring of two new faculty members on term contracts. The Rev Dr Trish McCarthy teaches pastoral studies and supervises field education; Dr Adam Wright teaches New Testament studies and oversees the College's online presence. Both Adam and Trish were previously sessional lecturers, but it has been a great encouragement to me to see their presence and contributions on a daily and weekly basis through the year.

One development, thanks to Adam's work, is a new Facebook page where you can keep up with news from the College more frequently. The page name is "The College of Emmanuel & St. Chad", which you can find easily from the Facebook search box. Please Like and check in with us there!

Partnerships

June 2020 saw our third annual WECAN conference, in partnership with Western Canadian dioceses who are developing new models of ministry leadership and building new patterns of training. The WECAN group (which includes the College) has developed an important statement of values, which will inform the re-shaping of our Licentiate in Theology over the coming year. High on that list of values are the principles of accessibility and sensitivity to context, convictions which have been at the heart of this College's identity from the time of our foundation.

We look forward to designing a new focus and delivery structure for the Licentiate, along with our partners, in order to build on the gifts and strengths of locally-affirmed clergy and lay leaders. Together, the WECAN partners believe that this movement is one way in which God is calling the church's attention to God's mission in our time, and enabling us to respond.

The pending co-location of the three STU colleges also heightens the conversation here on campus, about how we can be a more effective sign of God's presence and activity in the secular and pluralist world of 21st century Canada. Our partnership with Lutheran Theological Seminary and St Andrew's College goes well beyond the sharing of academic resources. We have opened up discussion about what it will mean to have three denominational colleges in one space, and we are just beginning to draft a covenantal framework, to express our commitments and hopes as we come together.

Among the aspirations we have already identified: that we want our ecumenism to draw us into God's mission together, valuing the gifts each tradition brings to that work; that we want to speak with one voice to the University campus where we are located; and that we want to increase collaboration with other faith-based learning communities in and beyond Saskatoon, like St Thomas More College, and Horizon College and Seminary, with whom we already have connections.

This stronger commitment to working together will affect all aspects of the lives of our three colleges, from worship to curriculum planning to the introduction of new programs. I invite you to offer prayer support for all the colleges, from now until at least September 2020. Some of our prayer needs are:

- For patience and generosity with one another, as we give up old ways and face uncertainties
- For creative and discerning hearts, to respond to God's fresh invitation to our communities
- For renewed energy and enthusiasm, to make what we can offer visible to those who need it.

How else can I help?

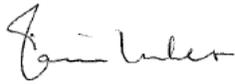
We continue to rely on our friends, alumni, donors and supporters across the Province of Rupert's Land and beyond, and we are so grateful for all you do for us. Some of our current needs are:

1. *Send us your students!* We are always excited to hear of potential new degree students, and ready to work with them to tailor a program to their needs. This includes a growing stable of online courses and other distance formats, which make it easier to integrate study with family or work responsibilities. Courses are open to those preparing for lay and ordained leadership, as well as to people who want to develop their knowledge of the Bible, theology, and ministry.
2. *Pray for us!* As I outlined above, the College community welcomes your prayers, for students, faculty and staff, and for our growing relationship with our partners in education and training.

3. *Join us online!* With so much of life now lived digitally, we are aiming to increase our online presence. Please Like our Facebook page, where you might encounter old or new friends. And if you wish, send us an email address, to which we can send infrequent special updates.
4. *Help to fund our programs!* Growing in new directions takes resources, and the coming year's move will add some extra pressure on our budget and staffing. Your personal gifts are welcome by mail, by phone, or online (at Canada Helps or via the College website). If you are thinking about making a bequest to the College, we would love to hear from you. Please also inquire whether your parish or diocese can make a grant in support of Emmanuel & St Chad – with many thanks to those who already do.

As Christmas dawns again, may God who is Emmanuel be with you, and be made visible through you, in all the ways you put your faith into practice by serving God and neighbour.

Yours faithfully,



Iain Luke, Principal

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