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PREACHING IN THE NEW CREATION

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Keynote Speakers:

The Rev. Dr. Lennett J. Anderson The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes Dr. Paula Gooder

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In the prayerful hope of true reconciliation and healing we acknowledge the land we are meeting on has been the site of human activity for over 15,000 years. This land is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We are grateful to live, work and worship on this land.

ROOM NAMES AND NUMBERS IN YORKMINSTER PARK

Admin Board Room **502** Sanctuary **Sanctuary** Library **301** Cameron Hall **CH** Friendship Room **302**
Red Boardroom **120** Youth Zone **508** Christ Church Deer Park **CCDP** Lounge **213**

* Events marked with an asterisk are open to the public – EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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PREACHING IN THE NEW CREATION

The current state of our world reminds us that we are still in the old creation and “subjected to futility” (Romans 8:20). On the other hand, Jesus ushers in a new kingdom saying, “I am making all things new” (Revelation 21:5). If true, what difference does it make to preaching? The new creation is not just future. Believers are themselves already “a new creation” (1 Corinthians 5:17). In Christ we have a new covenant (Hebrews 8:8-13), a new law, a new freedom, a new relationship with God, a new start, a new community, and new “good news”. We live in a new age, are promised new bodies (Romans 8:19-20) and “new heavens and a new earth” (Is. 65:17; 66:22). Our theme, ‘Preaching in the New Creation,’ has two meanings: we ‘preach-in’ the new creation by proclaiming it, and we preach amid signs of the new creation in the world. It is both present and still coming.

The Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship for 2024 focuses on new beginnings offered in the new creation. God is at work, in part to renew preaching. Our excellent speakers will address a range of related topics. Together we will rediscover the new creation that God speaks into existence: “so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11.)

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27

5:00 pm	REGISTRATION OPENS	YP Centre
7:00 pm	WORSHIP*: Paula Gooder <i>From Glory Into Glory: On Seeing and Reflecting Glory</i> (2 Corinthians 3:16-18) Liturgist: J. Peter Holmes	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	BREAK	
8:15 pm	KEYNOTE SPEAKER PANEL DISCUSSION* Lennett Anderson, Craig Barnes, Paula Gooder, and Katie Givens Kime (moderator)	Sanctuary

MONDAY OCTOBER 28

8:00 am	REGISTRATION	YP Centre
	COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS Coffee, tea and cold continental breakfast, vendor tables and displays	Gym
9:00 am	WORSHIP: Paul Scott Wilson <i>On Being God's Letters</i> (2 Corinthians 3:1-1) Liturgist: Jason Byassee	Sanctuary
9:40 am	LECTURE: Paula Gooder <i>Between the Now and the Not Yet: Living the New Creation Now</i>	Sanctuary
10:40 am	BREAK	
11:00 am	WORKSHOP SESSION ONE M. Craig Barnes: <i>Finding the Congregation in the Text</i> Casey Barton: <i>Preaching As Eschatology</i> Martha Burns and Shannon Litzenberger: <i>Speaking from the Heart (and other organs)</i> Sarah Han: <i>Coaching Listeners to Self-actualization of their Eternal Identity through Grace</i> Karoline Lewis: <i>New Creation and Preaching John's Theology of Resurrection</i> Jerome J. Washington: <i>From Ancient Scrolls to Modern Souls: Preaching from the Prophets</i>	Cameron Hall Gladstone Library Youth Zone Friendship Room Chapel Admin Boardroom
12:15 pm	LUNCH	Heritage Room
1:20 pm	LECTURE: Lennett Anderson <i>Walk this Way: An Action-Oriented Lifestyle for Equity and Dignity</i>	Cameron Hall
2:20 pm	WORKSHOP SESSION TWO Paula Gooder: <i>The Bible, Imagination and Storytelling</i> Jason Byassee: <i>Preaching in the Future Perfect Tense</i> Jeff Crittenden: <i>Pilgrimage Preaching</i> J. Peter Holmes & Sarah Travis: <i>Body and Soul: Enacting the Gospel at a Christian Funeral</i> Michael Knowles: <i>The Spirituality of Preaching</i> R.H. Thomson: <i>Searching for our Authentic Voice</i>	Cameron Hall Red Boardroom Gladstone Library Admin Boardroom Chapel Youth Zone
3:35 pm	BREAK	

