

## The Schedule

### **Monday, October 18th**

- 1:00–2:30 Registration
- 2:30–2:45 Welcome and Announcements
- 2:45–3:15 Worship
- 3:15–4:45 Rev. Alison Miculan - 1st Lecture
- 4:45–5:30 Break
- 5:30–7:00 Dinner provided in Church Hall
- 7:00–??? Free Evening

### **Tuesday, October 19th**

- 8:45–9:00 Worship
- 9:00– 10:30 Rev. Dr. Christine Jerrett - 1st Lecture
- 10:30–11:00 Break
- 11:00–12:30 Workshop One
- 12:30–1:30 Lunch provided in Church Hall
- 1:30–3:00 Workshop Two
- 3:00–3:30 Break
- 3:30–5:00 Rev. Dr. Christine Jerrett - 2nd Lecture
- 5:00–7:30 Dinner on your own
- 7:30–9:00 Rev. Alison Miculan - 2nd Lecture

### **Wednesday, October 20th**

- 9:00–10:30 Rev. Alison Miculan - 3rd Lecture
- 10:30–11:15 Closing Worship

## The Location

The in-person Conference will be held at:

**Crossroads United Church**

**690 Sir John A. MacDonald Blvd,  
Kingston, ON K7M 1A2**



# Pathways Toward Regeneration

## Annual Theology Conference

October 18th–20th, 2021

In Person and  
Livestreamed

Sponsored by:

**The Queen's Theology Alumni/ae Association  
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# Theme Speakers



Alison  
Miculan



**Alison Roberts Miculan** grew up in The United Church of Canada from the time she immigrated to Canada in 1967. Alison's first career was lecturing in ethics and human rights at several universities in Southern Ontario and Newfoundland.

Alison increasingly felt the call to ministry and, particularly, to growing and strengthening the church. She began her ministry career as a Youth Minister during which time she received her call to Congregational/Ordained Ministry.

Alison is a graduate of the Atlantic School of Theology where her graduate research focused on congregational growth. At the time of writing she is the minister of Copetown United Church.

## Alison's Lecture Topics:

- 1) **"So you want to grow a church"**  
An overview of the original research on growing churches presented in Alison's graduate research and Broadview magazine - with some extra tidbits not included in the article.
- 2) **"Where do we go from here?"**  
A practical guide to strengthening and growing churches.
- 3) **"An invitational worship experience"**  
A "hands-on" example of invitational ministry.



## Christine's Lecture Topics:

### Summary of Theme

The Holy Spirit is on the move, renewing our culture and our churches. We are being led (sometimes pushed!) down surprising new roads.

We are part of a story about shaping communities in life-giving ways, where all people — the neighbour, the stranger, the vulnerable ones — are included.

Lecture #1: **"When the Spirit Says 'Move'"**

Lecture #2: **"News from the Margins"**

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Christine  
Jerrett



**The Rev. Dr. Christine Jerrett** was ordained in 1982, and has worked with a variety of congregations, most of them facing a time of transition and change.

Her D. Min. focused on culture and congregational change. She worked with EDGE, animating congregational development in rural and small town churches and coordinating EDGE's ministry renewal coaches.

She currently serves Shiloh Inwood United Church in a part-time appointment, and is the Director of Canadian Shield Region's online training course for Licenced Lay Worship Leaders.

# This Year's Workshops



When you register, you will be asked to indicate your three preferred workshops, of which you will be able to attend two.



## A. The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott: Lean On Me

The pandemic has made clear something known for a long time – ministry personnel can't do everything we're called to, by ourselves. This workshop will explore ways of building ministerial support communities - of growing "collegial caring."

**Richard Bott** is the Moderator of The United Church of Canada. Prior to this ministry, he served with communities of faith in rural Ontario and urban BC, in both solo and team settings. He has long had a keen interest in finding ways of faithfully responding to the lived stress of clergy.



## B. Dr. Marguerite Van Die: Remembering Forward ~ Canadian Methodism as a source for congregational renewal in a post-Christian society.

Using stories of lived religion, the first part of the workshop will look at four aspects of John Wesley's thought as practiced by Canadian Methodists in pioneer conditions and later as part of the country's religious establishment: spirituality as experience of the sacred; the class meeting as a form of spiritual and ethical accountability; a concern for social justice; and finally, openness to working with other faith traditions. In the second part of the workshop we will explore ways to translate and re-imagine these four aspects into our own context. Here we draw on your experience, insight and hopes for the future.

**Dr. Marguerite Van Die** held a joint appointment in Queen's Theological College and the History Department at Queen's University from which she retired in 2011. She has published and lectured extensively on aspects of Methodism in nineteenth-century Canada. In her final years she coordinated a course on evangelism and church renewal where clergy and laypeople shared innovative approaches.



## C. Rev. Dr. Greg Brawn: Championing God's Blessings

This workshop will focus on how ministers and lay people can effectively communicate God's blessings both inside and outside the congregation, resulting in many types of growth. Byron United Church in London, Ontario is an example of a congregation with increasing attendance, membership, finances, volunteers, community service, and refugee sponsorships as God's blessings are being championed effectively.

**Rev. Dr. Greg Brawn** graduated from Queen's Theological College and was ordained in 1998. He has ministered in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Ontario. Greg has a D.Min. in Preaching and he's passionate about building communities of holy joy, faith, and love. He has ministered in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Ontario.



## D. Rev. Evan Smith: Placing the Gospel in the Centre of the Sacred Circle

Come and join **Rev. Evan Swance-Smith** for an exploration of how Indigenous Christians are able to live into the fullness of the gospel by following Traditional and Biblical teachings.

**Rev. Evan Smith** has been the minister at Toronto Urban Native Ministry for seven years. Working with some of Toronto's most marginalised people, Evan is constantly striving to redefine evangelism, decolonise Christian community and walks alongside people on their spiritual journeys always advocating for the oppressed.



# Payment and Registration



## Fees for those attending in-person:

- \$225 For registrations received by September 24
- \$275 For registrations received after September 24
- \$50 for Theology Students

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There will be a \$75 Cancellation fee for an in-person registration that is cancelled after October 5th, to cover costs associated with meals and breaks.

## Fees for those registering for on line participation:

- Online Lectures are \$25 each and Online Workshops are \$15 each, to a maximum of \$100 for any combination of Online Lectures and Workshops
- Theology students participating Online: 50% discount for each lecture or workshop to a maximum of \$50 for any combination of Online Lectures and Workshops

**Persons wishing to attend who are experiencing financial hardship should contact the Registrar**

You may pay for the conference using either a credit card (via PayPal) or a cheque.

**Registration and payment is being handled online by United-In-Learning.**

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where you will be able to indicate your preferences for workshops and any special meal requirements you might have.

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## Any Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact our registrar, Rev. Lynne Gardiner.

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# Accommodation



The **Thriftlodge Kingston** has offered us a conference rate of \$99+tax per night. This includes continental buffet breakfast, free Wi-Fi and parking.

If you wish to stay there, you must book by **September 19th** to get the special rate.

**When booking, you must use code "101821UNI".**

The Thriftlodge is located at 1187 Princess Street, about a 15 minute walk to Crossroads United Church.

