



St. Andrew's Hall Annual Report 2021-22



St. Andrew's Hall, the Presbyterian Church in Canada college at the University of British Columbia, is located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the x̱məθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam) people.

Dear Friends of St. Andrew's Hall



"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord,
'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29: 11

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I pray that this Annual Report finds you well and thriving in your work and witness for the gospel in church and community. There is so much to give God thanks for at the end of this 2021-2022 school year. In the pages ahead you will read of the impactful ministries of St. Andrew's Hall and see how your support is helping to equip a new generation of Christian leaders to join God in blessing and mending the world.

The Board of St. Andrew's Hall met three times this past year (two in-person and one online) to continue its guidance of the strategic framework for our college, including faithful stewardship of our resources. Our vision is that St. Andrew's Hall is called to discern and equip the

future church that God is bringing. Our mission is that St. Andrew's Hall educates and equips missional leaders through teaching, hospitality, and witness for Christ's church of tomorrow, today. We are leaning into this calling through our thriving partnership with Vancouver School of Theology where people are being prepared for service in the church and academy through excellence in theological scholarship. SAH is impacting the church in profound ways through the Centre for Missional Leadership where laypeople, elders and ministers are being equipped for effective witness and service in a post-Christendom Canada. Through our chaplaincy, housing, and facilities ministries, SAH is offering Christian hospitality and evangelism to a

diverse, global student body here at The University of British Columbia. Your faithful support through prayers, encouragement and financial giving have helped us achieve so much this year. Thank you for being a part of the St. Andrew's Hall community! I look forward to your ongoing support as we continue to discern and lean into God's plans for us to prosper in the years ahead.

Grace and peace,

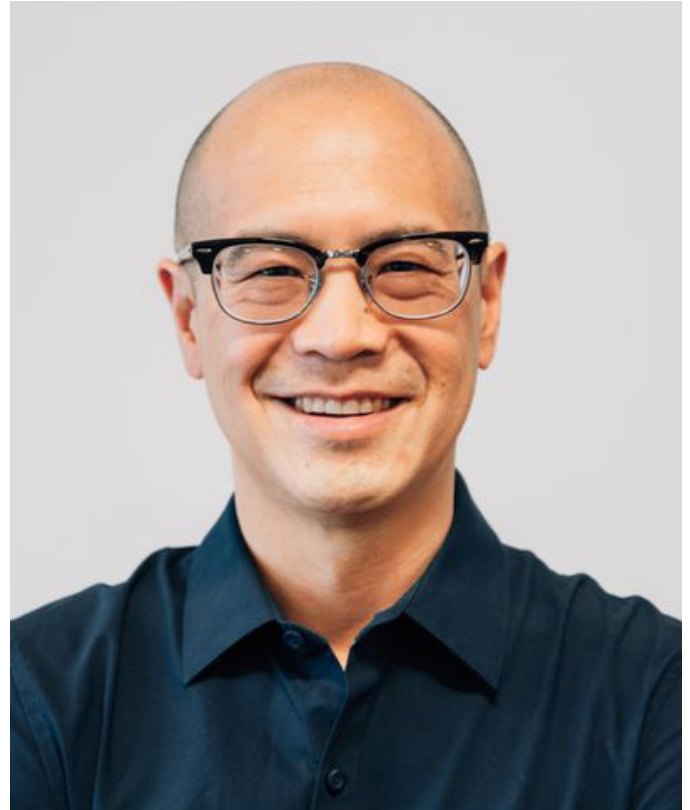
*The Rev. Dr. Ross A. Lockhart
Dean of St. Andrew's Hall*

1. Theological Education

St. Andrew's Hall exercises its provincial charter to grant degrees in theology through Vancouver School of Theology. We are thankful for the ongoing flourishing of VST and its commitment to educate and form thoughtful, engaged, and generous Christian leaders. St. Andrew's Hall cares for both Presbyterian Church in Canada students and many of the international Reformed students who come to VST for their degree work and find a place of welcome through our Tuesday chapel services, community events, pastoral care and connection to local churches. This past term there were forty-four Presbyterian students at VST under the care of St. Andrew's Hall. Thirty Presbyterian students are Presbyterian Church in Canada, with the rest being a mix of Presbyterian students from Indonesia, South Korea, Brazil, India, and the USA. The students are enrolled in a variety of degree programs with twelve of them in the Master of Divinity program, while the rest are in a variety of graduate programs such as MAPPL or ThM. SAH has three Professors seconded to VST – Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart, Professor of Mission Studies, Rev. Dr. Richard Topping, President and Professor of Studies in the Reformed Tradition and Rev. Rebecca Simpson, Director of Denominational (Presbyterian) Formation. We are especially proud of our VST Presbyterian graduates this year, who you can read more about starting on page 9 of this report.



