1. Opening Prayer

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Approval of the March 30, 2016 Minutes

4. Business arising from the Minutes

5. New Business
   a) Blessing of Same Sex Unions in College Chapel
   b) Honorary Degree Nominations
   c) St John’s College rebranding and logo redesign
   d) Letter of Engagement with GPP Architecture for Initial Investigation of Funding Sources (New Residence)
   e) Presentation of alternate projects for Capital
   f) Draft Meeting Dates for upcoming year

6. Reports from Committees, College Officers and Student Council
   a) Reports from Committees – Council Executive, Development, Finance & Admin.
      Council Exec met on the 10th to discuss the matters before Council today.
   b) Report from Assembly
   c) Report from College Officers and Student Council
      i) Warden
      ii) Dean of Studies
      iii) Development Office
      iv) Dean of Residence
      v) Chaplain
      vi) Bursar
      vii) Registrar
      viii) Senior Stick

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment
ST JOHN’S COLLEGE COUNCIL
Minutes
For the Meeting of March 30, 2016
Meal at 5:30, Meeting from 6:00 in the Cross Common Room (#108)

Present: B. Beare (Chair), S. Peters (Secretary), D. Phillips, J. James, C. Loewen, J. Markstrom, P. Brass, C. Trott, I. Froese, J. Ripley, D. Brydon, B. Castelo, E. Jones, S. Close, H. Enns, L. Wilkinson
Regrets: A. Braid, B. Pope, E. Lee, H. Kennedy, C. Morrison, J. McConnell

1. Opening Prayer
   D. Phillips opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Approval of the Agenda
   MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed with the amendments to add the appointment of a vice-chair & sponsorship of Syrian refugees.
   J. Ripley / P. Brass
   CARRIED

3. Approval of the November 25, 2015 Minutes
   MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of November 25, 2015 be approved as distributed with the addition of regrets from E. Jones regrets, and the corrected spelling of B. Cantelo’s name.
   J. James / S. Close
   CARRIED

4. Business arising from the Minutes
   Please note that the motion from the Finance & Admin committee to set the budget parameters of a balanced budget excepting Theology and the Capital Campaign was passed via electronic vote in January, 2016.

5. New Business
   a) Warden’s Review - MOTION: That Council confirm the reappointment of Dr. Christopher Trott as Warden as effective July 1, 2016 for a five year term.
      D. Phillips / B. Cantelo
      CARRIED
      Abstention from C. Trott

   b) Administrative leave for the Warden - MOTION: That Council confirm its concurrence in support of Chris Trott taking an Administrative Leave from April 18 to August 12, 2016.
      D. Phillips / P. Brass
      CARRIED
      Abstention from C. Trott
c) Acting Warden - Provost’s office has declined the request for an acting warden as the term of the Administrative Leave is too short. I. Froese will take on the role of Acting Warden, Operations, acting on behalf of C. Trott.

d) Receive 2016 – 2017 Budget - Assembly approved the budget at the March 2016 Assembly meeting. MOTION: That Council receive the budget.
   H. Enns / J. Ripley
   CARRIED

e) St Andrew’s ACW Bursary - This is a Theology bursary. The ACW had wanted to withdraw their funds, and have passed a motion to do so. MOTION: That Council return the requested amount of $3,870 to the St. Andrew’s Woodhaven Church Women.
   C. Trott / J. James
   CARRIED
   MOTION: That Council move the remaining funds from the St Andrew’s ACW bursary into the George Thomas Chapman Memorial Bursary.
   C. Trott / P. Brass
   CARRIED

f) Appoint Vice-Chair for College Council - Rather than having a need to search for a chair in the event that the Chair or the Chancellor are unable to attend, there is a need
   MOTION: That J. Ripley be appointed Vice-Chair
   C. Trott / D. Phillips
   CARRIED

g) Sponsorship for Syrian Refugee Students - L. Wilkinson is on the St John’s College Syrian Refugee sponsorship committee working toward bringing 2 refugee students to stay in the St John’s College residence. Currently we are at $18,000 toward our $48,000 goal. One of the events being held is an 80s Social on April 15, 2016. Tickets are available for $15. If you wish to make a straight donation, please make donations to the Development office. Or, you can purchase the tickets and donate them back to be raffled off to students.

6. Reports from Committees, College Officers and Student Council
   a) Reports from Committees – Council Executive, Development, Finance & Admin.
      Council Executive met to set the agenda for today’s meeting.

   b) Report from Assembly
      Assembly has been participating in the Warden’s Review, passing the budget, passed a motion directing Assembly Executive to support the inclusion of the Director of the University of Manitoba Press as a member of Assembly
c) Report from College Officers and Student Council
   i) Warden

St John’s College
Warden’s Report to Council
March 30, 2016

The last couple of months have seemed the most “business as usual” months that I can remember during the course of my Warden’ship. This is in part due to the fact that we are not offering a course with St Margaret’s Church this term due to timetabling difficulties on their part. We should be offering it again next fall. Our other theology projects (Wlimot Lectures, Engage Difference program) are now more easily organized due to experience. I engaged the Warden’s review process, which was very helpful to reflect on what had been accomplished (and what has not) over the past five years.

