



CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Imagine Church Differently

2022

Year Book

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Welcome to new staff members, Alcris Limongi and Alan Lai



Our Mission

“Educating leaders for justice, compassion and transformation.”

Our Core Values

1. Acting in faith.
2. Living a theology of justice.
3. Educating through action/reflection, integration, transformation.
4. Grounding ourselves in sacred community.
5. Living out of a spirit of abundance and gratitude.
6. Participating in a larger story.

CCS Staff

Interim Principal ('til fall 2022)	-	Ken DeLisle
Principal (from Oct. 2022)	-	Alan Lai
Program Staff	-	Janet Ross
Program Staff	-	Marcie Gibson
Program Staff ('til summer 2022)	-	David Lappano
Program Staff (from Oct. 2022)	-	Alcris Limongi
Program Coordinator	-	Scott Douglas
Development Coordinator	-	Lori Stewart
Office Administrator	-	Cheryl Thiessen



Some members of CCS staff, with co-chair Michael Shapcott (right), at the covenanting service for Alan and Alcris

Central Council

UCC co-Chair	-	Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes
ACC co-Chair	-	Michael Shapcott
Diaconal Alumni	-	Megumi Matsuo Saunders
Diaconal Student	-	Jen Prince
Treasurer	-	Stacy Stanley Young
Staff Support	-	Mona Denton
Program rep	-	Charmain Bailey
Recording Sec. (non-voting)	-	Janet Nield
Principal (non-voting)	-	Ken DeLisle → Alan Lai
Staff rep (non-voting)	-	Cheryl Thiessen



Farewell party for David Lappano. Staff presented him with a stole woven by John Samson, lead singer of one of David's favourite bands, The Weakerthans.

Students - Diaconal Ministries Program

Active in 2021-2022

Allison Abuloc
Charmain Bailey
Letitia Berger
Lisa Byer-de Wever (Inactive)
Jennifer Carter-Morgan
Pat Chabluk
Mitch Kidd (Inactive)
Don Evans (Inactive)
Lesley Fairley (Inactive)
Meghan Gilholm (Inactive)
John Helps
Kim Inglis (NEW!)
Lauri Ladd (NEW!)
Dan Leaver
Lisa Leffler
Heather MacKinnon (NEW!)
Sandra Maltby
Dyanne Marlok
Kendra Mitchell-Foster
Rob Murdock
Rachel Nadon
Hyerim Park
Kristie Pilling
Jennifer Prince
Miriam Stobbe Reimer (NEW!)
Caitlin Smithers (NEW!)
Susan Toller
Alicia Walls

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Colleen Lowrie (NEW!)
Heather MacKinnon
Dyanne Marlok
Jamie Miller (NEW!)
Kendra Mitchell-Foster
Rob Murdock
Hyerim Park
Kristie Pilling
Ally Philips (NEW!)
Jennifer Prince
Miriam Stobbe Reimer
Caitlin Smithers
Susan Toller
Alicia Walls

2022 Graduates:

Charmain Bailey
John Helps
Rachel Nadon

2022-2023

Integration year students:

Pat Chabluk
Dyanne Marlok
Jennifer Prince

Diaconal Ministries Graduates 2022



John Helps, Charmain Bailey, Rachel Nadon

Students - Certificate Programs

Active in 2022

Anglican Certificate in Diaconal Ministry:

Cassandra Golondrina

Carl Harrison (Inactive)

Certificate in Social Justice:

Gloria Tozek

Andy Pitter

Certificate in Education & Worship:

Andy Pitter



Gloria Tozek completed her program in 2022 and will receive the Certificate in Social Justice in 2023.

Students - Continuing Studies Program

Active in 2022

Joanne Anquist

Judith Friesen Epp

Eliza Meggs

Vanessa Spence

Jennifer Stinson

Courses and Circles 2022



Praxis 21-22
Sept 2021 – May 2022
Enrollment – 23



Field 21-22
Sept 2021 – May 2022
Enrollment – 9



Spiritual Practice
Jan 11 – Feb 17, 2022 (online)
Enrollment – 9



Integration 3 (final circle)
Mar 28 – Apr 3, 2022 (online intensive)
Enrollment – 3



