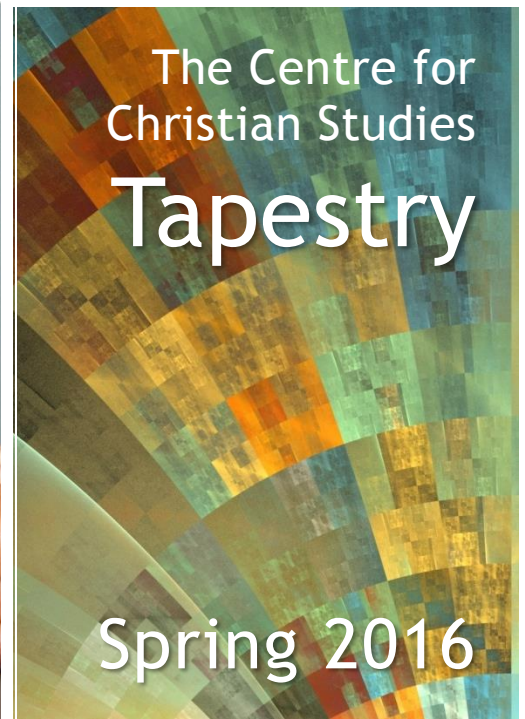




2016 CCS graduates Jackie Van't Voort, Hubert Den Draak, and Lynn Smith



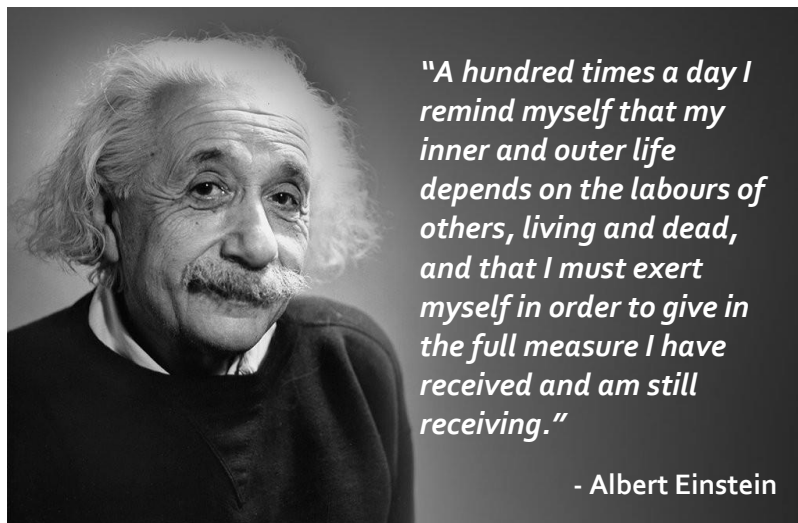
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NEWS

The Measure Received

by Maylanne Maybee

While wandering through a bookshop last month, I found this quote from Albert Einstein:



"A hundred times a day I remind myself that my inner and outer life depends on the labours of others, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the full measure I have received and am still receiving."

- Albert Einstein

Every day I am aware of the many lives, past and present, that touch and are touched by the Centre for Christian Studies and its predecessors. I love to hear stories of people like you: of friends who make everything here possible with

your support, of graduates who studied here, mentors or learning facilitators for a student, or volunteers on a committee or

working group.

April was a month of celebration: three students graduated from CCS, preparing for active ministry in the United Church. They have laboured as

learners and ministers-in-training. Another graduate was ordained to the priesthood in the Anglican Church. She laboured as a student and then as an adjunct member of our program staff team. We honoured Jim Boyles and Stan

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Learning on Purpose: Changing Leadership for a Changing World
 CCS's re-branded "leadership development module" will be held **June 13-25** in Toronto, and **August 10-22** in Winnipeg

Companions of the Centre



Congratulations to **Stan McKay** and **Jim Boyles**, who were honoured as Companions of the Centre at this year's Annual Service of Celebration. You can watch video of their speeches on the CCS website – www.ccsonline.ca



THE MEASURE RECEIVED (Cont'd)

McKay as co-labourers and Companions who have contributed so much to our mission and our vision. Our staff labour with dedication and inspiration, deeply committed to our students and the vision of ministry we serve.