SCHEDULE

3:50 pm	OPEN SESSIONS (Open to registered attendees only) Panel Discussion: <i>Sermons That Catch</i> What are the keys in casting a sermon that not only catches the attention, but also the spirit, vision and imagination of our hearers and leads to an encounter with the Living Word? Led by: Michael Knowles, Scott Hoezee, Katie Givens Kime Performance Master Class: <i>Actors' Tools for Speaking and Listening</i> Practical and enriching exercises for effective communication. Led by: Martha Burns and R.H. Thomson Preaching in the New Creation – The End is Near: Take Heart? Our cultural moment is awash with worry about the end of the world. Climate crises. Wars with nuclear-armed belligerents. Think of the images of the future in our popular culture – the plague is coming. No, aliens are coming. Something is coming to kill us. Where else will a word of hope come from, if not the church? Led by: Jason Byassee, Sarah Han, Paul Scott Wilson, and Jerome Washington	Friendship Room Cameron Hall Sanctuary
4:50 pm	WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION	CCDP
6:00 pm	DINNER	Heritage Room
7:30 pm	WORSHIP: M. Craig Barnes* <i>Preaching to the Dead</i> (Ezekiel 37:1-6) Liturgist: Paula Willis	Sanctuary

TUESDAY OCTOBER 29

8:00 am	COFFEE AND REFRESHMENT Coffee, tea and cold continental breakfast, vendor tables and displays	Gym
9:00 am	LECTURE: M. Craig Barnes: <i>Preaching in a Day of Despair</i>	Cameron Hall
10:00 am	WORKSHOP SESSION THREE Lennett Anderson: <i>From Pulpit to People: Empowering Advocacy in Community Through Preaching</i> Emily Bisset: <i>Generative Preaching</i> Scott Hoezee: <i>Preaching the Gospel of John</i> HyeRan Kim-Cragg: <i>Preaching for the Planet</i> Jennifer McKenzie: <i>Preaching with Bent Elbows: Bringing the text closer and being surprised by God</i>	Chapel Admin Boardroom Friendship Room Red Boardroom Cameron Hall
11:15 am	BREAK	
11:45 am	WORSHIP: Lennett Anderson <i>I Hear Something!</i> (1 Kings 18:41-46) Liturgist: Will Ingram	Sanctuary
AFTERNOON		
1:00 pm	LUNCH	Heritage Room
2:15 pm	FINE-TUNED PREACHING Group 1 led by Scott Hoezee and Emily Bisset Group 2 led by Sarah Han and Michael Knowles Group 3 led by Jeff Crittenden and Gail Ricciuti	Red Boardroom Admin Boardroom Friendship Room

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



LENNETT J. ANDERSON

The Rev. Dr. Lennett J. Anderson is the Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church (The Meeting Place) a growing, multigenerational community of worshippers from diverse geographic, ethnic, cultural, and denominational backgrounds. Pastor Anderson is a highly sought-after communicator and is a recognized voice at events throughout the country. He is blessed with influence that extends beyond the local church. He serves on the faculty of Acadia Divinity College as Lecturer in Leadership and Racial Justice.

Pastor Anderson is a passionate advocate for community transformation and development. His passion for community is evident through his contributions as consultant for the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, a member of the Halifax Regional Municipality Chief of Police Roundtable on Diversity and Race Relations, Past Moderator of the African United Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, an Advisory Council Member, Dalhousie University African Nova Scotian Strategy, Corporation Board Member for Promise Keepers Canada, Member of the African Nova Scotian (DPAD) Decade for People of African Decent Coalition, Regional Ambassador for Teen Challenge Atlantic Men's Centre, and as a former board member of the Nova Scotia Chapter of the Children's Wish Foundation.

A retired commissioned Officer in the Canadian Forces where he served as Unit Chaplain for HMCS Scotian, Rev. Anderson has been recognized with numerous awards including the Medal of Excellence from the Navy League of Canada, the Canadian Forces Decoration Medal, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Citizenship, the Platinum Jubilee Community Hero Award, The Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal, and an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from St. Thomas Christian College.