Relationships
Mar 22 – 29, 2022 (online intensive)
Enrollment – 10



Power & Privilege
Mar 31 – Apr 6, 2022 (online intensive)
Enrollment – 4



Ages and Stages
Apr 26 – Jun 2, 2022 (online)
Enrollment – 5



Learning on Purpose
Jun 13 – 24, 2022, London, ON
(in-person!)
Enrollment – 6



Praxis 22-23
Sept 2021 – May 2022
Enrollment – 22



Field 22-23
Sept 2021 – May 2022
Enrollment – 9



Integration 1
Sept 19 – 24, 2022 (in person!)
Enrollment - 3



Integration 2
Oct 2022 – Apr 2023(online)
Enrollment - 3



Ministry as Community-building
Oct 12 – 18, 2022 (in person!)
Enrollment - 6



Health, Pain, & Trauma
Oct 20 – 26, 2022 (in person!)
Enrollment - 9

2022: Part 1, still online



Full bodied prayer in the online Spiritual Practice learning circle in January 2022.



Hyerim in the April 2022 Relationships learning circle



Mary Nichol introduces Godly Play in the April 2022 Ages and Stages learning circle.



The online Power and Privilege learning circle in May, with Monica Walters-Field (centre)

2022: Part 2, back in person for the first time in 2 years



Learning on Purpose 2022, in person, at Metropolitan United, London, ON.



Ally and Andy explore the spiral at the June 2022 LoP



Jen and Marcie staying safe and happy at LoP 2022.

2022: Part 3, the return to Winnipeg



Left: Dyanne arrives at CCS in Winnipeg for the September 2022 Integration learning circle



The fall 2022 Integration learning circle



Ministry as Community-building learning circle, October 2022 (with new Program Staff, Alcris!).

Below: On community patrol with the Winnipeg Bear Clan.



*Health, Pain, and
Trauma learning
circle, October 2022*



Left: walking the labyrinth.

*Below: Building brains and
learning about trauma with
Noelle Bowles*



Field Placements in 2022

Anishnabeg Outreach, Kitchener, ON
 Brechin United, Nanaimo, BC
 Busby Centre, Barrie, ON
 Centre for Practical Theology, London, ON
 Church of St Andrew & St David, St John, NB
 Collier Street United, Barrie, ON
 Glebe-St. James United, Ottawa, ON
 Interfaith Spiritual Care Centre at the University
 of Northern BC, Prince George, BC
 Jane Finch Community Ministry, North York, ON
 Knox United, Winnipeg, MB
 Life*Spin, London, ON
 Metcalfe Gardens Retirement Residence,
 St. Thomas, ON
 Northern Spirit Region, AB
 Prince George Regional Correctional Centre,
 Prince George, BC
 Samaritan House Ministries, Brandon, MB
 Trinity United Manitoulin, Minemoya, ON

Learning Facilitators

John Benham
 Sally Budge
 Teresa Burnett-Cole
 Jane Capstick
 Ted Dodd
 Heather Empey
 Janice Frame
 Phyllis Greenslade
 William Haughton
 Hewitt Holmes
 Rhonda Kaplanis
 Tif McNaughton
 Barry Rieder
 Stewart Smith
 Erwin Thompson
 Catherine Tovell
 Greg Wiebe
 Marcia Hamm Wiebe



Diaconal Mentors

Tammy Allan
 Tammy Bleue
 Susan Butler-Jones
 Terrie Chedore
 Leila Currie
 Brenda Curtis
 Deborah Deavu
 Ken DeLisle
 Kathy Douglas
 Anne Duncan
 Linda Ervin
 Laura Fohse
 Barbara Hansen
 Jim Hatt
 Laura Hunter
 Melanie Kirk
 Sherri McConnell
 Barb McGill



Karen Orlandi
 Irene Rainey
 Lesley Robertson
 Tracy Robertson
 Annika Sangster
 Yoon Ok Shin
 Judy Steers
 Debbie Stockdale
 Marie-Louise Ternier Gommers
 Karen Tjaden
 Kathy Toivanen
 Eric Tusz – King
 Aileen Urquhart
 Jackie Van't Voort
 Carey Wagner

CCS Fridays

Our series of free online workshops and discussions.

February – Painting Canadian Lives (with Kellen Hatanaka)

March – Becoming an Anti-Racist Church (with Adele Halliday)

April – Profiles in Prophetic Diakonia (with Aileen Urquhart and IY students)

October – Getting Rid of “Us and Them” in the Church (with Alcris Limongi)

November – Why First Advent Requires a Second Advent (with Dan Epp-Tiessen)

December – Lambeth Learnings (with Bishop Geoff Woodcroft)



CCS Friday guests in 2022

Aileen Urquhart

2022 Companion of the Centre

Aileen Urquhart was presented with the Companion of the Centre award at the Annual Service of Celebration on April 3, 2022.

