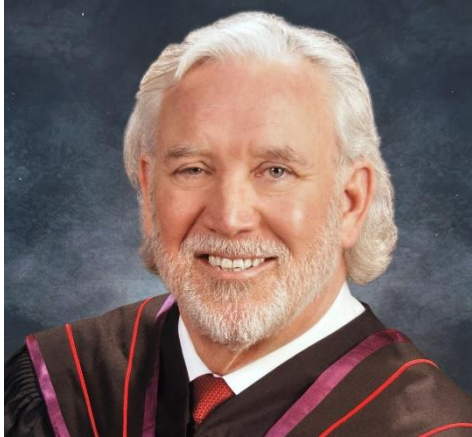
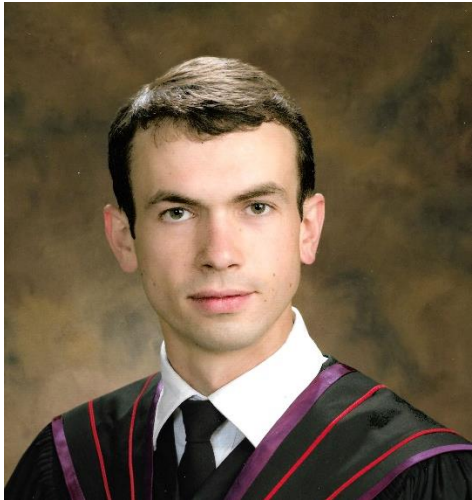


Doug Ferris, Candidate for Ordination



I first discerned a call to ministry in my teens, but meandered here indirectly through other churches, countries, and careers. Today, I am confident that God has called us together as one in celebration, hope and love. I give thanks for the guidance, support, and accompaniment that I received on the pathway to ordination, including the oversight of the QEOC Candidacy Board, and the instruction, wisdom and pastoral care offered by the teachers and staff at Emmanuel College. Also, I am grateful for the leadership of the ECORC, and for the warm welcome from Eldad and Hampton congregations. I give thanks for my Circle of Accompaniment--Stephanie, Doug and Sarah--and also to my family—Evelyn, Wilde, Elise, Travis and Kathy. Our community reminds me of the joyful congregation envisioned by the writer of Hebrews: “since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.” Together in ordination, celebration and ministry, may this calling unite us also in the Spirit and love of Christ. Amen.

Timothy Wisnicki, Candidate for Ordination



I am a lifelong worshipper in the United Church, now delighted to commit myself as an ordained minister to the mission of the UCC and the universal Church. My journey of faith began when I was baptized in a rural United Church by my grandfather, the Rev. Wendell Sedgwick. Since then, church life has always been the steady bass-line of my life, nurturing my love of music and my curiosity about God, life, and the world. I attended the University of Toronto, specialising in immunology, before discerning a call to ministry and enrolling in the M.Div. program at Emmanuel College. After divinity studies, I married my wife Elizabeth and moved to Montague, PEI, for Supervised Ministry Education. Together with our young daughter Eleanor, we now intend to stay longer in Montague as I continue my work there as a called minister.