2. Centre for Missional Leadership



A New Director for the Centre for Missional Leadership (CML)

Rev. Albert Chu began as the new Director of CML on January 1, 2022 and has already made a great impact on the ministry of equipping leaders in congregations across Canada. Rev. Chu is the founding pastor of Tapestry Church, a multi-campus church in the Reformed tradition of over 1200 people located in the Lower Mainland. He is a gifted interpreter of gospel and culture, a proven church planter with a desire to equip disciples for ministry, a mentor and recognized leader within the Church in Vancouver, and a trusted colleague and friend of St. Andrew's Hall. Albert brings his experience of working in a diverse and growing expression of Christian community and a strong desire to help the church impact their local community with the transformative good news of Jesus Christ. As Director, Albert provides leadership, oversight and direction for the ministry experiments and programs of CML at St. Andrew's Hall. CML equips missional leaders to enable the flourishing of Christian communities faithfully witnessing to God's mission in the world.

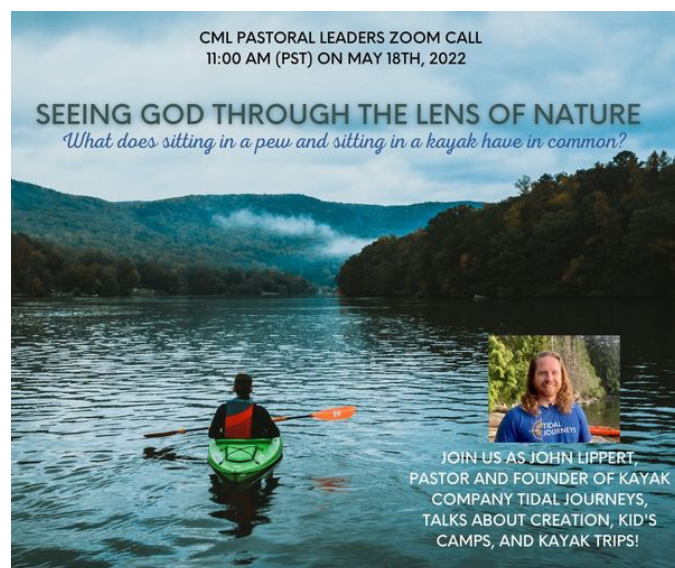


Missional Certificate Program

This past year our Missional Certificate program cohorts put their learning into practice with local experiments. The new CML certificate has been a great success with over one hundred participants coast-to-coast representing congregational cohorts in a variety of Christian traditions. CML Program associate Rev. Dr. Tim Dickau is already hard at work preparing for a new intake of participants in September 2022.

Pastoral Leader Zoom Calls

For over two years now CML has offered monthly pastoral leader zoom calls to connect ministers and elders across the country for a time of prayer, mutual support and education on a variety of missional topics. This past year, participants engaged truth and reconciliation, refugee support, music in Advent, Creation Care, small group ministries, and more. It is encouraging to hear feedback from participants about how not only the content has blessed their leadership as Teaching and Ruling Elders, but also how the online community has sustained and encouraged them in challenging moments throughout the pandemic.



Cyclical Vancouver

CML continues to be a leader in the Presbyterian Church in Canada regarding church planting through our investment in Cyclical Vancouver, led by CML Associate Andrea Perrett. When Andrea was on parental leave, Rev. Lydia Bae did a terrific job of caring for the network of church planter discerners and starters. Cyclical Vancouver connects with those discerning new ministries, hosts monthly Zoom gatherings, and connects with colleagues in Cyclical PCC and Cyclical Inc.

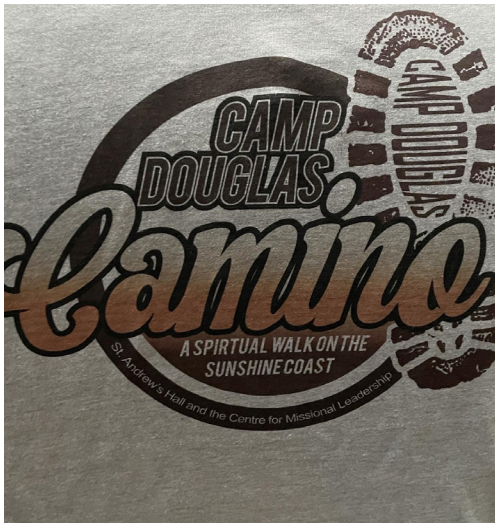
Creating Conversations

The CML team partnered with “Church for Vancouver” online magazine to write a regular column on relevant and topical missional questions for Christians in British Columbia. Columns addressed issues as wide ranging as the sacraments to hospitality to homelessness to medical assistance in dying. You can read all the articles here: <https://churchforvancouver.ca/tag/creating-conversation/>