Introduction from the 2022 ASC:
(delivered by Interim Principal Ken DeLisle)

Lover of nature, scientist, educator, mentor, justice seeker, unassuming servant, artist, writer, creative liturgist and storyteller, a joyous and wise guide, a diaconal model. These are just a few of the accolades sponsors and supporters used to describe Aileen.

Aileen was born and grew up in Glasgow, Scotland. Her parents were nominally members of the Church of Scotland, but this did not play a significant role in Aileen's early life. Her spiritual life developed through her love of nature and a growing appreciation and awe for the beauty of creation.



Her belief in God was sparked in high school through an interest in science which provided more and more experiences and encounters that filled her with a sense of wonder that defied any other explanation. Her interest in science also led her into a career in research and teaching in plant science.

Aileen's first encounter with the United Church of Canada came in Winnipeg. Living in the inner city she had become aware of the many pressing justice issues that abounded in the community and she discovered in Young United Church a congregation that was not only concerned about justice but was willing to act on their concerns by becoming partners with a local Anglican parish to establish West Broadway Community Ministry.

When her contract in biology at the University of Manitoba ended Aileen applied for a job as coordinator of the Community Ministry and so her journey into ministry began.

Slowly she discovered that the work she loved – outreach, education, community development, pastoral care, social justice, and advocacy were all expressions of diaconal ministry. This in turn led to enrollment in the Western Field Based Diaconal Ministry Training Program and finally to commissioning as a Diaconal Minister in 1994.

Aileen spent many years in ministry with the Indigenous church, as minister of the United Church in Fisher River Cree Nation for 5 years, as Co-director of the Sandy Saulsteaux Resource Centre for 2 years and then after retiring, in multiple stints as acting Personnel Minister for All Native Circle Conference.

Indigenous colleagues expressed appreciation for her positive energy, respectful approach, non-judgmental style, advocacy for the Indigenous church and her long-standing commitment to right relations. She held worship in informal worship circles, encouraged respectful dialogue amongst community members, supported traditional ceremonies, encouraged Indigenous leadership, and provided a model for diaconal ministry and “doing church differently”.

A non-Indigenous colleague working in a First Nations community wrote that although she had many mentors to teach her about Indigenous history and ministries within the United Church, it was Aileen who showed her how to be white in that space. “Through modelling, laughter, listening, patience, grace, humility, curiosity, (and the) slow building of relationships...Aileen demonstrated and guided me.”

Aileen is a writer, a storyteller, and an artist. Through videos of Godly Play, she brings biblical stories to life in a creative and accessible way appreciated by all ages. Through published stories of the people she met on the streets of inner city Winnipeg, she raises their voices and honours their struggles and gifts. Through her art she connects spirituality and social justice, creativity, and wisdom.

In her retirement she continues in volunteer ministry with her home congregation in Sioux Lookout, ON. supporting various collaborative and community ministries and in the wider church actively and creatively addressing issues of racism, colonialization, and poverty.

Aileen stands in a prophetic tradition of diaconal graduates and is an inspiration to us all. She has been a friend and volunteer with CCS for many years, offering insightful and innovative leadership in a variety of activities and programs and generously sharing her time and wisdom in “imagining church differently”. She will bring grace and generosity of spirit to the role of Companion!

And so, it is my great delight and honour to present this dear friend as our very worthy 2022 Companion of the Centre for Christian Studies!

In Memoriam

Grads, donors, and other friends of CCS who died in 2022:

Shirley Beckman	(UCC 1959)
Elizabeth Crispin	(ACC 1968)
Jean Galbraith	(UCC 1957)
Doris Grierson	(UCC 1958)
Alma Heller	(UCC 1956)
Laura Kennedy	(UCC 1987)
Marion Logan	(Companion 2013)
Maxine McVey	(UCC 1992)
Margaret Nelson	(UCC 1960)
Ellice Oliver	(UCC 1988)
Brian Shoesmith	(Volunteer)
Harvey Stevens	(Donor)
Wesley Thomson	(Donor)
Margaret Wonfor	(UCC 1954)

