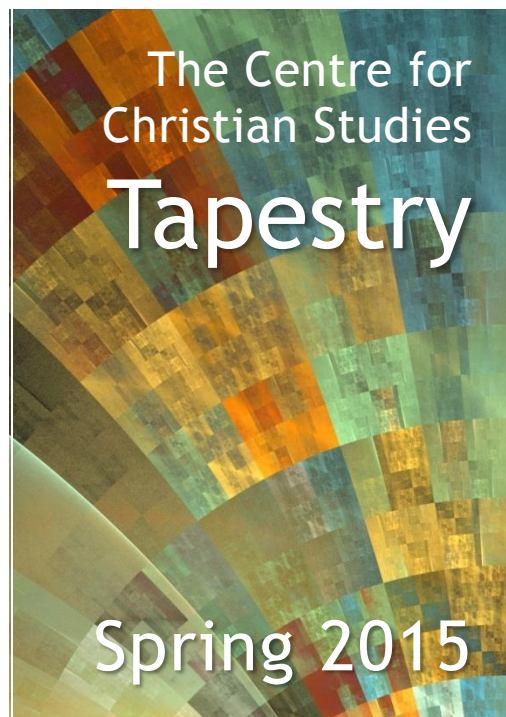




2015 CCS grads Mark Laird and Jim Hatt
with retiring Program Staff, Ted Dodd (centre)



EDUCATING LEADERS FOR JUSTICE, COMPASSION, AND TRANSFORMATION

NEWS

Digging into the Future...

The image that comes to mind for CCS in 2014 is a year of "living in between" – doing business as usual on the surface, while underneath feeling the beginning of seismic shifts that will profoundly affect our future. This in-between space is where diaconal ministers and deacons typically exercise their ministry, anticipating and midwifing not just change, but transformative change.

Some of these seismic shifts have to do with whatever will come out of the 42nd General Council of The United Church of Canada this

summer in Newfoundland. Others have to do with the changing patterns of enrolment in theological education.



Yet others have to do with the vacancy created by Ted Dodd's announcement of his retirement effective August 1. We rejoice with him as he begins this new adventure, and at the same time acknowledge that this will be a great loss to CCS. I will deeply miss Ted who has been a strong and supportive presence over the years to students, staff, and volunteers alike, and to me since I began as principal in 2011.

Given the vacancy in our program staff team created by Ted's retirement, the Central Council wrestled at their April face-to-face meeting with the needs, resources and opportunities facing CCS at this time.

After careful research and discernment, we decided to dig into the future, and to look for the hidden talent that will provide us with the energy and new initiatives we need now to attract and equip the leaders of tomorrow.

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Leadership Development

CCS Leadership Development Modules will be held...

August 10-22 in Winnipeg



CCS Students Lisa Byer-de Wever & Catherine Underhill at the grad banquet in April

The Search Begins

With **Ted Dodd's** departure this summer, the Centre for Christian Studies is seeking TWO creative and committed theological educators to join the CCS Program Staff team.

If you know someone who might be interested, send them to the CCS website at ccsonline.ca/job-postings/

Deadline for applications – July 15, 2015

DIGGING INTO THE FUTURE

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Thanks to generous donors, prudent financial management, and a solid investment performance, the Endowment Fund has grown well in the last three years. This means we will be using some of it, confident that we are protecting its base value, while digging for talents in more ways than one:

- ⊕ Expanding and strengthening our teaching team by hiring 2 new staff
- ⊕ Enlarging our endowment fund
- ⊕ Growing our student body
- ⊕ Exploring new forms and directions for our program

We are acting in faith that digging into the future in this way will create yields in talented teaching, talented students, and talented leadership for a changing church.



- Maylanne Maybee,
principal

DEVELOPMENT

Thank You...

- ⊕ To our donors who give monthly through PAR.
- ⊕ To all of our annual donors.
- ⊕ To two donors who remembered us in their wills.
- ⊕ To our grantors:
 - ⊕ **St. Mary's Road United Church Foundation, Sturgeon Creek United Church Foundation, and St. Stephen's Broadway Foundation** for grants to improve our computer technology for better communication
 - ⊕ **The Anglican Foundation** for a grant to develop a joint young adult leadership program with Sorrento Centre

You make student learning at CCS possible. You rock!



Pastoral Care Year students at Thunderbird House in Winnipeg

2014 Financial Summary & 2015 Budget

	2015 budget	2014 actual	2014 budget	Comments & Explanations
Grants & Donations	\$238,427	\$321,030*	\$246,250	*large bequest in 2014
Operating Revenue	\$8,000	\$10,400	\$11,000	
Program Revenue	\$162,400	\$149,270	\$148,700	
Endowment transfer	\$107,700	\$105,060	\$105,060	
Total Revenue	\$516,527	\$585,760	\$511,010	
Administration	\$43,450	\$59,167*	\$56,494	*includes computer replacements in 2014
Governance	\$12,400	\$15,580	\$14,300	
Library	\$1,350	\$1,409	\$2,800	
Program	\$46,475*	\$18,410	\$14,700	*includes costs for LDMs, learning circles, marking contracts, alternative programs
Promotion & Recruitment	\$17,950	\$14,700	\$14,350	
Property	\$30,300	\$18,700	\$24,200	
Special Projects			\$15,750*	*budgeted for consultants and strategic planning
Staff Salaries	\$383,309	\$365,762	\$371,636	
Total Expenses	\$535,234	\$493,729	\$514,230	

2015 Graduates



Ann Naylor, Maylanne Maybee, Jim Hatt, Eleanor Geib, & Mark Laird

When Eleanor Geib (grad 1962) joined our two graduates, Mark and Jim, for breakfast she told about being a United Church Training School student, newly arrived in Toronto when she was invited to a friend's house for dinner. One of the guests at the table was the Very Reverend George Pidgeon, the first Moderator of the United Church. He told her that he could look back over his years in God's service, and now meeting Eleanor, who was just starting her studies, helped him look forward into the future and gave him hope for the church. Then she said, "Now I am the one who is old, and seeing you two about to be commissioned, gives me hope for the church."



