

The Schedule

Monday, October 17th

1:00–2:30	Registration
2:30–2:45	Welcome and Announcements
2:45–3:15	Worship
3:15–4:45	Dr. Andy O’Neill - 1st Lecture
4:45–5:30	Break
5:30–7:00	Dinner provided in Church Hall
7:00–???	Free Evening

Tuesday, October 18th

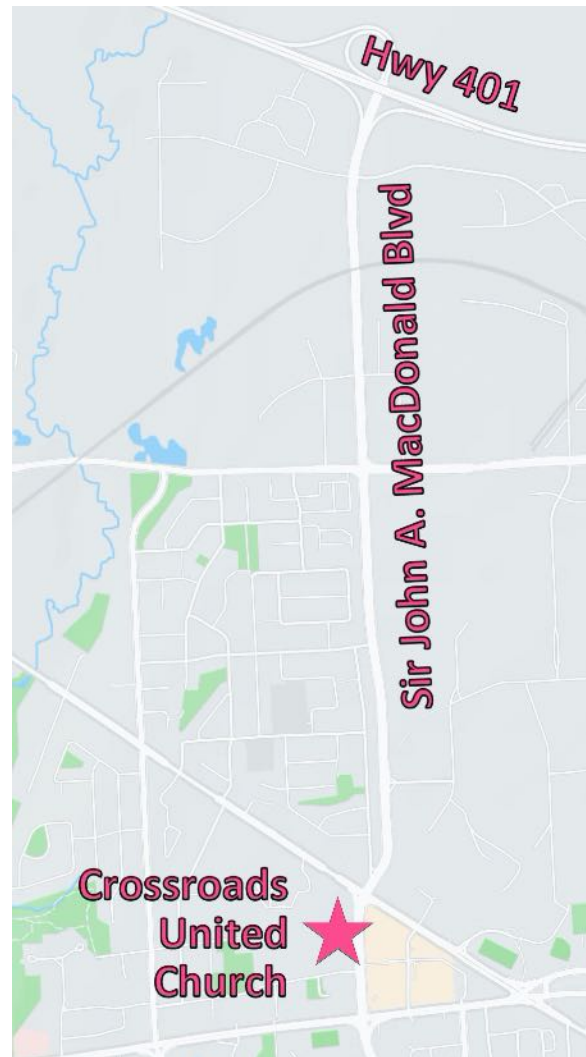
8:45–9:00	Worship
9:00– 10:30	Tracy Trothen - 1st Lecture
10:30–11:00	Break
11:00–12:30	Workshop One
12:30–1:30	Lunch provided in Church Hall
1:30–3:00	Workshop Two
3:00–3:30	Break
3:30–5:00	Tracy Trothen - 2nd Lecture
5:00–7:30	Dinner on your own
7:30–9:00	Dr. Andy O’Neill - 2nd Lecture

Wednesday, October 19th

9:00–10:30	Dr. Andy O’Neill - 3rd Lecture
10:30–11:15	Closing Worship

The in-person Conference will be held at:

Crossroads United Church
690 Sir John A. MacDonald Blvd,
Kingston, ON K7M 1A2



Resilience: Coping in Community



Annual Theology Conference

October 17th-19th, 2022

**In Person and
Livestreamed**

Sponsored by:

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Ordained in the United Church of Canada in 2002, **Andy O'Neill** is a graduate of Emmanuel College (TST, U of T) and completed his PhD in systematic theology at New College (U of Edinburgh).

After serving in pastoral ministry for 15 years, Andy is now Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology at Atlantic School of Theology.

In addition to his book on Paul Tillich, Andy has written extensively about faith and worship and is a consultant for the EDGE new ministries network.

Andy's Lecture Topics:

In times of distress, to what do we turn? Do we look to what is familiar or to what is new? Do we rely on ourselves or on others? Do we take care of ourselves or care for others? To all of these questions we can answer, "yes", because these pairs of responses belong together.

In three sessions, we will reframe common societal narratives of happiness, self-reliance and progress, in order to ground our resilience in authenticity and trust in the Living God.

Session 1:

"No Cure for Being Human": authenticity in compassion and self-care

Session 2:

"Like A Good Neighbour": network theology and the missional church

Session 3:

"Assurance": from a theory of progress to a theology of trust

Theme Speakers



Andy O'Neill



Tracy Trothen

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Tracy J. Trothen is a professor of ethics at Queen's University, jointly appointed to the School of Religion and the School of Rehabilitation Therapy.

Trothen is the author or editor of numerous articles, chapters, and nine books including her co-authored 2021 book, Religion and the Technological Future: An Introduction to Biohacking, A.I., and Transhumanism.

She co-chairs the American Academy of Religion's (AAR) Artificial Intelligence Seminar and is a Fellow of the International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR).

