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OUR MISSION

To be an ecumenical community that offers sacred spaces for learning and transformation.

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Mark Your Calendar!

The Third Annual
Chancellor's Gala will
be held Friday,
September 17, 2010
at the Sutton Place
Hotel, Edmonton

Noteworthy: Publications from our College Community

Four members of the St. Stephen's College community have recently published books. Exploring such diverse areas of interest as suicide and Christianity in China, these publications are a worthy addition to our scholarship. Here are brief descriptions of these works.

Darlene Pranke, MTS, DMin

*"A Biblically Compassionate
Perspective on Suicide:*

Published by LAP Lambert Academic Publishing, 2009. Pranke researched suicide from the perspective of compassion, studying its moral ambiguity in the light of the story of Jacob. Pranke is currently Chaplain at the Misericordia Hospital, Edmonton.

Canute Thompson, PhD

Vice-President for Faculty Development at the International University of the Caribbean.

*"Towards Solutions:
Fundamentals of*

*Transformational Leadership
in a Postmodern Era"*

Thompson offers a detailed discussion of postmodernism, making the case that it represents both a new epistemology and a new era – and that it calls for a new leadership culture of authentic power-sharing and mutual respect.

Maitland Evans, PhD, DD

President of the International University of the Caribbean and Associate Faculty member and Honorary Doctor of St. Stephen's College.

*"Counselling for
Community Transformation"*

In this Caribbean reading of pastoral psychology, Evans argues for deeper appreciation of the ways in which God is present and active in real life contexts where people strive for fullness of life.

Louis Ho, MTS, DMin

Member of Associate Faculty at St. Stephen's College.

"The Dragon and the Cross"

Published by Xulon Press, 2009. Louis Ho has written many books on theology and education. In his most recent book, he explores the challenges of the Christian Church in China.

The Friends of St. Stephen's College

The College has always had a sustaining circle of friends. In the fall of 2001, a small group of retired ministers and interested lay people came together to provide a formal support for the College, and "The Friends of St. Stephen's College" was founded with The Revd. Aubrey Edworthy as Chair.

The Friends provide opportunities to share the story and work of the College, and provide moral support and encouragement to staff and programs.

The Friends invite interested people to become members for a small annual fee.

Regular meetings of the Friends are held from noon to 2pm, on the first Wednesday of each month from September through June.

New members are welcome.

For information contact:

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Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome The Rev Neil Elford, DMin as the new Coordinator of the Doctor of Ministry Program effective January 1, 2010. A graduate of the program and a long standing member of the DMin Program Committee, Dr. Elford brings extensive experience in education and leadership in spiritual care, intercultural relationships, ethics and respectful relationships with Traditional Aboriginal Elders. We are grateful to Dr. Jean Waters and Dr. Geoff Wilfong-Pritchard for their work as consecutive Interim DMin Program Coordinators over the past year.



Honouring and Living our Affirming Status

A Welcoming Diversity Program has begun meeting at the College on a regular basis to:

- Honour St. Stephen's College's commitment as an Affirming Education Institution, and
- Share together and grow in our appreciation of the gift of difference as we each live out our faith and our life commitments with the support and encouragement of this gathered community of people, who come from different faiths and different cultures.

We meet at the College for an evening meal and conversation as we continue to build a "safe and sacred" community that grows wider and more accepting.

People interested in participating in these evening gatherings are welcome. For more information, please phone Betty at the College [780]439-7311 ext. 23.

Wish List Item:

The College is seeking donations to help purchase locking bookshelves with glass doors to house the growing collection of graduate theses and dissertations. The shelves will be placed in the lounge for display as a way to make research a larger part of the face of the College. Total cost will be approximately \$4500.

Friends We Shall Miss

The Rev Dr Charles F. Johnston died in Dorval, Quebec on February 4 at the age of 92. Charles was a former professor of Church History and former Dean of Residence, who served for 20 years at the College.

