



### Thanks to our Student Chaplain this year Peter Janz

This term Peter Janz ran a discussion series on faith in film, TV and music. In January he guided a walk through the Inner City where he works with homeless people at Hope Mission. Participants began to break their stereotypes of being homeless and learned about the issues they face day to day. They were also introduced to some of the resources available to people who are homeless in Edmonton.

Thanks Peter for your creativity and participation in Faith Lift this year.

### Promote Faith Lift

In partnership with art and design student Lydia Stewart we have a lovely brochure about Faith Lift and a colourful bookmark to give to students graduating from High School this year. Please help to promote Faith Lift Campus Ministry by passing on the enclosed (attached) brochure and book mark to youth you know. You can also take it to your church to post on a bulletin board or pass on to potential students. Copy these resources freely as needed.

### Upcoming Events

Faith Lift Dinner and Silent Auction, October 20, 2012. Enjoy delicious food and delightful entertainment at the Faculty Club. If you are not able to attend please consider donating services or goods for the Silent Auction. Food items are the biggest sellers.

### Donate Online

Now you can donate on line at the Faith Lift Website [www.ualberta.ca/~uccm](http://www.ualberta.ca/~uccm) You will go to the St Paul's PAYPAL site where you can pay by credit card or through paypal. Be sure to designate your donation to Faith Lift Campus Ministry.

Your annual support and participation in Faith Lift Campus ministry makes a difference in the lives of students at the University of Alberta.

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### Leadership

At least every four years there is a complete turn over in the student body chaplains work with on campus. In order to be relevant and meet the needs and passions of the student body chaplains need to be adaptable. We reinvent our ministries over and over again. Approaches and programs that worked twelve years ago don't work now. Questions and attitudes about religion have also changed. All of this is normal for chaplaincy. What is different now is that the rate of change has sped up in the past 10 years largely because of advances in communication technologies.

Just two weeks ago I spoke with two grads now living in England on Skype (video phone). Ten years ago email was a fairly new means of communication. Today one can text, twitter, and Skype with students. The rapid advancement of communication technologies and the ability to be in instant contact with many places in the world has affected chaplaincy for good and for ill. People expect to have an email or phone call returned within hours or minutes of sending a message. Through computer and internet technologies knowledge is far more accessible.

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Students know more now than ever before. Facts can be verified within seconds. News spread within minutes.

All of these technologies have affected how we lead, what skills are required for leadership and they have raised new challenges for leaders. Chaplain Denise Davis Taylor will be studying some of these issues while she is on sabbatical this summer.

### Sabbatical



There is a growing body of literature on leadership in times of rapid change. There is also new research on how groups function and what they need to be adaptable and creatively responsive to their changing context. Chaplain Denise Davis Taylor will be delving into both areas of research on her sabbatical. She hopes to use her findings as she does leadership development in her ministry on campus and in the wider church. Denise will be doing several retreats as part of her sabbatical, a five day silent retreat in Writing on Stone Provincial park and a Courage to Lead Retreat at Grassy Narrows Centre in Saskatchewan. Spending time with family and travelling is also part of her sabbatical plan. She will be away from May 1 – August 13 of this year. Chaplain colleagues will care for students in need while Denise is away and be available on call.



## Visioning for the Future

The Faith Lift Advisory Team is doing some long range visioning and strategic planning for Campus Ministry at the University of Alberta. We are identifying our reasons for being on campus, what we want to be offering to students and how we will be accomplishing those goals in the next ten to fifteen years. Priorities we have identified are leadership development, student support, community building and connections on and off campus, faith exploration, dialogue, and partnership. Other questions we will be addressing are:

How will Faith Lift continue to connect with and serve students not related to the United Church of Canada? We want to provide a safe places to discuss faith, religion and spirituality for all students. How will we do this in future?

Do you have input? Please feel free to send us your thoughts and ideas.

## Interfaith Homosexuality Panel

Outreach is a student group for “queer” or GBLTQ students and allies to discuss issues of mutual concern. Once again this year the chaplain moderated and helped to set up an interfaith panel for students. Panelists introduced the basics Judaism, Buddhism, Islam and Christianity. They also addressed problematic texts and commented on where it would be safe to check out a faith community in Edmonton. The session revealed that religious abuse on the basis of orientation continues to be experienced by many students

## Thank you to Dinner Hosts

Thank you to more than 30 volunteers who brought dinner campus this winter. They provided a home cooked meal to students every Thursday evening. The students always look forward to a hot meal at the end of the day and did their best to clean up every scrap of food.

Dinner conversation is always wide ranging and our hosts enriched the discussion with their opinions and experiences of the topic at hand. The students enjoyed those hosts who stayed for the study and discussions on faith in film, TV and music .

## DUCS Graduating this year:

(Devoted, Delightful, Designing.... United Church Students and friends)



Ianna Ings has been a student chaplain, and participant in DUCS for five years. This spring she graduates with a Bachelor of Music degree. She returns to her family home in The Pas Manitoba to work for a year before continuing with graduate studies in Musicology.



Kelsey Earle part of DUCS for four years has been increasingly active in chaplaincy groups at HUB chaplain's Centre. She graduates with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a double major in English and French. She looks forward to graduate studies in Speech Pathology.

## DUCS Graduating this year continued...

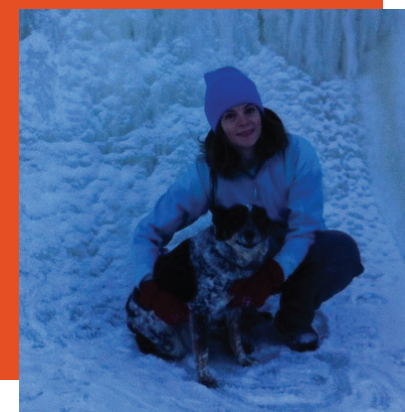


Amanda Alstad has been with DUCS for three years now. She graduates with a Bachelor of Music Degree. This summer she returns to her home in Sexsmith, AB for work and will move to Australia to work for a year in September.

Congratulations to graduates and blessings on you as your adventures continue!

## Thanks for the Cookies

No church is too small for mission work. The UCW of Ritchie United Church, Edmonton (and their friends) provided homemade cookies for students who dropped by the chaplain's centre. They were thoroughly enjoyed by students and chaplains alike.



## Alumni Snap Shot

Ann Carroll graduated from Nursing in 2006. She married and moved to British Columbia for several years and returned to Edmonton in 2009. Currently Ann is nursing in labour and delivery at the Royal Alexandra Hospital . She enjoys walking with her dog Sadie, rides her horse whenever she is in Dawson Creek. She provides leadership in her work place with charitable initiatives and on the Faith Lift Advisory Team.

## Thankyou to Dinner Hosts Continued...

Other hosts were not able to attend meals were missed by the students and still very much appreciated.



Peter Janz (student chaplain) Erica Tedeman Grant MacEwan student, Kelsey Earle and Dinner Out hosts and friends of Faith Lift from Robertson Wesley UC