CCS is a community built by the labours of people like you, who have received much and given much. It is a great privilege to be part of such a community. For me, it is no sacrifice to give in the full measure I receive. May it be so for you.

**GRATITUDE REPORT**

by Lori Stewart

Your gifts help change lives through the ministry of students. Thank you to you all!

The Centre for Christian Studies gratefully acknowledges a number of generous gifts and bequests made in loving memory of the following people:

- 🕊️ Sylvia Hamilton
- 🕊️ Marjorie Hannah
- 🕊️ Enid Horning
- 🕊️ Jung Hee Park
- 🕊️ Kay Pearson
- 🕊️ Edith Shore
- 🕊️ Willa Kernen



The Anglican Foundation has invested in the education of students at CCS with a \$10,000 grant for the Program Redesign Project.

Ted Dodd Fund for Leadership Update

You have given \$9,772. This year bursaries are available from this fund for students participating in Learning on Purpose. Yay you!

2015 Financial Summary & 2016 Budget

| | 2016 budget | 2015 actual | 2015 budget |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Endowment transfer | \$110,830 | \$105,060 | \$107,700 |
| Grants & Donations | \$334,000 | \$243,040 | \$238,427 |
| Operating Revenue | \$15,000 | \$10,221 | \$8,000 |
| Program Revenue | \$163,800 | \$137,471 | \$162,400 |
| Total Revenue | \$641,730 | \$495,793 | \$516,527 |
| Administration | \$47,250 | \$56,659 | \$43,450 |
| Governance | \$31,500 | \$10,954 | \$12,400 |
| Library | \$1,350 | \$796 | \$1,350 |
| Program | \$26,810 | \$44,117* *Increased contract staffing to cover staff leaving | \$46,475* *Increased contract staffing to cover staff leaving |
| Promotion & Recruitment | \$22,300 | \$8,922 | \$17,950 |
| Property | \$31,450 | \$20,687 | \$30,300 |
| Special Projects | \$24,000 | \$1,492 | \$0 |
| Staff Salaries | \$472,150 | \$339,086 | \$383,309 |
| Total Expenses | \$656,810 | \$482,090 | \$535,234 |

2016 Grads, in their own words...

Lynn says:

In 2008, I was invited to a house group connected to a United Church, and so entered the UCC "by the back door".

Most of my adult life I was caregiver to my spouse and homeschooled my five kids. Because of my spouse's chronic illness, we lived on disability support - which meant we were caught in the web of poverty. My life changed drastically in 2010, and a circle of friends gathered around to help me discern how I might support myself. The conversation became about training for ministry and I thought, "You mean I could do what I love to do and get paid for it?"

My theology continued to shift. I had come from an evangelical background, and was intrigued with what I was learning at CCS - especially related to feminist and liberation theologies. I remember going to Ted Dodd and asking him what he meant by "prophetic." It was a word I was familiar with, but he was using it in an entirely different way.

My life-partner, Allan, and I have begun Bedford House, a faith-based learning centre for community development, based out of our home. Each month we host "Subversive Faith" gatherings where we interview local activists about how their faith journey has led them into social activism. Creating sacred spaces for churched and unchurched folks is one of my passions. Working with people caught, as I was, in the cycle of poverty is another. Reconciliation work is a third.

In July, I will begin a part-time appointment in a two-point pastoral charge.

I have received many gifts from my years at CCS, including the ability to reflect and ask what each situation is teaching

me. I have also learned that I am a person with a voice - a person who matters. I am deeply grateful for the love, acceptance, and respect that is part of the community of CCS.

Currently I am the minister of Trinity Omemee United Church in Ontario and will continue there. In the longer term I hope to work with Corrections Canada in restorative justice or re-integration programs. In the meantime, my call might be leading me to Presbytery and Conference...as an advocate for diaconal ministry.