Faithfully each Christmas Charles would send a letter to the College sharing his enthusiasm for life. Charles described 2009 as a good year and mentioned his appreciation of friends, reading, and his church, all of which played an active role in his life. His letter also noted weekly violin lessons, family events, and summer visits to nearby Lac Ste. Louis to watch the sailboats, canoes, and beautiful Purple Martins.

The Rev George W. Spady (BD, 1941) passed away Jan. 11 in Edmonton. Rev. Spady was well known for his involvement with the George Spady Centre, an Edmonton inner-city facility founded in 1983 and dedicated to helping individuals with substance-abuse problems.



Lois Samis Lund plays the harp to entertain guests who attended the Christmas Open House at St. Stephen's on December 7.

Alumni/ae News

We are interested to know what our alumni/ae are doing. As well, we would be pleased to include Associate Faculty information that would be of interest to the College community.

The three-year term of our current Chancellor, The Rev Dr Gordon Oaks is coming to a close. We welcome nominations for this position as well as for honorary doctorate degrees. For more information, please consult the College website.

Faculty

Earle Sharam	Principal and Dean
Julie Henkelman	Program Coordinator, MA in Pastoral Psychology & Counselling
Mona-Lee Feehan	Program Coordinator, Master of Theological Studies
Neil Elford	Program Coordinator, Doctor of Ministry
Tatiana Peet	Art Therapy Coordinator

Administrative and Contract Staff

David Allan	Business Administrator
Vecas Griffiths	Bethel Cleaning & Maintenance
Diane Harris	Business Administration Assistant
Betty Marlin	(Volunteer) Coordinator, Continuing Education and Community Learning
Jenny Meers	Executive Assistant to the Dean
Kelly Parson	Assistant Registrar
Lori Stewart	Institutional Advancement Coordinator
Shelley Westermann	Registrar

UPCOMING EVENTS

INTRODUCTION TO FOCUSING | SUNDAY APRIL 18, 2010, 12PM – 5PM

Registration Deadline: April 16, 2010. Space is limited.

Workshop Fee: \$100.00. St. Stephen's College Degree Students: \$75.00

We are pleased to invite you to a 5-hour experiential workshop on Focusing, including skill development. Focusing is an effective and gentle way of working with a "felt sense" or our body-mind wisdom in either self care or within the therapeutic relationship. A workbook will be made available during the workshop, and a certificate awarded on successful completion.

PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS | THURSDAY APRIL 22, 2010, 1PM – 3PM

A perfect opportunity to learn about our U of A credit courses, degree programs and courses, view the College, speak to Coordinators and get your questions answered. Please RSVP by email to Jenny Meers. (Email meers@ualberta.ca, or phone 780-439-7311 ext 21, or toll free 1-800-661-4956).

WISDOM'S WELL: EVENING PRESENTATIONS AND DIALOGUE

(7pm to 9pm)

For more information including location information, please visit our web site:

www.ualberta.ca/St.Stephens

Register in advance or at the door. Free will offering encouraged.

The Interconnected Trinity - Sexuality, Relationship and Spirit

Presented by Mona-Lee Feehan

Edmonton: 18 March | **Red Deer:** 19 March | **Calgary:** 20 March

Music and the Spirited Life

Presented by Barb Myers

Edmonton: 10 June | **Red Deer:** 11 June | **Calgary:** 12 June

WISDOM'S WELL: NOON HOUR CONVERSATIONS

(Noon – 2:00pm)

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Sufism: Islamic Mysticism

Presented by Zohra Husaini

Edmonton: 16 April 2010

Venue: Southminster-Steinhauer United Church, 10740 - 19 Avenue, Edmonton

TAKE CARE: MID-CAREER STRETCH! | May 4 - 6, 2010

Facilitated by Rev Dr Andrew Irvine

Location: Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert, AB

For more information: <http://www.ualberta.ca/ST.STEPHENS/news/index.html#takecare>

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