Maclean's magazine named Rev. Anderson as "one of five Canadian pastors who are breathing new life into their communities". In 2016 he received the ADC Alumni Distinguished Service Award for significant contributions to ministry in his community and beyond. Rev. Anderson has worked tirelessly to promote racial justice with organizations.

Lennett is married to Dr. Késa Munroe-Anderson. They have three children and live in Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia.



M. CRAIG BARNES

The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes was raised on Long Island, New York. After graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary, he received a Ph.D. in the History of Christianity from The University of Chicago.

He served as the pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Madison, WI, until 1992 when he became the pastor of The National Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C. In 2002 he became a chaired professor at Pittsburgh Seminary while also serving as the pastor of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church. In 2012 he was elected president of Princeton Theological Seminary and became the president emeritus in January 2023.

He has nine published books including *When God Interrupts*, *Pastor as Minor Poet*, and most recently *Diary of a Pastor's Soul*. He is the director of a new project of the Association of Theological Schools on "Theologies of Pastoral Ministry," funded by the Lilly Endowment.

He is married to Dawne Hess Barnes who is an interior designer. They have three fabulous children, four delightful grandchildren, and a frisbee-addicted Bearded Collie.

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PAULA GOODER

Dr. Paula Gooder is a speaker and writer on the Bible, particularly on the New Testament. She began her working life, teaching for twelve years in ministerial formation first at Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford and then at the Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education in Birmingham. Following this she spent eight years as a speaker and writer in biblical studies travelling the country and seeking to communicate the best of biblical scholarship in as accessible a way as possible; after that she spent six years working for the Bible Society as their Theologian in Residence and then for the Birmingham Diocese as their Director of Mission Learning and Development. She is currently the Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral in London. Her engagement in wider church life led her to be a member of the General Synod of the Church of England (2005-2015) and as a part of that to be a member of the Women in Episcopacy drafting group and steering committee (2006-2014). She is passionate about ecumenism and is a current member of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC III, 2011-present day). She has a strong vocation to lay ministry and is a Reader in the Church of England.

SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER



PAUL SCOTT WILSON

The Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship is delighted to announce that Paul Scott Wilson will preach the opening sermon at LRPF 2024.

Paul Wilson has influenced two generations of preachers through his years of teaching, mentoring, and preaching. In particular his book, *The Four Pages of the Sermon*, first published twenty-five years ago, transformed the focus of sermon preparation and preaching across North America and well beyond. In many places and for many people it contains the most important elements of the preacher's task. This will be the third time Paul has been featured as a Lester Randall preacher.

His wisdom and grace are always a blessing.

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CASEY BARTON

The Rev. Dr. Casey Barton serves as Assistant Faculty and Director of the Pastoral Ministry Program at Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary and Graduate School, in Lancaster, PA. He is Ordained to Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Covenant Church and, before joining the faculty of LBC|Capital in 2022, served in various roles in pastoral ministry in Mississauga, ON, San Jose, CA, and Hilmar, CA. He is the author of *Preaching Through Time: Anachronism as a Way Forward for Preaching* (Cascade, 2017), and various articles focused on preaching hope and lament, preaching and eschatology, and preaching with courage. Mostly, Casey

enjoys spending time with his wife Sarah and two sons, Eugene and Theo, snowboarding, riding bikes and kayaking. He also enjoys loudly rooting for the Red Sox, especially against the Yankees.

A California native, Casey attended college at Briercrest College; then Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (MDiv, ThM: Homiletics); earned an MTh in Practical Theology (Homiletics) at New College, University of Edinburgh, Scotland; and a PhD in Homiletics from Emmanuel College of Victoria University, in The University of Toronto, in 2010.



EMILY BISSET

Emily Bisset is a graduate of Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. She received her Master of Divinity (M.Div) degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and was ordained in the PC(USA) in March 2000. After serving at North Shenango Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania, she came to Toronto to pursue her Doctorate of Theology (Th.D.) in homiletics (preaching). She served Knox (Oshawa) Presbyterian Church as their minister for 5 years before coming to Calvin Presbyterian Church in 2012. Emily teaches preaching at Knox College (Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto). She leads workshops

and preaches for national events in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, such as the Canada Youth Conference, as well as more local events, retreats, and seminars. She is married to the Rev. Alex Bisset.



