



CENTRE FOR  
CHRISTIAN STUDIES  
*Imagine Church Differently*

# Annual Service of Celebration

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SATURDAY, APRIL 17  
4:00PM CT VIA ZOOM





Welcome

“Setting the Table”

*David Lappano*

Spiralling Our Community In

*Alana Martin, Karlene Kimber, Lorrie Lowes*

Today, we gather our community with all we bring, all they have experienced. We share in this time of gathering the memories of our graduates of their time at CCS.

Alana We gather today in the space of celebration, each of us bringing with us different experiences. As we gather, we welcome all of the journeys we have travelled to this space to this community.

**God of experiences, gather us in.**

At my Leader Development Module (now Learning On Purpose), I requested time with the CCS chaplain deeply troubled about my academic ability; they helped me understand learning styles and was told I am a gifted and capable student, gifted differently than the traditional schooling I had experienced. The opportunity that CCS offered me for learning has transformed my life and enabled me to provide ministry. The wisdom I bring to my ministry has been validated and appreciated.

**God of experiences, gather us in.**

I remember the first time I went on a pastoral care visit on my own. It was my pastoral care year in 2018. I was scared. But it turned out to be a great experience, as I just sat and listened and occasionally interjected a question. She was a lovely older woman, and I could tell that it did her good to have someone visiting. She died two months ago. I will always remember her with fondness.

**God of experiences, gather us in.**

I was in the Spiritual Care year, and we were doing an exercise and practice of pastoral visits. Karlene and I were a team, and we had the most interesting and moving conversation and visit. When I prayed at the end, we all felt the Spirit move in the room and within us. From then on, I could trust that God would speak whatever words were needed, and I could let go of fear and anxiety around prayer & visitations.

God of experiences, gather us in.

In my social justice year at CCS, the very first day of the learning circle, Janet led us with this quote, "what you see depends on where you stand." These words have stayed with me and have been helpful for me in my ministry for social justice.

God of experiences, gather us in.

The most exciting times in my formation were the times of integration-when circle, externals, personal life, mentoring and placements came together. One example of this was from my third year and social ministry year when the concept of experience as an authority finally sunk in! That the still small voice within was a valid place path to knowing.

God of experiences, gather us in.

I love learning in the community, the mix of years in each learning circle—the learning Circles with Sandy Saulteaux and the experience of walking with the Bear Clan. CCS understands adult education and does it well, the unique relationship between students and staff, worshipping together, and sharing leadership.

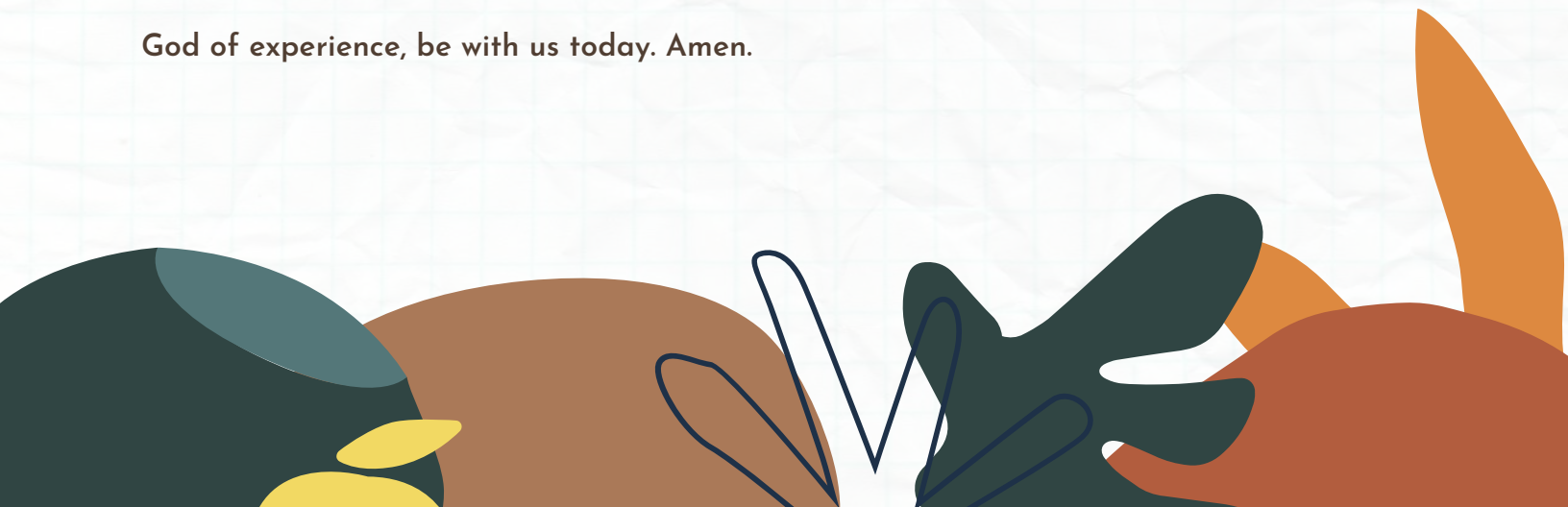
God of experiences, gather us in.

As I reflect on my years at CCS, it isn't one particular memory that stands out to me. It is all of the experiences that enabled me to grow in my relationship with God. The moments where relationships were formed, both inside and outside of the circle, over coffee and snacks at break time, while hitting the nook for lunch, having friends to vent and laugh about Review of Learnings, but mostly the growth and integration of my faith.