1) I attended the Winnipeg Foundation breakfast (January 21)
2) I represented the College at the St Paul’s Day Mass and celebration of their 90th anniversary at St Paul’s College (January 24)
3) I represented the College at John Harvard’s funeral (January 25)
4) I hosted Tanya Tagaq while she was here for the Ward Lecture (January 25)
5) I attended the SJCSA Social at the Hub (January 29)
6) I attended the Indigenous Achievement Networking meeting (Feb 3)
7) Attended a meeting with CCS and U of W about theological education (Feb 4)
8) Met with the University Librarian about library services at the College
9) Met with Lutheran Bishop and our Chaplain about Chaplaincy ((Feb 11)
10) Attended Lunch and Lively Conversation (Feb 16)
11) Attended lunch with United Church and Presbyterian representatives over Chaplaincy
12) Went of Fundraising and Donor relations trip to Vancouver (Feb 18-20)
13) Participated in the Native Studies headship search (Feb 29, Mar 2)
14) Attended Native Studies Grad Student Conference (Mar 4,5)
15) Represented the College at the Emerging Leaders Dinner
16) Attended the National Reconciliation Gathering (Mar 11)
17) Attended the Grad’s Farewell (Mar 19)
18) Participated in the Journey into Holy Week Service (Mar 20)
19) We had Bishop Mark MacDonald here fore the Wilmot Lectures (Mar 21,22)

Throughout this entire period I have been active in a group appointed by Diocesan Synod to look at the theological understanding of reconciliation. I have also been actively involved in the Allies Group at the U of M (now called Gaa wii jii diyang). I continue to represent the College on the partners group of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.
ii) Dean of Studies

Dean of Studies. Report to Council March 30, 2016

Events for Winter term, 2016

Wednesday, January 13, 2016. Opening of Term Reception. Senior Common Room 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 25, 2015. 32nd annual Marjorie Ward Lecture. Tanya Tagaq, “Arctic Origins: Perspective through Art.” Our 32nd annual Marjorie Ward Lecture a complete success. Inuit songwriter and artist, Tanya Tagaq spoke about her Inuit background and the ways in which it influenced her development as an artist, and gave a live demonstration of throat singing. The event attracted a large audience of over one hundred and ten people from the university and community and everyone was invited to a post-lecture reception in the Galleria. Afterwards College Fellows and invited guests joined Ms. Tagaq for a gourmet dinner in the Cross Common Room. The food at both events was superb and we thank Ian Park and his staff from Food Services for doing such a fine job. Many other people worked behind the scenes to make the evening a success and we thank Amy Craddock, Caileigh Morrison, Jackie Markstrom, Jill Stafford, Ivan Froese and Elnora Wiebe for their efforts. In particular, Diana DeFoort should be recognized for her organizational skills and attention to detail. She helped to keep the whole project moving forward. Finally, thank you to all who were able to attend the Lecture.

Soup and Bread Lecture Series. Our series continues this term with Jade Weimer coordinating events. All lectures take place in the Senior Common Room at noon. Thanks to Food Services for the salads, vegetarian soups and bread.

Tuesday Jan 26 – Jade Weimer, “Music as Tool of Rhetoric & Recruitment in Early Christianity”
Tuesday Feb 9 – Amy Scott, “Health and Stress in Medieval and Post-Medieval Denmark”
Tuesday Feb 23 – Adele Perry, “Municipal Water Supply and Settler Colonialism”
Wednesday March 2 – Stephanie Pyne, “Cybercartography and the Residential Schools Land Mapping Project”
Wednesday, March 16 – Jonathan Peyton, “Canoes, Canners, Cruises: Marine Colonialism on B.C’s coast.”
Wednesday March 30 – Robert Coutts, “Heritage and the Landscape of Memory: Constructing Historic Space in Western Canada.”

Congratulations to:

Diana Brydon, Senior Fellow, on receiving an honorary doctorate from Linnaeus University in Sweden. This is a prestigious honour and Dr. Brydon will be travelling to Sweden in the spring for the official presentation. Congratulations from all of us!
**Amy Scott**, Research Fellow, for receiving a tenure track appointment in the Department of Anthropology at the University of New Brunswick. Amy is currently teaching at the University of Manitoba and will start her new position in July.

Amy completed and defended her doctoral dissertation this past fall in the Department of Anthropology here at the University of Manitoba. Her thesis is entitled ‘Putting stress to the test: a critical evaluation of the biological response and physical manifestation of stress in the human skeleton’.

We will miss Amy and her lively presentations on topics such as vampire graves, but we also celebrate her good news.

**Jade Weimer, Research Fellow** on her successful dissertation defense at the University of Toronto (Religion) in early December, 2015.

