

## EMMANUEL COLLEGE

On behalf of Emmanuel College, I want to bring greetings to your region as you meet this spring season. I pray that your meeting goes well and that you experience God's presence and blessing in this important work of the church. My name is HyeRan Kim-Cragg and it is my privilege to bring you greetings as Emmanuel's Principal. I come to this role as the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church Professor of Preaching and an ordained member of The United Church of Canada. My term began July 1, 2022. I hope to see you in person in the near future and share good news of Emmanuel College with you and hear good news of this region's wonderful ministry.

### Faculty Compliment and Faculty on the Road

Some good news from Emmanuel College is that we have embarked on three new faculty searches. One in United Church of Canada studies (tenure track) another in Spiritual Care and Practical Theology (tenure track), and the other in Buddhist Spiritual Care and Counselling (teaching stream). These searches are complete and by the time of your meeting should be announced. These faculty complements will enable us to cultivate students to become conscious and compassionate scholars and equip them to become competent and committed leaders in the United Church and beyond.

The current faculty is keen to go out into different communities of faith, promote Emmanuel and share their scholarship and wisdom. Andrew Aitchison as Admissions Counsellor and Recruitment Coordinator will be a liaison connecting faculty with communities. Please let him know if your communities want to invite our Christian, Muslim or Buddhist faculty. That would be so wonderful.

### Back in Person: Buzzing with Joy and in Gratitude

Emmanuel College was back in person after two long and challenging pandemic years online. We had a heart-warming in person orientation with close to 100 new and "returning" students who had never been to the college. We held a special fall graduation celebration for those who convocated online in 2020 and 2021.

Spiritual and religious practices on Wednesday are alive and well and were offered Monday through Thursday with the leadership of Spiritual and Community Life Coordinator, Beth Ann Fisher, through the leadership of our first ever Interfaith student Spiritual Life team who is taking a year-long course "worship and ritual leadership practicum" with instructor, the Rev. Dr. David Kim-Cragg.

### Hybrid Master of Divinity Program

Building on our experience of remote delivery throughout the pandemic, our Master of Divinity program has been approved by the University of Toronto to be offered in a hybrid mode of delivery. This means that up to two thirds of the degree can be done online. We are excited as we hope this will reach more prospective students outside of the Greater Toronto Area.

### All Members of EM Re-Connected and Networking

One of my priorities as principal is to re-connect all members of the College as we emerge from many years apart. We are anticipating many wonderful anniversary celebrations and reunions with

the UCC's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025 and EM's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2028, so keep an eye out for our various events to celebrate these historical milestones.

### Gardening Project

Another goal I am focusing on as principal is the land on which we are located. Concurring with Victoria University's strategic framework on sustainability, and commitment to right relations with Indigenous communities which is laid out in the EM strategic plan, I am seeking to create a garden with the participation of the Indigenous community and to remove the lawn grass from our courtyards. This idea has generating some excitement and we received a starting grant from the United Church Foundation's Seeds of Hope to get us started! So please stay tuned and feel free to share your ideas and spread the news. it is my hope that the courtyard where the crucified woman statue is standing will be dug up next spring!

### Financial Support

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. program 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. For more information about studying at Emmanuel College and about the financial support available for all Emmanuel programs, whether one is studying full-time or part-time, please contact Andrew Aitchison, [emmanuel.admissions@utoronto.ca](mailto: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 (CRIC). This coming academic year will feature again "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. 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 please contact Shawn Kazubowski-Houston: [ec.events@utoronto.ca](mailto:ec.events@utoronto.ca).

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