The Art of Transitional Ministry Course

In May 2022, CML was delighted to host a weeklong course for Presbyterian Church in Canada ministers to learn the skills for interim or transitional ministry. Former PC-USA minister Rev. Mitch Coggin was the main instructor, drawing on many years’ experience teaching transitional ministry in the United States. Mitch now serves as the transitional minister at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Victoria, BC. We had minister and elder participants, both in person and online, from Presbyterian churches across Canada from Nova Scotia to British Columbia.





Camp Douglas Camino

This summer CML helped sponsor and organize a second Camp Douglas Camino walk across the Sunshine Coast. On Saturday August 7, 2021, a group of intrepid pilgrims walked on the ferry in Horseshoe Bay and journeyed over 20 kilometres on quiet roads and rocky beaches to Robert's Creek. Along the way we stopped for Scripture reading, prayer, preaching and reflection questions. It was a terrific day of Christian formation and fundraising for our local Presbyterian camp.



A Retreat Day for Pastors

In March 2022, CML hosted its first retreat for clergy entitled Pastor's Day: Recovering Energy and Imagination through a Season of Transitions. It was a full-day hybrid event in which a panel of pastors from the Vancouver area shared their experience during this season of Covid. We also welcomed guest speaker, author and pastor Preston Pouteaux from Chestermere, Alberta, who spoke on the missional concept of "neighbouring."



Affordable Housing

In April 2022, the CML team hosted a wonderful hybrid gathering of church leaders to explore the possibilities for affordable housing ministries. Guest speakers, including a panel of civic politicians, urban planners, and pastors with track records of developing affordable housing in the lower mainland inspired and encouraged those in attendance to take faithful steps towards providing affordable housing in local communities.

Christian Social Enterprise

In March 2022, CML hosted another full-day hybrid event in which we focused on how churches can begin social enterprise ministries for the benefit of those with barriers to employment as well as for the larger community. There were a variety of local Christian enterprise speakers to inspire and encourage similar missional experiments



CML Pastor in residence

This past year CML hosted its first ever “Pastor in residence.” We welcomed Rev. Barbara Pilozow, a SAH/VST alum and current clerk of Winnipeg Presbytery. Barbara met with our Presbyterian students, visited classes, and preached in Tuesday chapel. It was a joy having Barbara with us to share her pastoral wisdom with students.



3. Chaplaincy, Housing, Finance and Facilities

The Lord blessed us this past year with a return to full capacity in our residence after a challenging start to the pandemic. Throughout the year, our chaplain Rev. Sumarne Goble offered tremendous support to our residents and Presbyterian students as they navigate these uncertain times and wrestle with the stress of their studies. In addition to leading our Tuesday chapel service, Sumarne offered bible studies for residents, evening prayer once a week and the Sanctuary Mental Health ministry's course for residents. Mihye Park and the housing team worked hard over the last year to help create a warm, hospitable, Christian environment for those who called St. Andrew's Hall home during their course of study. Val Kerekes in the finance office worked diligently throughout the year ensuring that our ministry remained in good financial shape, and we are grateful to God for ending last year with a modest surplus. Meanwhile in the facilities department, Christopher Orr continued to advance the Board's strategic plan with ongoing renovations and improvements to our physical plant. Throughout the year during our work together in chaplaincy, housing, finance and facilities, the safety of our staff and residents has been front of mind with a clear Covid-19 protocol plan in place.



4. Camp Douglas Retreat

Professor Rebecca Simpson organized an end of term retreat for our Presbyterian students on the Sunshine Coast at Camp Douglas. The three-day event was a time to reflect on the past school year, spend time in prayer and delight in the beauty of God's creation while discerning future vocational goals.

Grads for 2022

At St. Andrew's Hall we celebrate with the following Presbyterian graduates from Vancouver School of Theology. May God bless them richly in their next, most faithful step of discipleship and leadership in Christ's church.



