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## **Report to the Regions**

### **Fall 2020**

#### **Pandemic Response**

The Emmanuel College community has been responsive and resilient as Victoria University in the University of Toronto responds to public health concerns. With a few exceptions in the winter term, Emmanuel College courses are online this year. Internal and external events on Victoria University's campus are on hold, at least until December. Other events—such as the Christian Left Conference this summer—have shifted to online formats. Faculty have transitioned from emergency remote delivery to online pedagogies with the guidance of our new Instructional Design professor, Dr. Matthew Dougherty. The content of our courses has adapted as well, with Dr. Pamela McCarroll's new online "Pandemic Spiritual Care" summer course for students needing a curricular substitute for canceled CPE units. The Emmanuel College Library began offering curbside pickup service on September 14. Spiritual care practices, including Wednesday Chapel, are offered Monday through Thursday. Our new Spiritual and Community Life Program Manager, Dr. Sam Cavanagh, can help members of the wider community to connect. We hope you will join us!

#### **Full Tuition Grants**

The John W. Billes Grant provides 100% tuition support to all full-time domestic students registered in the Master of Divinity (MDiv) program and who are in The United Church of Canada Candidacy Pathway. The application deadline is April 30, 2021. For more information, contact Andrew Aitchison ([andrew.aitchison@utoronto.ca](mailto:andrew.aitchison@utoronto.ca)).

#### **Annual Fund Priority**

This year's Annual Fund donations will be allocated toward emergency support for students facing financial hardship due to the pandemic. International students have been particularly vulnerable. We appreciate your generosity and support.

#### **ATS Reaccreditation**

Emmanuel College is preparing to submit our self-study report for reaccreditation by the Association of Theological Schools by the end of this academic year. Under the steady leadership of Dr. Nevin Reda, we are on pace to have draft completed by the end of 2020 so that we can receive feedback from a variety of constituencies. The self-study site visit is scheduled to take place September 27-30, 2021.

## EC Connects

Over the summer, we launched a new digital platform, EC Connects. Alumni and other community members receive it via e-mail around the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month. EC Connects contains stories from “within the walls” of the College, from “outside the walls,” thought pieces, opportunities to connect for events and continuing education, and the like. For our stories from “outside the walls,” we are currently featuring one of the 2020 alumni service award winners each month. If you have a story idea for EC Connects, please share your idea with Shawn Kazubowski-Houston.

## Centre for Religion and Its Contexts

Friends of the College are welcome to propose and co-sponsor lectures, workshops, speakers, or continuing education through the Centre for Religion and Its Contexts. Contact Shawn Kazubowski-Houston for an application ([shawn.houston@utoronto.ca](mailto:shawn.houston@utoronto.ca)). Stay tuned in EC Connects for this year’s programming, and if you haven’t followed us yet on social media, please do:

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Blessings in Christ,



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