



St. Stephen's College



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
FOUNDATION

Exploring a Century of Intersections, Images, and Ideologies in Faith and Education

May 5, 2025

9.00 **Opening**

Facilitated by Gail Allan (SSC Associate Faculty)

Lewis Cardinal (DSL '16)

9.30 **Storytelling Circles and Timeline Exercise**

Facilitated by Gail Allan (SSC Associate Faculty)

Topic: What intersections does this event represent for you? Speak of your relationship to St. Stephen's College, to the United Church, to faith and education in Alberta, or to whatever brought you here. Record key images and intersections/insights arising in your stories on sticky notes and post to a timeline.

10.30 **Break**

10.45 **Panel Discussion**

Facilitated by Jean Waters (MTS '87, DMin '96, OSSC '22)

Topic: Reflecting on the images and intersections that have shaped church, college and community over the past century, and which might lead us into the future.

Gayle Simonson (author, *Ever-Widening Circles: A History of St. Stephen's College*) –
Reflection on The United Church of Canada

Fred Tappenden (SSC Principal and Dean) – Reflection on St. Stephen's College

Catherine Faith MacLean (DD '24) – Reflection on Local Faith Communities

Discussion and Q&A

12.00 **Lunch**

Provided on site

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1.00 **Response from the Moderator of The United Church of Canada**

Facilitated by Fred Tappenden (SSC Principal and Dean)

Topic: What images and intersections would the Moderator lift up from the panel presentations, and what challenges do they represent for faith and education in the future?

Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of The United Church of Canada

Discussion and Q&A

2.00 **Break**

2.15 **Alumni and Student Panel**

Facilitated by Geoff Wilfong-Pritchard (Chair of SSC Senate, DMin '99)

Topic: What brought you to the college? What did/will you take away that has shaped your life and ministry and the communities you have been/are part of? What are the challenges for faith and education that college and church need to hear as we move into the future?

Gordon Oaks (BD '68) – Ordered Ministry and Continuing/Advanced Education

Marilyn Carroll (MTS '96) – Diaconal Ministry in The United Church of Canada

Jon Gilchrist (DMin student) – Doctor of Ministry and Public Engaged Ministry

Roger Thiessen (MPS '18) – Spiritually-Integrated Psychotherapy

Discussion and Q&A

3.30 **Closing Circle**

Facilitated by Gail Allan (SSC Associate Faculty)

Topic: What do you want to see from college and church in the next century? What gifts, wisdom, experience, and/or resources would you like to share (this could be posted at the end of the timeline).

**** Break for Dinner — Each on their own ****

7.00 **Evening with the Moderator**

Facilitated by Larry Derkach (Chair of SSC Board, LWLC '05)

Topic: As both the College and the Church move into a new century, what words of challenge and inspiration does the Moderator have for communities seeking to be diverse, courageous, hope-filled, compassionate, and globally conscious.

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