

EMMANUEL COLLEGE

On behalf of Emmanuel College, I want to bring greetings to your region as you meet this spring. It is my hope and prayer that your meeting goes well and that you experience God's presence and blessing in this important work of the church. As Interim Principal, I write to share news of various aspects of life at Emmanuel College.

The search process for Emmanuel's new Principal is in its final stages. My term will close at the end of June and the College's new Principal will begin July 1, 2022.

2021-22 has been our second full academic year offered through pandemic-related remote delivery. After a brief taste of in-person gatherings and community life at the beautiful Victoria University campus in fall 2021, we had high hopes of returning to in-person learning this past January. Regrettably, due to the rise of the Omicron variant we were forced to remain online for the winter term and will have our summer course offerings online as well. Emmanuel staff and faculty have adapted well and continued to offer excellent pedagogical, community & spiritual life & student service experiences throughout the pandemic in this online format. We are exploring ways to incorporate the best of the online experience as we move forward into predominately in-person experiences in fall 2022.

Emmanuel College's accreditation with the Association of Theological Schools has been renewed for another 10 years. Emmanuel received a very positive report from the ATS, commending us on the hard work of interreligious theological education in a triply-embedded school. Emmanuel College is blessed and challenged by the three significant relationships we share with Victoria University, Toronto School of Theology, and University of Toronto.

These relationships made the re-accreditation process particularly arduous, but under the fine leadership of Nevin Reda, it was successful and we were well prepared for the ATS Team visit in September. They were very impressed with our self-study and complimented those responsible for it. In doing this work at Emmanuel College, we have become aware of areas where we need to make changes. We think these changes will strengthen the College and enhance its work as an educational institution preparing individuals for various forms of ministry and service.

Emmanuel College continues to provide significant financial support to students. Through the John W. Billes Fund, Emmanuel continues to provide 100% of tuition coverage to all domestic students who are registered full-time in the M.Div. programme and who are engaged in The United Church of Canada's candidacy pathway process. All incoming domestic full-time students are eligible for our **Entering Theological Education grant, which offers 50% tuition coverage to their first-year courses.** The application deadline is April 30, 2022. For more information about studying at Emmanuel College and about the financial support available for all Emmanuel programmes, whether one is studying full-time or part-time, please contact Andrew Aitchison (emmanuel.admissions@utoronto.ca)

Emmanuel is offering an increasing number of Continuing Education events online. These events are offered through the Centre for Religion and its Contexts. This past academic year

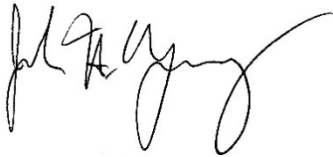
featured the "Things They Didn't Teach Me in Seminary" Seminar Series, which was developed to bridge the gap between academy and church. M.Div. students could take this series for credit, while engaging with continuing education participants who were ministers in the field. The Centre will host its second Annual symposium entitled "Re-thinking Preaching," in April. It will also host the third annual "Christian Left Conference" with a focus on Creation, Land and Indigeneity in August. A list of upcoming offerings are found on the Emmanuel College web site at <https://www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca/the-centre-for-religion-and-its-contexts/continuing-education-events-and-courses/> For further information about these events and about applying, please contact Shawn Kazubowski-Houston: ec.events@utoronto.ca.

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If you have questions or are seeking further information about Emmanuel College, please be in touch with us or explore Emmanuel: <http://bit.ly/exploremmanuel>.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John H. Young', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rev. Dr. John H. Young,
Interim Principal