MARTHA BURNS

Martha Burns has been an ensemble member and leading actor of the Vancouver Playhouse, National Arts Center, Shaw Festival, Stratford Festival and Souleppper theatre companies.

She is the recipient of two Gemini awards for the series, Slings and Arrows, two Genie supporting actor awards for the films Long Days Journey Into Night and Love and Savagery and two Dora Mavor Moore Awards for the plays Trafford Tanzi and The Miracle Worker. She received the 2005 Barbara Hamilton Award for excellence and professionalism in the performing arts and the 2016 Leslie Yeo

prize for volunteerism. A current project is Practice Rooms, which provide space and time for multi-generational artists to share knowledge, build projects and create community.

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JASON BYASSEE

The Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee is the Senior Minister of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church in Toronto, Ontario. He previously served as the Professor of Homiletics and Biblical Hermeneutics at the Vancouver School of Theology. His primary vocation is to reinvigorate today's church with the best of ancient and contemporary wisdom for creatively faithful living.

Jason is the author or editor of a number of books, including, most recently, *Northern Lights: Resurrecting Church in the North of England*, with Ross Lockhart, *Better than Brunch: Missional Churches in Cascadia* (both with Cascade) and

Surprised by Jesus Again (Eerdmans).

He was previously Senior Pastor of Boone United Methodist Church in Boone, North Carolina. He has also served as Pastor of a small, rural congregation in NC, as Interim Preacher at First Baptist Vancouver, and as Preacher to the English-speaking congregation at Chinese Presbyterian in Vancouver. He is married to Jaylynn and together they have three boys.



JEFF CRITTENDEN

The Rev. Dr. Jeff Crittenden has served in congregational ministry for over thirty years throughout Canada (ON, QUE, NB, AB, NFLD). Jeff holds Doctoral degrees in Theology (PhD) and Homiletics (DMin). He is an Assistant Professor in Practical Theology at Huron University (Western); the Founding Director of CPT (The Centre for Practical Theology) and the author of *'Leisure Resurrected'*.



SARAH HAN

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Han is Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Director of the Tyndale Centre for Pastoral Imagination at Tyndale University Seminary and brings practical ministry experience as an ordained minister and theological expertise as an academic. Dr. Han considers herself to be “third culture” Canadian-Korean-Chinese and her formative theology was shaped on the mission field abroad. She has provided leadership in the Canadian immigrant church context for over a decade and has diverse experience in the Canadian public and private sectors. Dr. Han's vocational commitment and theological passion are to critically

observe and reflect on how ecclesiology shapes and informs missiology and her research focuses on an intercultural, intergenerational, missional ecclesiology for Canada.

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J. PETER HOLMES

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes has served on the ministry team of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church in Toronto since 1995 and as the Minister of the Congregation since 2001. Peter was raised and educated in Victoria, B.C. and holds degrees from the University of Victoria, Wycliffe College (U. of T.), and Acadia Divinity College (Acadia University). Peter's D.Min. thesis work was in the area of preaching at funerals and was done under the supervision of Dr. Paul Scott Wilson. Peter has contributed to two recent series of commentaries, *Feasting on the Word*, and, *Feasting on the Gospels*. He has also been published in Joel C. Gregory's, *Baptist Preaching, A Global Anthology*, and contributes a weekly entry to *Walking Together*, Yorkminster Park's weekday online devotional.