Jade’s dissertation title is “Musical Assemblies: How Early Christian music functioned as a Rhetorical Topos, a Mechanism of Recruitment, and a Fundamental Marker of an Emerging Christian Identity.”

Jade uses cognitive science and anthropological theories of music to argue that early Christian music functioned in a number of previously unidentified ways. It was a key ritual practice that shaped early Christian identities and helped define boundary markers between early conceptions of orthodoxy and heresy. Discourse on the subject of music also functioned as a rhetorical device and song was used to as a way to recruit new members.

It sounds like a fascinating topic and we will look forward to hearing more. Well done, Jade!

**Retirements**

We have had retirement parties this term for two of our Senior Fellows, David Arnason (English) and James Dean (Economics).

Both parties were well attended and gave us a chance to honour Jim and David’s contributions to the College and to celebrate their upcoming retirement. David’s party was on March 9th and the College presented him with a watercolour print of the Chapel and a gift certificate to Chew restaurant. The following month we celebrated Jim’s retirement on March 8th when we gave him a Proch print and a gift certificate. Although Jim and David have retired officially, they will both continue to be associated with the College; Jim will be a Retired Fellow and David will be a Senior Scholar. Thank you to all who attended, and thank you Jim and David for all your years of service to the College. Best wishes for your retirement.
Other Events

Wednesday, March 16th. St. John’s College: Student Art Competition. We have just celebrated our fourth annual St. John’s College Student Art Competition and announced the winners at a reception in the Daily Bread Café. The committee, consisting of Jade Weimer, Lisa Alexandrin, Christina Penner and Michael Minor did a wonderful job organizing the event. This year our three external judges were: Noam Gonick, Seema Goel and Teghan Beaudette and they selected the winning entries. Congratulations to our three winners:

1. Luther Konadu (untitled) Prize: $300
2. Favour Jeremiah (tied for "Reflections" and "Ease Off My Burden"). Prize $200
3. Alexis Ironside ("From Scotland With Love"). Prize $100

Food Services played a key role in making this event a success and kudos to Ian Park and his staff for providing us with the space, refreshments during the installation, and the reception. The College appreciates your participation in making the event a success. Thanks also to Diana DeFoort for assisting with the posters and advertising. Well done, everyone.

Saturday, March 19th: St. John’s College Students’ Association St. John’s College Grad’s Farewell Dinner & Dance at Bergmann’s on Lombard. The grad will include the following events: honouring of College Graduates, the presentation of the Fellow of The Year Award, the Valedictory Address and the Changing of the Sticks. Congratulations to all of our grads.

March 19th. New Addition to the SJC Art Collection. The College recently acquired another piece of art for its collection at the Border Crossings Gala on March 19th. We purchased a beautiful photograph by Richard Holden and are looking forward to having it framed and hung at the College. The piece makes a significant contribution to our collection.

Thursday, March 24th. Bach’s Birthday Recital: A Tribute in Memory of Lawrence Ritchey and in Honour of St. John’s College Retired Fellows and Staff. The Chapel of St. John the Evangelist March 24, 2016 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. This year the recital featured performances by two musicians: Andre Washington, who is a student in the post-baccalaureate program under Mina Rose Chug and Michael Culter, Music Director at Crescent Fort Rouge United Church. The event was well attended and was followed by a reception in the Senior Common Room afterwards. Special thanks to Lance Roberts for being our Master of Ceremony and to Kurt Markstrom, Jill Stafford, Ian Park and his staff, Diana DeFoort and Amy Craddock for their contributions in the planning and preparation of the event. Thank you also to everyone who attended the recital.

Wednesday, April 6th 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. End of Term Reception in the Senior Common Room.
Planning for 150th Anniversary

Plans are well underway for a series of events to mark the 150th anniversary of St. John’s College. Dr. Stephen Lewis has just been confirmed as our 2017 Marjorie Ward Lecturer and will be speaking at the College on February 28, 2017 so please keep this date free on your calendar. The lecture will be an important event in our 150th anniversary celebrations and is sure to attract a large audience.

Jill Stafford is coordinating a number of special events such as lectures, dinners to be held throughout the academic 2016-2017 year. Details to follow.

iii) Development Office

Development Officer Report to Council
March, 2016

Fundraising
- Currently sitting at just over $156,000 raised.
- The Fall Campaign breakdown: Overall response rate of 5.2% (last year 5.2%) total raised $32,126 (last year $26,111).
- Current projects include Syrian Refugees, chairs for the Daily Bread, Health Quest Career Camp and the Social Justice Summer Camp

Alumni/Stewardship
- Continuing to call/visit with donors on a regular basis.
- Chris and I visited with alum and donors in Vancouver/Victoria from the 18th-20th February including a gentleman who we have been trying to get a visit with for a few years.
- I visited with one of our Toronto people whilst in Toronto last week.

Special Events
- The last “Lunch and Lively Conversation” was very well received by Alumni/donors. The next one is scheduled for April.
- Bach’s Birthday – A Tribute to Retired Fellows will be held on 24th March and will feature a concert in the Chapel followed by a reception in the Senior Common Room.
- 150th Anniversary Celebrations planning continue.

