

## The Schedule

**Monday, October 18th, 2021**

**1:00** Opening Worship  
**1:30** Lecture 1 - **Alison Miculan**  
**3:30 - 5:00** Workshop 1 - **Richard Bott**

**Tuesday, October 19th, 2021**

**9:00** Lecture 2 - **Christine Jerrett**  
**11:00** Workshop 2 - **Greg Brawn**  
**1:30** Workshop 3 - **Sara Stratton**  
**3:30** Lecture 3 - **Christine Jerrett**  
**7:30** Lecture 4 - **Alison Miculan**

**Wednesday, October 20th, 2021**

**9:00** Lecture 5 - **Alison Miculan**  
**10:30** Closing Worship

## Any Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact our registrar, **Rev. Lynne Gardiner**.

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# Pathways Toward Regeneration

## Annual Theology Conference

October 18th-20th, 2021

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# Theme Speakers



Alison  
Miculan



**Alison Roberts Miculan** grew up in The United Church of Canada from the time she immigrated to Canada in 1967. Alison's first career was lecturing in ethics and human rights at several universities in Southern Ontario and Newfoundland.

Alison increasingly felt the call to ministry and, particularly, to growing and strengthening the church. She began her ministry career as a Youth Minister during which time she received her call to Congregational/Ordained Ministry.

Alison is a graduate of the Atlantic School of Theology where her graduate research focused on congregational growth. At the time of writing she is the minister of Copetown United Church.

## Alison's Lecture Topics:

- 1) **"So you want to grow a church"**  
An overview of the original research on growing churches presented in Alison's graduate research and Broadview magazine - with some extra tidbits not included in the article.
- 2) **"Where do we go from here?"**  
A practical guide to strengthening and growing churches.
- 3) **"An invitational worship experience"**  
A "hands-on" example of invitational ministry.



## Christine's Lecture Topics:

### Summary of Theme

The Holy Spirit is on the move, renewing our culture and our churches. We are being led (sometimes pushed!) down surprising new roads.

We are part of a story about shaping communities in life-giving ways, where all people — the neighbour, the stranger, the vulnerable ones — are included.

Lecture #1: **"When the Spirit Says 'Move'"**

Lecture #2: **"News from the Margins"**

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Christine  
Jerrett



**The Rev. Dr. Christine Jerrett** was ordained in 1982, and has worked with a variety of congregations, most of them facing a time of transition and change.

Her D. Min. focused on culture and congregational change. She worked with EDGE, animating congregational development in rural and small town churches and coordinating EDGE's ministry renewal coaches.

She currently serves Shiloh Inwood United Church in a part-time appointment, and is the Director of Canadian Shield Region's online training course for Licenced Lay Worship Leaders.

# This Year's Workshops



## 1. The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott: Lean On Me

The pandemic has made clear something known for a long time – ministry personnel can't do everything we're called to, by ourselves. This workshop will explore ways of building ministerial support communities - of growing "collegial caring."

**Richard Bott** is the Moderator of The United Church of Canada. Prior to this ministry, he served with communities of faith in rural Ontario and urban BC, in both solo and team settings. He has long had a keen interest in finding ways of faithfully responding to the lived stress of clergy.



## 2. Rev. Dr. Greg Brawn: Championing God's Blessings

This workshop will focus on how ministers and lay people can effectively communicate God's blessings both inside and outside the congregation, resulting in many types of growth. Byron United Church in London, Ontario is an example of a congregation with increasing attendance, membership, finances, volunteers, community service, and refugee sponsorships as God's blessings are being championed effectively.

**Rev. Dr. Greg Brawn** graduated from Queen's Theological College and was ordained in 1998. He has ministered in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Ontario. Greg has a D.Min. in Preaching and he's passionate about building communities of holy joy, faith, and love.



## 3. Dr. Sara Stratton: From Reconciliation To Reparation

The summer of 2021 was a time of truth-telling for Indigenous peoples, as the reality of more than a thousand unmarked burial sites on residential school properties was shared. What does this mean for "reconciliation"? How should non-Indigenous communities and people of The United Church respond? In this workshop we'll explore the path from reconciliation to reparation, and how it can transform us.

**Sara Stratton** is Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice Animator at the General Council Office. She is a settler whose family has 300 years of history in northwestern Bonavista Bay, Newfoundland. Sara is an historian by training and a birdwatcher by avocation."

## Payment and Registration

- Lectures are \$25 each and Workshops are \$15 each, to a maximum of \$100 for any combination of Online Lectures and Workshops
- Theology students: 50% discount for each lecture or workshop to a maximum of \$50 for any combination of Online Lectures and Workshops

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