SCOTT HOEZEE

The Rev. Scott E. Hoezee is an ordained Pastor in the Christian Reformed Church in North America and has served two congregations. He was the Pastor of Second Christian Reformed Church in Fremont, Michigan, from 1990-1993. Then from 1993-2005 he was the Minister of Preaching and Administration at Calvin CRC in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In the spring of 2005 Scott accepted the Seminary's offer to become the first Director of the Center for Excellence in Preaching. He has also been a member of the Pastor-Theologian Program sponsored by the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, New Jersey, where he was pastor-in-residence in the fall of 2000. From 2001-2011 Scott served on the editorial board of *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought* and was co-editor of that journal from 2005-2011. He blogs regularly for *The Reformed Journal* and along with Darrell Delaney is the co-host of the Groundwork radio and podcast program from ReFrame Ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Rev. Hoezee is the author of several books including *The Riddle of Grace* (1996), *Flourishing in the Land* (1996), *Remember Creation* (1998), *Speaking as One: A Look at the Ecumenical Creeds* (1997), *Speaking of Comfort: A Look at the Heidelberg Catechism* (1998), *Proclaim the Wonder: Preaching Science on Sunday* (2003), *Grace Through Every Generation* (2007), *Actuality: Real Life Stories for Sermons That Matter* (2014), and *Why We Listen To Sermons* (2018).



HYERAN KIM-CRAGG

The Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg is the 14th Principal of Emmanuel College and Timothy Eaton Memorial Church Professor of Preaching. She is the first racialized person to be appointed as principal and achieve full professorship in Emmanuel's history.

She has published 15 monographs and numerous articles. The most recent and the first of its kind published work is on the United Church Preaching, entitled, *Moments in Time: Sermons in the UCC, 1910-2020*. This book will be out as a UCC centennial celebration in 2025.

Her current research is on ecological preaching. Kim-Cragg presented her research at the Engle Institute of Peaching at Princeton Theological Seminary as the keynote speaker.

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KATIE GIVENS KIME

The Rev. Dr. Katie Givens Kime is President and Executive Producer, Alliance for Christian Media, and Host of “Day1”. Katie leads ACM and Day1 after years of collaborations at the intersection of faith, media and the public square. Katie first joined ACM in 2022 as grant writer, then director of the 4-year project funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc.’s Compelling Preaching Initiative, then as Interim Executive Director in 2023. Previously, as the Director of Religion and Civic Engagement for the faith-based media non-profit Odyssey Impact (2018-22),

Katie envisioned, launched, and obtained external funding for the international Odyssey Fellows Program, equipping faith leaders with new media skills. She holds a M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary (NYC) and a Ph.D. from Emory University and was a member of the Post-Doctoral Teaching and Research Faculty at the Universität Bern in Switzerland in 2017-18, and served as the Associate Pastor for Mission, Adult Education and Young Adults at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Ga., for six years. Before that, Katie worked at Marble Collegiate Church and at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, both in New York City.

Katie and her husband and daughter live in Edinburgh, Scotland.



KAROLINE LEWIS

The Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis is a theologian, speaker, teacher, scholar, author, and preacher. She answered a calling to pursue theology, preaching, and teaching 25 years ago. Her experiences ignited a passion to empower leaders in the church to find fulfillment in their calling, too. The heart of her work is helping church leaders realize or rediscover their true voices and joyfully embody their roles as spiritual leaders. She offers personalized consulting and coaching toward a deeper grounding in theology and practice to enhance preaching and leadership skills. Karoline is committed to advocacy, accompaniment, and affirmation for leaders who seek to

lead others with compassion, integrity, and confidence. Karoline is the Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, where she has taught since 2007.



MICHAEL KNOWLES

The Rev. Dr. Michael Knowles is a graduate of Wycliffe College and the Toronto School of Theology. Dr. Knowles retired in 2024 from the George Franklin Hurlburt Chair of Preaching at McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Ontario, where he now serves as Professor Emeritus. His most recent book-length study, *Third Voice: Preaching Resurrection* (2021) addresses the spirituality of preaching in light of Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. Dr. Knowles is ordained within the Anglican Church of Canada.

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SHANNON LITZENBERGER

An experienced artist facilitator, Shannon Litzenberger designs and animates workshops on movement, creation, collaboration, and leadership within artistic, educational and organizational settings. She draws from her 25+ years of experience in dance, physical theatre and interdisciplinary creation to engage participants in co-creative experiences centered in embodied and experiential learning. Her workshops typically offer experiences that enhance sensory attention, expand imagination, cultivate empathy, and strengthen our ability to relate, collaborate and create things together. She has worked with all kinds of people, high school students to corporate executives, software designers and bankers, PhD Scholars and cultural leaders.