Marketing/Communications
- The next issue of In Lumine will be out in a couple of weeks.
- Suggestions for stories/articles are appreciated.

Staffing
- Luther our Work Study student completed his term last week. He helped work on the 150th anniversary planning and several other projects.
• We have put in a funding request to Canada Summer jobs for a summer student.

Misc

• Jill and I are holding a planning morning on the Monday, 28th March to review the year and start planning Development Office activities for 2016/2017
• Will be doing a full programme evaluation after the 31st March, 2016.

iv) Dean of Residence

Dean of Residence Report

Residence Projects
There are no major projects happening in the residence right now.

Regular Semester
There were two empty rooms in January and February, but we are currently at capacity thanks to some short-term IEP students. The new application form was posted on the website in February and I’ve already received a number of applications for the summer and 2016-2017 sessions. Don interviews will be conducted next week.

Residence Activity
The stove was removed from the Buttery after another fire alarm at the end of reading break. So far, no further fire alarms have occurred and the students are making do with the microwave and toaster.

Res Council has hosted a number of events this term. One highlight was a trip to the Legislature, where we unexpectedly encountered a film crew working on a movie. The council will be hosting an end of year banquet in the Cross Common Room on April 2nd. There was a decent amount leftover in the res programming budget for this fiscal year, so the dons are planning a movie night on March 29th at St. Vital Cineplex.

v) Chaplain

Chaplain Report to Council, March 2016
• Bible & Breakfast with Roy Jeal (Booth UC) on January 30 and Janet Ross (CCS) on Feb 20 was excellent. We had about 20 participants for the one and 30 for the other. Vincent Solomon (MCC) will join us on Mar 19 to talk about Cree understanding of the land and the Hebrew Bible
• The Presbyterian and United churches have agreed to join with us to form a joint chaplaincy by first striking a board to work on a job description, mission statement, and begin plans for hiring the next chaplain
• Our Journey into Holy week service is this coming Sunday, March 20, with the friends of the college choir, directed by John Tanner
• The new dinner & discussion group draws anywhere from 2-10 students each week, where we have discussed racism, physician-assisted death, abortion, creation & evolution, and poverty & wealth. We begin by reading several passages from the bible on the topic, and then move on to discussion.

• Fundraising continues for two Syrian refugee students to live in our residence for 2016-2018, having raised $18,000 toward our $48,000 goal so far. In collaboration with student council and others, we have run a balloon fundraiser in university centre, an intercultural coffee house on March 18, and are planning a large eighties-themed social for April 15 at the Glenberry-Norlee community centre in St. Vital. Tickets for the social are available at the front desk or from Allison.

• A small group of students and I are going to assist with an interfaith service for the international day to end racism on March 21 at Crossroads/West Broadway Community Services

• Funding applications and plans are underway to host a social justice day camp, not unlike the national Anglican “Justice Camp” for young teens during the third week of July at SJC

vi) Bursar

Bursars’ report to Council March 30th, 2016

Financial

Our main focus during the last month has been establishing the residence rate for 2016-17, and striking the 2016-17 operating budget. Despite the rising cost of food, we were able to restrict the residence rate increase to 3%. In 2015-16, it was 3.9%. We are pleased that we are able to minimize the increase as we are fully aware that costs are going up generally for students as well.

The parameters established by College Council instructed administration to strike a balanced budget in Other Operations & Theology excluding the Capital Campaign. Theology continues to pay down its accumulated debt, and Other Operations continues to aim to run balanced budgets while providing as much value to students as possible. As we anticipate the official launch of our Capital Campaign, various costs will be incurred including travel, campaign materials/publishing, events, etc.

In an effort to improve our summer conference/residence activities, we have partnered with MITT (Manitoba Institute of Trades & Technology) who will be housing some of their student groups at St John’s in July and August.

In addition to setting the 2016-17 budget, we continue to work towards year end, and will be starting our audit preparations shortly.
Food Service

While our food service operations at the college have always been one of our strengths, it is important to periodically review and assess things, even if they are successful. Ian Park and I plan to hold a series of meetings with people who represent various areas of our customer base to determine what our priorities should be, what things can be improved upon, and what we should continue to focus on. Our hope is for St John’s Food Service to be a manifestation of the greater goals and ethos of the College as a whole, acting as a service to the community while simultaneously generating the revenue necessary to support the academic life of our students.

vii) Registrar

Registrar’s Report
March 2016

Recruitment: February 17 & 18 were the Info Days in the University Centre in which high school students are brought to campus to learn about the campus and the different programs offered. March 7 – 9, the Dean of Residence and I attended the Brandon Career Symposium. Both events were successful in drawing interest in the College and informing high school students of the benefits of membership. Brandon was particularly successful in this area, and in informing students of our Residence.

