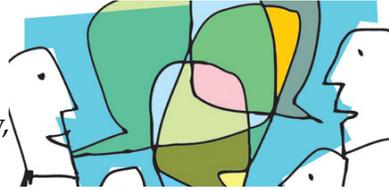


# DISSENTING DISCUSSIONS

This term there will be an informal discussion group planned. It is an opportunity to discuss issues, meet people and exercise one's mind.

It is proposed to use as a guide the brand new book by Dr. Bill Brackney, Professor Emeritus of Acadia



University, *The Spirit among the Dissenters*. The Holy Spirit is an enigmatic concept not well understood. It really depends on our own sensitivity to relationships, experiences, insight and the Divine. Come **Mondays at 6:45 p.m.**

## THEATRICAL OPPORTUNITY

This term we are looking to present a new feature, an Advent Play. It is planned to be performed 28, 29, 30 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) at 7:00 p.m. Written by the Chaplain, it is entitled, *The Jesse Tree*, which is an old and somewhat forgotten Christian custom to teach about the approaching meaning of Christmas.



There needs to be a cast of at least eight (with doubling) and if you would like to join this project, please speak to the Chaplain right away. This kind of chancel drama is a fascinating experience for all involved.

# The Chapel Times



# WELCOME

We welcome you to the Manning Memorial Chapel and all it offers to students of Acadia University. It was built because the student body asked that a place of worship be provided on campus.

Daily Services are held Monday to Friday at 11:30-11:50 a.m. and 6:15-6:30 p.m. These provide times for peace, thoughtfulness and worship. They are ecumenical in design and present the best in music, biblical translation and meditation.

Sunday Services are held at 7:00-8:00 p.m. and include the music of the Manning Memorial Chapel Choir. These services are ecumenical as well. Everyone, regardless of their faith, denomination or expression, or enquiry, are invited.

## NARTHEX REFRESHMENTS

Following each Sunday evening service, refreshments are provided in the Narthex (the entrance). It is a cherished opportunity to socialize, greet each other and enjoy the ambiance of the chapel. If anyone would like to volunteer to provide cookies or other such delights, please tell the Chaplain.

The chapel community includes those who give leadership and this term they include five Student Chapel Assistants. They are Noah Archibald, Ajaa, Meg, ---, ---.

The Chapel Organist is Mr. John Scott. He is also Director of the Chapel Choir. If you are interested in joining the choir, do

# who's who

speaks to him following the service.

The University Chaplain for the time being is Roger Prentice who is filling in until a new Chaplain is appointed. He was University Chaplain from 1985-2007.

## Alpha and Omega



Wondering what the biblical story is all about? What is the plot? Is it historically credible? Why does the Old Testament (the Alpha) come before the New Testament (the Omega)? It unfolds in a marvelous way, but its meaning comes down to us. All you need is an enquiring mind about what is the world's most published volume.

In fact, it is exciting to track some valuable and interesting human experiences from the mists of time. Come on **Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m.**

## WINDOW OF FAITH

Amazed by the window before us? It is an intriguing focus for us, created especially for this chapel. Some say its topic design was suggested by Dr. Watson Kirkconnell, then President of the university, or Dr. C. B. Lumsden, one of our illustrious professors. It was crafted in Philadelphia as an experimental design identifiable both at day and in night.

It tells the story of faith. Beginning at the lower left, it reads up, continues to the central lancet, bottom to top, and finally the right lancet, which tells the early history of the Church. It



concludes with the establishment of Acadia University in 1838 by the Baptists of Nova Scotia.

There is much to discern in this window. There are even little hints, at least one

humorous, that can be spotted only by close inspection. Try your best as you interpret each oval panel and then read the description found in the chapel pamphlet (in colour) available in the narthex.

## THE 'IHC'

Wonder what the 'IHC' is on the antependia hanging from the Pulpit and Lectern? They are Greek letters (the New Testament was written in Greek) that are the first two and last letters of 'Jesus'. The banner says that we proclaim Jesus by reading the Bible from the Lectern and preaching from the Pulpit. The Crown signifies the resurrection of Jesus as well as the Kingdom of God – the society we wish to establish on earth as His disciples. William Blake, in his hymn, asks, 'And was Jerusalem builded here? ... Bring me my bow of burning gold! Bring me my arrows of desire. ... I will not cease from mental fight ... till we have built Jerusalem ...'