“Connecting people and communities to opportunities for creative engagement with the world is an essential part of my role as an artist. Whether through a shared performance experience, participation in interactive experiences or through collective creation, I’m deeply invested in building connections between people through art, imagination and poetic expression.” – Shannon Litzenberger



JENNIFER MCKENZIE

The Venerable Jennifer McKenzie, a 2004 graduate of VTS, has been a priest in The Episcopal Church since 2005. As a parish administrator and lay youth worker in the 1990’s she served churches in California and Virginia. As seminarian, transitional deacon and priest, she served churches in Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia. In 2015 she was collated as Archdeacon of Wigan & West Lancashire, a senior cleric in the Liverpool diocese (UK), where she oversaw the mission and ministry of 60 parish churches and missions and was a Canon at Liverpool Cathedral. She returned to the US permanently in 2021 and is serving part time as Dean’s Advisor for New Initiatives at Virginia Seminary and is the founder of Church Re-Imagined, LLC, a church

consulting firm that works to transform churches and strengthen leaders.

Jennifer’s husband Ken serves on the vestry of All Saints in Sunderland, MD. They are the parents of three young adults, and two giant Leonberger dogs.



GAIL RICCIUTI

Rev. Gail Ricciuti (Presbyterian Church USA) is Professor Emerita at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, where she taught preaching and practical theology for 23 years. During the 25 years preceding her teaching career, she and her husband (the Rev. Anthony Ricciuti) pioneered the field of co-pastoring in Byron, New York and at the Downtown United Presbyterian Church in Rochester. A native of the Pacific Northwest, she earned degrees from the University of Puget Sound and Princeton Theological Seminary, with an honorary Doctor of Divinity conferred by Keuka College. She co-authored the two-volume *Birthings and Blessings: Liberating Worship Services for the Inclusive Church*.

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R. H. THOMSON

Canadian stage and screen actor R.H. Thomson was awarded the Governor General's Performing Arts Award and is a Member of the Order of Canada. He has appeared in theatres across Canada and has filmed in Canada, the US, Greece and the Czech Republic. He has earned multiple awards for his work as an actor. He directed the award-winning production of *The Crucible* at Theatre Calgary and performed in *The Message* by Jason Sherman and *This Was The World* by Ellie Moon, both directed by Richard Rose at the Tarragon Theatre Toronto. He played Matthew Cuthbert in the CBC/NETFLIX series *Anne With An E* for which he received two Canadian Screen Awards. As well as being an advocate for the arts,

Mr. Thomson has worked on many history/education/arts projects. He has built *The World Remembers-Le Monde Se Souvient*, an international WWI names Commemoration exhibit with twenty-one participating nations, that is now installed at the Canadian War Museum – www.theworldremembers.org.



SARAH TRAVIS

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Travis is Associate Professor, Ewart Chair in the Practice of Ministry and Faith Formation at Knox College, University of Toronto. She has written several books including *Decolonizing Preaching: The Pulpit as Postcolonial Space*; *Metamorphosis: Preaching after Christendom*; *Unspeakable: Preaching and Trauma-Informed Theology*; and *Unsettling Worship: Reforming Liturgy for Right Relations with Indigenous Peoples*. Sarah is passionate about training lay and ordained people to preach in a rapidly changing world.



JEROME J. WASHINGTON

The Rev. Dr. Jerome J. Washington is Pastor of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Durham, NC. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor at Apex School of Theology, Durham, NC. He has done postdoctoral studies at Christ Church College of the University of Oxford and Harvard Divinity School. Dr. Washington is an inductee into the Martin Luther King, Jr. College of Ministers and Laity at Morehouse College.

Dr. Washington's sermons and articles have appeared both in print and online in numerous journals including the journal *African American Pulpit*. Prior to becoming a minister, Reverend Washington performed as a classical singer

throughout the United States and Europe.

He serves as a board member of the Durham Anti-Gang Commission. He has one daughter, Janel Valerie and a grandson, Avery Lee.

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For twenty-five years some of the finest preachers and teachers of the Word were among the LRPF Fellows. In 2012, the organizing committee determined that it was time to reformat the event to better meet the changing needs of ordained clergy and the Church they serve.

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Sunday, October 26 – Tuesday, October 28