Upcoming: The SJCSA held their elections on March 15, 2016. I will be working with the new council members to plan JumpStart.

viii) Senior Stick

7. Other Business
None

8. Adjournment
MOTION; that the meeting be adjourned
J. Ripley / P. Brass
CARRIED
St John’s College Rebrand and 150th Anniversary Campaign

BRAND STRATEGY

Align your brand with a human value

Respect and inclusiveness.

What does your brand care about?

Fostering an inclusive and supportive learning community for students, fellows, and staff from varied disciplines and programs.

What does your brand care most about?

Academic success and personal growth of our students.

DESIRED BRAND PERCEPTION

Functional benefits

FOR STUDENTS – Having personal connections with peers and faculty. Being involved in the supportive SJC community. Providing a safe place to live, eat, and study.

FOR FELLOWS – Creating an environment that encourages interdisciplinary collaboration and support.

FOR ALUMNI – Being able to participate in College events, contribute to its success, and staying informed of the impact it is having on students.
Emotional benefits

FOR STUDENTS – Feeling they are part of a safe, supportive, and academically stimulating community that respects individuals and society, with the benefit of being part of an institution with a long-standing and respected tradition.

FOR FELLOWS – Feeling they are part of a collegial, supportive, and academically stimulating community of their peers that respects individuals and society, with the benefit of being part of an institution with a long-standing and respected tradition.

FOR ALUMNI – Feeling they are informed, connected, part of, and engaged with the institution they support and want to succeed.

Self-expressive benefits

FOR STUDENTS – Others see them as someone committed to academic success, who wants to be part of, and contribute to, a supportive community both within St John’s College and more broadly.

FOR FELLOWS – Being part of a founding College of the University of Manitoba, among a highly regarded group of interdisciplinary colleagues who are respected within their field.

FOR ALUMNI – Being part of a prestigious institution with a long and respected tradition that is dedicated to the success of current and future students.

DEFINE THE BRAND

Positioning – How is your brand different/better than your competitors?

Being a smaller college within the larger university campus provides students and faculty with a supportive community in which they can focus on academic pursuits and engage in other shared interests.

Style – A list of words that reflect the personal traits, attitudes and behaviour of the brand.

Tradition – 150 years old, St John’s College is a founding college of the University of Manitoba and the oldest Anglophone institution of higher learning in Western Canada.

Excellence – St John’s College is supportive of those who pursue academic excellence.

Diversity – St John’s College supports all religious, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds.

Relevance – St John’s College strives to meet the needs of current and future students, fellows, and alumni and supporters.
Vision – Where does your brand want to be in the future?

Enriched by their educational experience, St John’s College members contribute to society with a profound sense of social justice and cultural awareness.

Values – What are the guiding principles, beliefs that are important to positioning the brand?

Anglican tradition challenges St John’s College to be open and welcoming to all, and therefore, we uphold the following principles:

Academic Excellence – The broad liberal education experience at St John’s College enriches lives and scholarship in any discipline. The College fosters the supportive environment that cultivates curiosity, inquiry and achievement. Dialogue between disciplines and support for inter-disciplinarily encourages new approaches and knowledge sharing.

Respect for Persons – St John’s College recognizes and acknowledges the diversity of the College community and creates a safe environment, respectful of differences, for our members and all who visit. The College is committed to engagement that is inclusive of all of its members and that will build relationships that promote dialogue and understanding.

Building Relationships with Community – St John’s College strives to prepare members to be well-informed citizens that contribute to making the world a better place. Contribution to public debate, community involvement and service, and a passion for social justice are actively modelled and encouraged.

Cultivating a Collegial Atmosphere – Using a shared governance and responsibility model, fellows and students collaborate to create a kind and caring community where intersecting and differing interests are honoured and explored. Sharing food together is a gesture of hospitality, welcome and community building, and that community is celebrated at tables that welcome diversity of thought and lively, respectful debate.

Core Essence – Describe the primary overlying essence of what the brand stands for.

Respect and academic excellence. St John’s College respects and supports the individual, and inspires to challenge and develop individual growth.

Unique Value Proposition – Think of the attributes typically considered important by the brand and its target market, and identify the attributes you can:

Eliminate – “Get more than your degree.”

Reduce – Perception that an Anglican background, or particular belief system, is required to be a member of St John’s College.

Increase – Academic excellence, social justice, cultural awareness, and respect for persons, members as leaders, building relationships with community, and cultivating a collegial atmosphere
CREATIVE BRIEF

Project Description

Update St John’s College’s branding: support the high quality of the educational experience, and celebrate the College’s 150th Anniversary, with a strong, renewed visual identity.

Project Objectives

Create a new identity for St John’s College that captures the essence and values of the College. Also develop a version of the identity that will celebrate the 150th Anniversary. As well, using the toolkit developed, design a new logo for the Daily Bread Café.

Target Audience Demographics

University students, fellows, alumni, and Diocesan community, from all cultural and religious backgrounds, age range from 20 to 80.

Target Audience Psychographics

Strong personal values, empathy for others, interest in personal and academic growth, and community-minded.