Hubert says:

I came with my partner from Holland to work as a director in a film production company in Toronto where we became active members of the United Church. Soon the wilderness of northwestern Ontario called. We built a straw-bale house powered by wind and sun, and as part of our ministry, opened it up to anyone who wants to learn about living with respect in creation. It was through this creation-centered lifestyle and a Lay Worship Leader course that I realized what I had come to Canada for: to help build and nurture faith communities.



Jackie says:

I was hired at Trinity St. Paul's United Church in Toronto on a 6-month janitorial contract and when I left 18 years later I was the Building Coordinator. While there, I enjoyed the mentorship of members and staff that guided me gently toward diaconal ministry.

When I decided to study at CCS I received a large information package and read the whole thing. On one page it said diaconal ministers sometimes become church administrators—I hadn't even started and I felt like I had come full circle! This was the first of many circles and spirals that I would encounter.

Besides learning about spiral reflection, the learning style at CCS made sense to me. I have felt very supported as a student. Field placements gave me an opportunity to experience both congregational and community ministry.

After years of traditional leadership in the film industry, I have to confess that I had some real difficulties adjusting to the very different culture of holistic learning in community at CCS. I resisted much of it during the first year. I wanted it to change; when it didn't, I finally got it. It was an eye-opening, humbling, grace-filled experience.

I will continue my work in ministry at Pinegrove United near Thunder Bay where we will continue a revitalization process. I also hope to get funding to start a fresh expression of faith community in Thunder Bay geared towards Gen Xers who are not interested in traditional church.

Do I have what it takes? Frankly, I don't think so! So thanks be to God for a subversive Spirit that finds strength in our weakness.



All About You...

Janette Ledwith

Music educator, women's leader, past Anglican Co-chair of the CCS Central Council – all part of her journey but there's much

more to Janette Ledwith. What might surprise you is her practice of Taoist Tai Chi to bring together body, mind, and spirit. Or her study of Quantum Theory. She's part of a group in Guelph — "seekers and refugees from churches" — currently reading *Making All Things New* to understand evolutionary spirituality.

Janette's interests teach her how to live in the moment, recognize uncertainty, and look for possibility; principles that are not new. "I often seemed to end up in leadership with organizations that found themselves in transition," she says. Sometimes that meant offering care as a group came to an end; often it meant encouraging members to try something new; and at other times, Janette found herself wading through disagreement.

Janette first came to the Centre for Christian Studies as a member of the Women's Interchurch Council, an ecumenical group that rented office space. Soon she found herself on the CCS board where she rubbed shoulders with Marjorie Powles, Edith Shore, and

Shelley Finson. She found at CCS a strong circle of experience, and points to Marjorie's quiet, insightful influence. Janette was co-chair of the CCS Council when the community wrestled with moving from Toronto to Winnipeg. It was a time of uncertainty when the skills of staying in the moment and considering the possibilities helped.

Janette believes the training at CCS is superb. "The Centre is a witness to the church — to the calling of the diaconate — that it's possible to do something other than ordained ministry. It's changed so many lives, including mine! What I've learned has become part of who I am now." She names as a strength CCS's ability to adapt the program for changing times.

"I am grateful for everything CCS stands for, for the people I've met, and the things I've learned. I have confidence that the spirit is at work there." That's why Janette invests financially with regular gifts that ensure students can learn here. She also says, "I have confidence that the work goes on." That's why she's named CCS in her will. "I've always been impressed with how the program shapes people so that they are brought to a fuller understanding of themselves. I am investing in the positive experiences of students to come."

PASSAGES

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

Margaret Avison : UCC grad 1962

Enid Horning : UCC grad 1954

Rolly MacLean : UCC grad 2003

Daisy Rickard: UCC grad 1959

Etta Snow : UCC grad 1952

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STUDENTS

Students at the Social Ministry spring learning circle explored everything from mission and ministry to global economics, from the social gospel to cultural appropriation, from gender justice to the role of worship and spirituality in social ministry.

CCS currently has 30 students at various stages in their studies.



CCS Social Ministry students with Janet Ross on a rainy night at the Meet Me At The Bell Tower gathering in Winnipeg's North End.