Mark Laird originally felt a call to teaching but after three years of attempting to get into teacher's college, he was puzzled. He was good with kids and personable; why wasn't it happening? Eventually Mark realized that he was not being called into school but to a teaching ministry. He wanted kids (and adults) to know they were gifts from God so

they could be the best they could be. It seemed inevitable with his mother being a diaconal minister (Anne Telford, grad 1998) and his father and a grandfather in ordained ministry.

Mark recalls a time in his teens when he wanted to be a minister but turned away from it because of his fear of speaking in front of people. But now he had experience working with groups of kids, and he was even comfortable speaking publicly to crowds of people he didn't know. It was kind of like the Biblical call of Moses. At first, Mark found obstacles to answering God's invitation just as Moses did, but instead of God giving him an Aaron, Mark was turned into an Aaron.

Mark is most passionate about helping people learn to live together with each other with respect in creation. He has been called to Drayton United Church in Hamilton Conference where he is looking forward to having one church after serving in a three point Charge as a student. While this ministry may not be on the front lines of social justice, he sees leadership as creating awareness of justice issues, changing attitudes, and growing allies. Education and justice are intertwined for Mark.

Mark is grounded spiritually in the knowledge that he is not alone. "God is working in me and through me; in others and through others. That is my strength."



Jim Hatt's student placement at the Windsor Downtown Mission confirmed his calling to be with those who live in poverty; however, he ended up in a half-time

appointment at Essex United Church. While that wasn't Jim's plan, it seems God had other ideas. Jim has been called to the Essex Pastoral Charge upon commissioning in June.

Jim initially had misgivings about congregational ministry and questioned whether ministry in his home congregation would even work, but the experience provided a testing ground that showed him a side of ministry he had never considered. Even getting there took a while as Jim detoured into teaching and being a school principal. He brings that experience to diaconal ministry.

Jim is looking forward to continuing a Visioning process in the congregation that started in the fall. Two task groups have been working on ways to continue to do God's work in the world through good use of their building and responding to needs in the community. They will report in June and then there will be work to do. Jim is passionate about outreach into the community. He sees it as walking beside people in a quiet humble way and he's managed to influence others to do that too.

A couple who are part of the church but from a more evangelical tradition told Jim that they have realized Christians don't just need to be "washed in the blood of Jesus" but to stand up for justice for those who are vulnerable. As a result, they are involved in the church's outreach program.

Jim's interest in the Windsor Downtown Mission is not going unsatisfied. The executive director recently invited Jim to be part of the newly formed Chaplaincy Team which will add a spiritual dimension to their other work. Jim affirms, "God continues to be at work".

PASSAGES

We remember those grads (CCS, AWTC and UCTS) who have recently passed away...

Frances Cline : UCC grad 1950

Thelma Dixon-Murphy : UCC grad 1947

Lillian Morrison : UCC grad 1988



Laurie Ann Storning:
UCC grad 2000

Sylvia Hamilton :
Companion of the
Centre and UCC
grad 1979

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*CCS Staff: Scott Douglas, Cheryl Thiessen,
Ted Dodd, Ann Naylor, Maylanne Maybee, &
Lori Stewart*

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New Anglican Co-Chair

The Central Council bid farewell to Jim Boyles at the February AGM after more than nine years of volunteer service on the Central Council. He was always calm and clear and will be sorely missed. The good news is that **Penelope Cummine**, a deacon based in Kenora, ON has agreed to be our new Anglican co-chair. Penny is active in her community on issues of affordable housing, support for local artists, and safety for women and children when she was the Director of Saakate Women's Shelter. She has served the Anglican Church as the Executive Assistant to the Archbishop, Diaconal Ministries Co-ordinator, Provincial Secretary, and continues as deacon at the Cathedral Parish of St. Alban's.



*Penny Cummine,
CCS co-chair*

At the Central Council, she brought a strong and calming presence to the face-to-face meeting in April, showed commitment to right relations with Aboriginal people, had a clear feminist analysis of key issues, and gave every indication that she will be at home with the Centre while shaking us up for new directions in a good way.

Ted Dodd Fund for Leadership

Over the years Ted Dodd has helped many people discover themselves as creative, compassionate, and transformative leaders. Maybe you are one of them.

In recognition of Ted's lifelong commitment to nurturing leadership **you are invited to make a gift in his honour to the Ted Dodd Fund for Leadership** through the Centre for Christian Studies. This fund will make it possible for future generations to explore their leadership potential.

You can donate online by going to www.ccsonline.ca and clicking on the big purple "Donate Now" button, or send a cheque with "Ted Dodd fund" in the memo line to the Centre for Christian Studies, 60 Maryland St., Winnipeg, MB, R3G 1K7.