Competition/Comparisons

University of Manitoba, St. Paul’s College, St. Boniface College, Red River College

Current Perception

The mission of St John's College, as a founding and member College of the University of Manitoba, is to foster community, informed by Anglican tradition, in which students, fellows and staff, working in varied disciplines and programs, are brought together in an intimate, humane, and supportive environment. By this means, the College aims to provide a rich and well-rounded educational experience for its members and to promote excellence in theological and secular learning.

Desired Perception

St John’s College, a founding member College of the University of Manitoba, fosters an inclusive and supportive post-secondary, co-ed, and residential learning community informed by Anglican tradition, for students, fellows and staff from varied disciplines and programs.
Creative Considerations

Have an identity that is both professional and traditional. Consider keeping the shield, but update the look. Removal of the eagle could be considered. The rivers and beavers are still a strong symbol of the College.

The typography should reflect the tradition of the College, but also have a contemporary feel. Could try using the acronym SJC for more casual applications.

The 150th anniversary aspect of the identity will be designed in a way that it can be dropped after a year without affecting the integrity of the design.

A toolkit of symbols, type, images, and colours will be developed so that moving forward St John’s College can keep a consistent brand look and apply it to ongoing communications and marketing material.

Tone and Manner

The identity should convey tradition, excellence, integrity, justice, inclusion, and respect. There should be a level of seriousness without being authoritative.

Key Message

St John’s College, a founding member College of the University of Manitoba, fosters an inclusive and supportive post-secondary, co-ed, and residential learning community informed by Anglican tradition, for students, fellows, and staff from varied disciplines and programs.
March 24, 2016

The Right Reverend Donald Phillips. Ph.D.
Diocese of Rupert’s Land
935 Nesbitt Bay
Winnipeg, MB, R3T 1W6

Dear Bishop Phillips:

I am writing to you in my capacity as the lay incumbent of the Chapel of St John the Evangelist at St John’s College. I am requesting that you grant permission for the blessing of same-sex civil marriages in the College Chapel.

As the Chapel falls under the Corporation of St John’s College it does not itself have a corporation, vestry or wardens. It is not possible for us to follow the procedures set out by yourself for parishes wishing permission to bless same sex marriages. I am writing under my sole authority as the incumbent and Warden of the College.

The College Chapel is situated within a unique and distinctive pastoral context. We are largely concerned with the well being of young people between the ages of 18 and 30, many of whom are articulating their own sexuality during this period of their life and are seeking out, finding and solemnizing formal unions with life partners. Most of our students simply do not see that there is any issue between heterosexual and homosexual marriages, and do not understand why the older members of the church have such difficulties with this distinction.

We do not have any formal requests for such marriages at this time. I would like to have the option for the blessing of same-sex marriages in place should we be approached by any member of the University community who would seek such a blessing.

As the incumbent, I would not impose the obligation to bless same-sex marriages onto any Chaplain at the College, if such a blessing is against the personal conscience of the Chaplain. I would feel that I have an obligation to seek out some person within the Diocese of Rupert’s Land who would find it within their conscience to bless such marriages if the Chaplain is unable to do so.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

Christopher Trott, Ph.D.
I am now on Administrative Leave until August 12 of this year. This is a result of my reappointment to a further five-year term by College Council, confirmed by the University of Manitoba Board of Governors on April 12. Thank you to all involved in the review and reappointment process.

Since our last meetings, I have been involved in the following activities:

1) I hosted Bishop Mark MacDonald for the annual Wilmot Lectures in Theology on March 21 and 22. We had a good turnout on March 21 of about 40 people. There were fewer at Migizii Agamik on March 22, but we were able to engage some of the community there.
2) I attended the Bach’s Birthday recital on March 24.
3) I represented the College at Bill Regher’s funeral on March 28.
4) I prepared and served dinner at Ronald MacDonald House with Amy Craddock and 2 students. This is lieu of printed Christmas cards from the College.
5) I attended the spring Residence Banquet on April 2.
6) I represented the College at the Centre for Christian Studies Annual Service of Celebration on April 10.
7) I attended our social to raise money for Syrian Refugees on April 15.

I am presently taking a course on Mozart as well as one on Manitoba owls and a further one on fly-fishing. This should broaden my horizon while I continue to work on my manuscript of religious change in North Baffin Island.
Dean of Studies: Report to Council, May 25, 2016

We have had an exciting winter and thank you to everyone who helped to make the term a success.

Soup and Bread Lectures: January to March 2016

Jade Weimer was our coordinator for our lecture series this term and did a fine job of scheduling the events, arranging audio-visual needs, introducing our speakers and handling question period. Behind the scenes Diana DeFoort assisted with posters and ordering the food, and Ian Park and members of his Food Services team presented us with a selection of delicious vegetarian soups and tasty breads. Thank you Jade, Diana and Ian (and staff) and of course, thanks to all of our speakers and audience members.