Chelsey Joudrie – *Certificate in Theological Studies*

Chelsey is currently working at a Presbyterian Church in Canada congregation in the Maritimes and her studies in VST's Certificate in Theological Studies helped explore understandings on vocation. Chelsey writes, "I feel so blessed in both my learning and in the friendships made at VST in my past two years of study. I am excited to continue learning and growing in my faith and in my role at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Halifax, as a Lay Youth and Outreach Minister."



Jamie Anderson-Reid – *Diploma in Denominational (Presbyterian) Studies*

Jamie Anderson-Reid is an active member of St. Andrew's/St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church in North Vancouver. She has been learning more about Reformed theology and Presbyterian polity/practice throughout her diploma studies at VST. Jamie wrote, "The best part of my theological education experience at VST has been journeying with fellow students from all over the world, learning from their different cultural backgrounds and perspectives." When asked what comes next in discipleship, Jamie responded, "I can't wait to see where my Heavenly Father leads me next!"



Nathaniel Hartley – *Diploma in Denominational (Presbyterian) Studies*

Nate Hartley is a Certified Candidate from Westminster Presbytery and a student enrolled in the Joint VST/Regent College Master of Divinity program. Nate has lived at St. Andrew's Hall with a housing bursary for part of his studies and has also worked on the ministry team at Fairview Presbyterian Church. He is completing his Master of Divinity at Regent College this summer and, along with his DDS from VST, will soon be able to have his final interview for Certification for Ordination. Nate reflects on his time of study by writing, "The best of part of my theological education was the opportunity to pair rigorous study with experiential learning in ministry. My next steps in discipleship are to finish up my M.Div. and to discern a call into a specific ministry."



Daniel Surya – *Diploma in Denominational (Presbyterian) Studies*

Daniel Surya is originally from Indonesia where he completed his Master of Divinity and served as a chaplain in a Christian school. Daniel moved to Vancouver with his family to take further studies at VST and has been living in St. Andrew's Hall with a housing bursary throughout his time of study. Daniel has been interviewed by Education and Reception and has completed his Guidance Conference assessment and is looking forward to a called ministry in the Presbyterian Church in Canada soon. Daniel shared that the best part of his theological education here "is the integrated faith formation provided to students. My theological education shaped and prepared me not only to be smart academically and theologically, but also to be engaged relationally with all people from different cultural backgrounds and faith traditions."



Afonso Issa – *Diploma in Denominational (Presbyterian) Studies*

Afonso Issa is originally from Brazil where he worked as a medical doctor. Afonso responded to God's call to ministry by moving to Vancouver to study at VST. Afonso lives with his family at St. Andrew's Hall with the support of a SAH housing bursary and is active at both Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church and the "Around the Well" ministry on the UBC campus. Afonso is now in the Master of Divinity program and taking steps towards becoming a Certified Candidate for Ordained Ministry in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Afonso wrote that the best part of his theological education experience is the balance "in being thoughtful, taking seriously the interpretation of the Bible, generous in being welcoming to everyone, and engaged in challenging the students to apply our studies with the Church to the life of the world."



Hyeeun Noh – *Master of Arts in Theological Studies*

Hyeeun Noh brought her passion for effective children's ministry to bear on her theological studies at VST. Her Master's thesis, supervised by Dr. Lockhart, was a mixed-methods approach of studying the student-teacher relationship within Korean Presbyterian Church Sunday School programs in Canada. Hyeeun was a regular participant in Tuesday's Presbyterian Chapel service at St. Andrew's Hall and was delighted by her time at VST on the UBC campus. When asked to reflect on her theological education experience Hyeeun wrote, "I have met many Christians from different backgrounds and learned their diverse insights and perspectives, which helped strengthen my faith in God, who rules everything everywhere. Also, I learned about our Presbyterian history and tradition. It is meaningful to me because the Korean Church, where I have grown in, received the Gospel and the love of Christ from the missionaries from PCC." When asked what comes next for her discipleship, Hyeeun said, "I have been interested in Christian education for a long time. With this knowledge and grace from my studies, I will continue to work with youth groups in both a Korean and Taiwanese church in Vancouver."



Richard Knowler – *Master of Arts in Pastoral and Public Leadership*

Richard Knowler is a Ruling Elder at Fairview Presbyterian Church whose studies in the MAPPL at VST have aligned with a new vocational expression working at Union Gospel Mission in the Downtown Eastside. When asked about the highlights of his theological education, Richard wrote, "The best parts have been exchanging ideas with other students, and the support I received from the faculty and staff. Being able to work and write in the library surrounded by the atmosphere of all the theological knowledge exuding from the books. I've enjoyed chapel services hearing from different people and learning to express my thoughts theologically with the confidence that I am still learning about God and faith – and that there is so much more to learn."