God of experiences gather us into this space, to this community today.

We hold these memories, and we know that this community welcomes and hold these experiences as we celebrate with the divine today.

God of experience, be with us today. Amen.





Prayer of Dedication

Rebecca Pike

Offering Congratulations

Rev. Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes and The Very Rev. Ansley Tucker  
(co-chairs of Central Council)  
Ted Dodd  
(DUCC member, President of DOTAC)  
The Right Rev. Bishop Geoffrey Woodcroft  
(Rupert's Land Diocese, Anglican Church of Canada)  
Rev. Dr. John Young  
(United Church of Canada)

Anne Manikel, Companion - Citation and Response

Michelle Owens and Anne Manikel

Pinning

CCS Staff

Scripture - Acts 6:1-7, paraphrased

Charlotte Caron

*During this time, as the disciples were increasing in numbers, groups grumbled against one another, feeling discriminated against when necessities were distributed. So the twelve called the disciples together and said "It wouldn't be right to give up preaching and teaching to serve tables. So friends, choose seven among you whom everyone trusts, people full of the Spirit and good judgement, to take up this responsibility. We will continue to pray and listen for God's Word. This idea was met with consensus, and seven were chosen and presented to the disciples. Praying, the apostles laid on hands and commissioned them for their task. The Word of God prospered. The number of disciples multiplied greatly (and a great many clergy had their faith practices transformed).*

Communion

Michelle Owens & Andrew Rampton

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you,  
gracious God, for you created all things.  
You formed us in your own image:  
In a rainbow spectrum you created us.  
When we turned away from you in sin,  
you did not cease to care for us,  
but opened a path of salvation for all people.  
You made covenants with your people,  
You blessed Hagar and Sarah, Hannah and Naomi, Elizabeth and Mary with children  
Through Moses, Aaron and Miriam you led your people  
from bondage into freedom;  
through the prophets you renewed  
your promise of salvation.  
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints  
who have served you in every age,  
we give you thanks and raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, Holy, holy,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is one who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Holy God, source of life and goodness,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
In the fullness of time,  
you sent your child Jesus Christ,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the Mother and Father of us all.  
Jesus healed and taught  
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;  
Jesus challenged authorities, welcomed children  
and proclaimed the Good News of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things fulfilling your gracious will.**



On the night they were betrayed  
 Jesus Christ took bread;  
 and after giving thanks to you,  
 broke it, and gave it to the disciples.  
 And said, "Take, eat:  
 this is my body which is given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me."  
 After supper Jesus took the cup of wine;  
 and after giving thanks,  
 gave it to them, and said,  
 "Drink this, all of you:  
 this is my blood of the new covenant,  
 which is shed for you and for many  
 for the forgiveness of sins.  
 Whenever you drink it,  
 do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God,  
 State sanctioned violence and death  
 Has not had the final word  
 The resurrection offers everyone the promise  
 Of abundant, peaceful life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.  
 Christ is risen.  
 Christ will come again.

Recalling Christ's death,  
 proclaiming their resurrection,  
 and looking for their coming again in glory,  
 we offer you, O God, this bread and this cup.  
 Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
 and upon these gifts,  
 that all who eat and drink at these table  
 may be one body, one holy people,  
 a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Beloved.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 all glory is yours, God most holy,  
 now and forever.

**Amen.**

Taking Leave and Sending Forth CCS Staff





## 2020 GRADUATES

Christina Crawford  
Joe Kadi  
Lorrie Lowes  
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## 2021 GRADUATES

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Lori Stewart  
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## GRADUATION ANNIVERSARIES 2021

### 25th anniversary

Barbara DeRuiter  
Leslee Wilkinson -  
D'Urbano

### 40th anniversary

Ann Marie Allen  
Deborah Deavu  
Janet Hamilton  
Alyson Huntly

### 50th anniversary

Janet Brown  
Jean Crabtree  
Gladys Fedus  
Victor Fildes  
Faye Greer  
Christina Lawrence  
Phyllis Lock  
Patricia  
McGaffigan  
Aldeen McKay  
Evelyn Ross  
Andrea Tawney  
Audrey Whitney

### 60th anniversary

Elizabeth Belyea\*  
Sonia Isabelle  
Boutcher\*  
Elizabeth Bustard  
Jean Chen  
Jean Farr\*  
Margaret  
Furneaux  
Marie Hackett  
Sheila Hamilton-  
Earle\*  
Margaret  
Harrison\*  
Carol Lloyd\*  
Betty Marlin  
Helen Mason\*  
Esmin Peters  
Rosalene Sallman  
Joan Sandy  
Marlene Stiven  
Sara Thomas  
Jeanie Vant\*  
Oriole Veldhuis  
Margaret Wark\*

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRADUATION FROM THE WESTERN FIELD BASED PROGRAM FOR DIACONAL MINISTRY

Jeannette Brigit  
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Sue Everton  
Darilyn Grigg  
Joanne Kury  
Jan Lougheed  
Anne Manikel  
Patricia McColl  
Elizabeth McLean  
Barb Myers  
Nel Ouwens  
Nancy Post  
Jan Richardson  
Evelyn Rigby  
Irene Rainey  
Beatrix Schirner