Soup and Bread lectures this term included:

- Tuesday Jan 26 – Jade Weimer, “Music as Tool of Rhetoric & Recruitment in Early Christianity”
- Tuesday Feb 9 – Amy Scott, “Health and Stress in Medieval and Post-Medieval Denmark”
- Tuesday Feb 23 – Adele Perry, “Municipal Water Supply and Settler Colonialism”
- Wednesday March 2 – Stephanie Pyne, “Cybercartography and the Residential Schools Land Mapping Project”
- Wednesday, March 16 – Jonathan Peyton, “Canoes, Canneries, Cruises: Marine Colonialism on B.C’s coast.”
- Wednesday March 30 – Robert Coutts, “Heritage and the Landscape of Memory: Constructing Historic Space in Western Canada.”

Congratulations to:

Diana Brydon, Senior Fellow, on receiving an honorary doctorate from Linnaeus University in Sweden. This is a prestigious honour and Dr. Brydon will be travelling to Sweden in the spring for the official presentation. Congratulations from all of us!

Dr. Esyllt Jones, Senior Fellow, on being awarded the St. John’s College Student Associations “Fellow of the Year.” Congratulations on this award and it is certainly well deserved.

Amy Scott, Research Fellow, for receiving a tenure track appointment in the Department of Anthropology at the University of New Brunswick. Amy is currently teaching at the University of Manitoba and will start her new position in July.
Jade Weimer, Junior Fellow will be graduating from the University of Toronto with a PhD in Religion in June. Congratulations Dr. Weimer!

Jade’s dissertation title is "Musical Assemblies: How Early Christian music functioned as a Rhetorical Topos, a Mechanism of Recruitment, and a Fundamental Marker of an Emerging Christian Identity."

Jade continues to teach in the Department of Religion at the University of Manitoba.

Retirements
We have had retirement parties this term for two of our Senior Fellows, David Arnason (English) and James Dean (Economics).

Both parties were well attended and gave us a chance to honour Jim and David’s contributions to the College and to celebrate their upcoming retirement. David’s party was on March 9th and the College presented him with a watercolour print of the Chapel and a gift certificate to Chew restaurant. The following month we celebrated Jim’s retirement on March 8th when we gave him a Proch print and a gift certificate. Although Jim and David have retired officially, they will both continue to be associated with the College; Jim will be a Retired Fellow and David will be a Senior Scholar. Thank you to all who attended and thank you Jim and David for all your years of service to the College. Best wishes for your retirement.

Other Events

Wednesday, March 16th. St. John’s College: Student Art Competition. We celebrated our fourth annual St. St. John’s College Student Art Competition and announced the winners at a reception in the Daily Bread Café. The committee, consisting of Jade Weimer, Lisa Alexandrin, Christina Penner and Michael Minor did a wonderful job organizing the event. This year our three external judges were: Noam Gonick, Seema Goel and Teghan Beaudette and they selected the winning entries. Congratulations to our three winners:

1. Luther Konadu (untitled) Prize: $300
2. Favour Jeremiah (tied for "Reflections" and "Ease Off My Burden"). Prize $200
3. Alexis Ironside ("From Scotland With Love"). Prize $100

Food Services played a key role in making this event a success and kudos to Ian Park and his staff for providing us with the space, refreshments during the installation, and the reception. The College appreciates your participation in making the event a success. Thanks also to Diana DeFoort for assisting with the posters and advertising and to everyone who came out to support the exhibition.
Saturday, March 19th: St. John’s College Students’ Association held their St. John’s College Grad’s Farewell Dinner & Dance at Bergmann’s on Lombard. The grad included the following events: honouring of College Graduates, the presentation of the Fellow of The Year Award to Dr. Esyllt Jones, the Valedictory Address and the Changing of the Sticks. Congratulations to all of our grads and to Dr. Jones.

Thursday, March 24, 2016 from 2:30- 3:15 p.m. St John’s College - Bach’s Birthday Recital. St. John’s College hosted a special concert in Tribute to Lawrence Ritchey, former Fellow of St John’s College and in honour of our Retired Fellows and Staff in the Chapel of St. John the Evangelist on March 24th. We especially honoured two Senior Fellows who retired this year: David Arnason and James Dean. Performances included Michael Culter, Organist and Music Director at Crescent Fort Rouge United Church and Andre Washington, Cellist and student of Desautels Faculty of Music. A private reception was held in the Senior Common Room following the recital. The event was a big success and thank you to everyone for planning, advertising and attending the recital.

Wednesday, April 6th 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. End of Term Reception in the Senior Common Room.

Thursday, April 7th End of Term BBQ.

Planning for 150th Anniversary
Plans are well underway for a series of events to mark the 150th anniversary of St. John’s College. Jill Stafford is coordinating a number of special events such as lectures, dinners to be held throughout the academic 2016-2017 year. Details to follow.

Brenda Cantelo
Dean of Studies
Dean of Residence Report

Residence Projects
Carl came in to do all the touch-up painting at the end of April/beginning of May. Physical Plant is currently working on the hot water heater, so we’re running on two back up heaters until approximately May 20. Ivan and Ian are consulting with contractors regarding renovations to Apartment 99 (the last spot in the residence that still has carpet) and the Housekeeping Office. Once the renovations are completed, Ian Park will be moving into the Housekeeping Office, and Housekeeping will be sharing the Don’s Office.