Tracy's Lecture Topics:

The concept and symptoms of moral distress will be presented. Next, we will consider values. Moral distress involves the compromising of one's core values. We will identify and explore our core values using an interactive exercise.

The moral factors that influence and shape our core values will be brainstormed. Case studies will assist us to reflect on spiritual needs that may arise in response to moral distress. The potential for the cultivation of moral resilience in response to moral distress will be introduced.

Session 1:

Moral Distress:
What It Means & Why It Isn't All Bad

Session 2:

Moral Distress at the Core:
Spiritual Needs and Values

This Year's Workshops

When you register, you will be asked to indicate your three preferred workshops, of which you will be able to attend two.

A. Diane Strickland

“Good Theology Supports Resilience: An Introduction to Theology Undergirding Trauma Informed Ministry”

Explore the role of Holy Saturday in developing a theology of trauma and work with resurrection accounts to identify Trauma Informed Ministry we might see in the Risen Christ.

Diane Strickland is an experienced and certified Community & Workplace Traumatologist, serving in disaster settings and critical incident response. She wrote Trauma Informed Ministry: A Primer for Ministers and Ministries and other video and print resources for disaster/pandemic response.



B. Rev. Evan Swance-Smith

Placing the Gospel in the Centre of the Sacred Circle

Come and join Rev. Evan Swance-Smith for an exploration of how Indigenous Christians are able to live into the fullness of the gospel by following Traditional and Biblical teachings.

Rev. Evan has been the minister at Toronto Urban Native Ministry since 2014. Working with some of Toronto's most marginalised people, Evan is constantly striving to redefine evangelism, decolonise Christian community, and walks alongside people on their spiritual journeys always advocating for the oppressed.



C. Rev. B. Maya Douglas

Giving the Beatitudes Attitude

The Beatitudes have been quoted to encourage resiliency in justice work, yet it was often misused to force resiliency on marginalized and disenfranchised peoples. If there is anything that the pandemic has taught us, the veil that separates the justice worker and justice seeker is quite thin and permeable. We will engage in activities to re-imagine this text historically and currently by loving God with our strength and then our hearts-minds-souls.

Rev. B. Maya Douglas is the Minister at St. James United Church of Etobicoke. She is in solo ministry with a robust group of lay people who is intentionally growing into their discipleship roles. Her life's ministry extends to and includes storytelling, dancing, canoeing and travelling.



D. Rev. Todd McDonald and Rev. William (Bill) Lord

Clergy Peer Learning Groups are all about ministers helping ministers thrive. In the workshop, Bill Lord and Todd McDonald will explore the sustaining impact of peer learning groups for ministers by presenting different models and sharing experience from both a leadership and participant perspective.

The resiliency of ministers has been the focus of **Todd McDonald's** work and ministry since serving as a Conference Personnel Minister (2009 – 2018) and now as a Pastoral Relations Minister (2019 to present). While serving in pastoral ministry, he worried about his own resiliency many times due to a lack of self care or sleep-interrupting-anxiety. He believes he was most healthy when he was in a covenant relationship with his peers. That conviction sparked his interest in looking deeper at Clergy Peer Learning Groups. He is an avid cyclist and reader of mysteries. He also loves to bake chocolate chip cookies. He currently lives in Barrie, Ontario.

Bill Lord attended Western and then Emmanuel College. Ordained in 1963, he served in pastoral ministry in rural Manitoba and at Eastminster United Church in Toronto. A passion for learning led him to complete an M Ed in adult learning theory at the University of Toronto. He served for 14 years as the Minister for Congregational Development for Toronto Conference and for the following 15 years he was the Director of Continuing Education at the Toronto School of Theology. After moving to Guelph in retirement he facilitated a clergy peer learning group. In retirement, he has continued to deepen his studies on leadership and spiritual life.



Payment and Registration

Fees for those attending in-person:

- \$225 For registrations received by September 23
- \$275 For registrations received after September 23
- \$50 for Theology Students

There will be a \$75 Cancellation fee for an in-person registration that is cancelled after October 4th, to cover costs associated with meals and breaks.

Fees for those registering for on line participation:

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

Persons wishing to attend who are experiencing financial hardship should contact the Registrar

You may pay for the conference using either a credit card (via PayPal) or a cheque.

Registration and payment is being handled online by United-In-Learning.

Please go to: www.united-in-learning.com/annualconference

where you will be able to indicate your preferences for workshops and any special meal requirements you might have.

Any Questions?

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

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Accommodation



The **Strata Hotel (formerly the Thriftlodge)** has offered us a conference rate of \$99+tax per night. This includes continental buffet breakfast, free Wi-Fi and parking.

If you wish to stay there, you must book by **September 19th** to get the special rate.

When booking, you must use code "101622THE".

The Strata Hotel is located at 1187 Princess Street, about a 15 minute walk to Crossroads United Church.