Steven Shearer – *Master of Arts in Pastoral and Public Leadership*

Steven Shearer lives in Washington State and enrolled in the MAPPL at VST to explore and discern his vocation as a Christian. While exploring denominational fit, Steven found a warm welcome at Brentwood Presbyterian Church in Burnaby during his studies where he became a member of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Reflecting on his theological education, Steven wrote, "One of the most enjoyable and surprising experiences of my time living at St Andrew's Hall while enrolled in the MAPPL programme at VST was the exposure to, and fellowship with, students of such broad and varied 'faith journeys' and backgrounds. My studies primarily focused on gaining a better understanding of the Triune God - with my chosen emphasis on the Holy Spirit. SAH housed both international and Canadian students, so I was blessed with exposure to a diverse variety of denominational and cultural traditions, well beyond the scope I had expected. This made for a rich and enlightening experience, as did the time spent learning about both Indigenous Christianity and Judaism. "



Daniel Martinez – Master of Divinity

Daniel Martinez entered the Master of Divinity program at VST after completing a MA at Regent College and with significant church leadership experience. After moving to Vancouver (via Montreal) from his home country of Chile, Daniel and his wife Pamela were warmly welcomed by Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church. Daniel then served as Associate Pastor at St. Andrew's/St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church in North Vancouver, as well as the Director of Camp Douglas. With the completion of his MDiv from VST, Daniel is now eligible to take a call to a Presbyterian Church in Canada congregation. Daniel writes, "I felt so blessed by the diverse international community of students at St. Andrew's Hall & VST, and all the wisdom shared in this fantastic group. I also enjoyed the cultural engagement of the theological education of SAH. I recently preached for the call at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Duncan to serve as their minister. Our hope and prayer is that my wife Pamela and I, along with our children, Noelia and Felipe, we will move to Duncan on Vancouver Island in the Fall."



Paulo Pereira, Jr. – Master of Theology

Rev. Paulo Pereira, Jr. moved to Vancouver from Brazil with his family, where he was serving as an Ordained Minister in a Presbyterian Church. Paulo and his family lived at St. Andrew's Hall with support of a SAH housing bursary throughout his time of study at VST. Paulo also served as children's minister at Fairview Presbyterian Church. Paulo has a passion for mission, and he completed a ThM thesis under the supervision of Dr. Lockhart using a mixed methods approach to evangelism and hospitality in the Presbyterian Church in Brazil. When asked what the best part of his theological education was, Paulo wrote, "1. Hospitality/Friendship - as an international student with a wife and kids, I felt welcomed here, secure, happy, and nourished in the faith journey. 2. Learnings - the academic and pastoral background of the faculty and students in the ThM program was simply amazing and inspiring. 3. Engagement - SAH was God's instrument to help me engage with Canadian culture, especially with the Presbyterian Church in Canada which I served at a local and regional level." Paulo, now back in Brazil serving a congregation hopes to publish his thesis in evangelism and hospitality while

sharing his three-years of education with the Presbyterian Church in Brazil and with the Latin American Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches (AIPRAL). In time, he writes, "I hope to return to Canada to complete a PhD in Mission Theology and serve the Presbyterian Church in Canada."

*Together, we
celebrate these
terrific Presbyterian
graduates from
Vancouver School of
Theology in the spring
of 2022!*

St. Andrew's Hall Year End Awards

Through the generous support of donors,
St. Andrew's Hall has three awards for
Presbyterian students studying at Vancouver
School of Theology.

Here are this year's recipients:

*The St. Andrew's Hall
Graduating Student Award:*
Paulo Pereira Junior

*The Ellis-Weston Award for excellence in
Church History and Reformed Theology:*
Hyeeun Noh

*The Rev. Dr. Hans and Colleen Kouwenberg
Prize for Promise in Leadership:*
Daniel Martinez



Supporting the ministries of St. Andrew's Hall

As we pause to give God thanks for another year of impactful ministry, we recognize your partnership in this ongoing mission of theological education, hospitality, chaplaincy, and missional leadership development. We are grateful for our donors who join with us in equipping leaders for Christ's church of tomorrow, today through their prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts. If you are not already a supporter of St. Andrew's Hall, we invite you to begin today by returning the enclosed financial giving form or by donating online through the Canada Helps page here: <https://www.standrews.edu/give/>

Dr. Ross Lockhart, as Dean of St. Andrew's Hall, is always eager to connect with supporters and looks forward to hearing from you at rlockhart@standrews.edu to discuss other opportunities to support the ministry of SAH.



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