Summer Semester
We have approximately 28 residents for the months of May and June (5-6 IEPs and 22-24 regular students). Activity picks up in July and August, when we have a number of different groups (IEP, MITT, Math Camp, Health Quest Career Camp) coming in. There are also five non-residents paying for meal plans.

Residence Activity
Move out day on April 26th was very successful, with all residents moved out by noon. Right now the residence is very quiet, as there are very few students at the moment.
Chaplain Report to Council, May 2016

My time is primarily spent right now in two areas: developing an ecumenical chaplaincy board to prepare for the next chaplain, and planning a social justice day camp.

* Our fundraising for a Syrian student with WUSC to live in our residence is coming to a close. We have raised nearly $23,000 of our $24,000 goal and will continue to take donations until we reach it. The student, Montaser, has now moved in. His family is split between Jordan and Germany and lost everything, including the family business, when they had to flee Syria. He is a very bright young man who had already begun university. We’d like to have a second student stay in the residence as well, but the funding will need to come from elsewhere, as we have been unable to raise enough for a second student
* the social we threw for fundraising sold lots of tickets and brought in lots of prizes but did not have enough people actually attending (to buy drinks and raffle tickets) to raise a significant amount of money
* Our Easter “journey into holy week” service in the chapel went well and was attended by about 45.
* My last service with All the Kings’ Men will be June 5
* I put out the labyrinth during the first week of exams to create a quiet, meditation space for students, who did use it
* We had our last Bible & Breakfast for the semester in March and will plan to hold three a semester again next year
* the prayer rug in the chapel is being used regularly by our Muslim students and staff
* several weddings are coming up in the chapel; we will work with the summer dons to organize these

* the Presbyterian and United Churches are joining the Anglican Church to create an **ecumenical protestant chaplaincy** at St. John’s, drawing from a larger pool of support, both financially and in student and congregational resources. Hopefully, this will be a 3/4 time position, at least in the new year. There is an increasing realization that chaplaincy’s main areas of focus should be care for all students in crisis, international students, leadership development, and social justice. This fills the mandate of St. John’s and a unique need not addressed elsewhere on campus. Interviews for this position will be held when Chris returns from leave.

* The **social justice day camp** has received a grant from the Diocese of Rupert’s Land and is moving ahead with hiring two or three students part time to assist with programming. The camp will run July 18-22, 9am-4pm, for students entering grades 8 and 9. This will be an opportunity for the College to engage its priority of social justice, as stated in the strategic plan, and give young students a positive memory of the College for when they return for university. A number of specialists, elders, etc, will assist in providing teaching and programming. The goal is to recruit 15-20 students by sending word out to local schools, churches, and community centres. Posters and fliers are available.
Development Officer Report to Council
May, 2016

Fundraising
- Received a $5,000 sponsorship for the Health Quest Career Camp.
- Received a $3,500 grant from the Diocese of RupertsLand for the Social Justice Camp.
- Two grant requests have been sent to raise money for the new chairs in the Daily Bread.
- Increased annual giving by 20% from 2015 to 2016 fiscal year.
- Total funds raised in 2015/16 was $179,461
- Two new Bursaries and one new Scholarship were established this past year.

Alumni/Stewardship
- Continuing to visit with Johnians.
- Trust reports to individuals who have scholarship funds here at the college will be mailed out in May

Special Events
- The Lunch and Lively Conversation held in April was a great success. The next one will be held in September.
- 150th Anniversary Celebrations start officially in November.

Marketing/Communications
- The latest issue of In Lumine has been mailed out
- Annual Report To Donors is almost ready to be mailed
- Exploring the possibility of Free Press insert for the 150th anniversary.

Staffing
- We have received a grant for a summer student from Canada Summer jobs. The grant covers a period of 9 weeks.

Misc
- Jill and I are attending the CAGP conference to be held here at the College on the 1st June
- Jill and I have reviewed the year and started planning Development Office activities for 2016/2017.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom
10th May, 2016
Registrar’s Report
May 2016

**Recruitment:** June 4 is HeadStart, formerly called the Parent’s Program, where in-coming first-years and their parents come to campus for orientation to the campus and services offered. We will have an information table in the Info Village in the University Centre, as well as one in the Galleria as a lot of orientation events are held in the Schultz Lecture Theatre. This is also a great time to recruit for JumpStart.

JumpStart will be September 6 & 7 to run concurrently with the University Orientation. The University of Manitoba Orientation days are divided up so that the students only attend one of the two days, divided by program. We have arranged that as many of the incoming St John’s College members as possible be scheduled to attend Orientation on September 6th so that following their orientation, they can attend JumpStart.

We will again have an information table for Orientation in the Info Village and in the Galleria

Sherry Peters
Registrar