



# FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

**CONVOCATION**

*May 14, 2026*



**Huron**  
UNIVERSITY

## THE LAND WE SHARE

*We acknowledge Huron is situated on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Attawandaron, and Lenape peoples whose sharing and stewardship of the land has been governed by the Dish with One Spoon treaty. We are guided by this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship, and respect and are grateful to host our university community on this land.*



## 2026 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



### **The Venerable Rosalyn Kant'lat'tant Elm Archdeacon for Reconciliation and Indigenous Ministry, Diocese of Huron**

Rosalyn is a member of the Oneida First Nation of the Thames and the daughter of Leslie Tewaslake Elm and Dr. Olive Watahine Elm (Huron DD 2021). She and her siblings go by their mother's clan, the Bear Clan. Rosalyn graduated from Huron University College in 2014 and was ordained as a Deacon and later posted as Curate at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, Ontario.

Rosalyn Kant'lat'tant Elm is an Indigenous Anglican priest, theologian, and national Church leader in the Anglican Church of Canada, where she serves as Director of Indigenous Ministries. Her work sits at a vital intersection—where governance meets theology, where reconciliation meets lived reality, and where the future of the Church is being actively discerned.

But titles alone do not capture the depth of her leadership.

Rev. Elm's ministry is rooted in Indigenous ways of knowing—formed in relationship to land, to community, and to Spirit. She brings forward a vision shaped not by hierarchy or control, but by consensus, accountability, and sacred connection. In her work, authority is not something imposed; it is something that emerges—through listening, through trust, and through the careful work of being in right relationship with one another.

She speaks into a Church still navigating the weight of its own history, including the ongoing realities of colonial structures and assumptions. And yet, she does not remain in critique alone. Her voice calls us forward.

Through what can be described as a framework of Generative Belonging, Rev. Elm invites us beyond reconciliation as repair. She challenges us to imagine something deeper—where relationships are not simply restored but transformed... where belonging is not granted by institutions but created through mutual responsibility... where identity itself is reshaped through justice, dignity, and shared life.

This is not easy work.

It asks us to reconsider how we understand authority.

It asks us to reflect on how decisions are made.

It asks us to listen differently—to one another, to the land, and to the Spirit moving among us.

And yet, it is precisely this kind of work that opens the possibility of a different future—one that is relational rather than jurisdictional; emergent rather than delegated; and grounded not in control, but in sacred connection.

Archdeacon Elm is widely respected as a speaker and teacher on reconciliation, decolonization, Indigenous governance, and the evolving life of the Church. But more than that, she is a guide—helping communities step into a deeper way of being together.

So today, we are not only hearing from a leader—we are being invited into a different imagination of what the Church can become.

# CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE BY HURON

## PRESIDING

**Barry Craig, B.A. (cum laude), M.A., Ph.D.**  
*President and Vice-Chancellor, Huron University*

Please rise as the Procession enters and remain standing.

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

**Gonfalon Bearer:** Robert Stewart

## MUSIC

**William Lupton, FGCM LRSM**  
*Pianist*

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, WELCOME & REMARKS

**Dr. Barry Craig**  
*President and Vice-Chancellor*

## Collect for Huron

**Scripture Reading:** James; 3:13-18

**Braeden Matthews**  
*President, Bishop Hallam Theological Society*

**Reading from Qur'an:** Surah al-Fātihah (1:1-7)

**Esra Aksu**  
*Muslim Chaplain, Huron University*

## DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF DIVINITY (HONORIS CAUSA)

**Daniel A. Smith, B.A., M.Rel., Ph.D.**  
*Vice-President, Academic and Dean, Faculty of Theology*  
will present the citation and request the President  
and Vice-Chancellor to confer the degree upon,

*The Venerable Rosalyn Kant'lat'tant Elm*

**The Right Reverend Todd Townshend, B.Sc., M.Div., Th.D.**  
*Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Huron*  
will hood the candidate.

<b>Convocation Address</b>	The Venerable Rosalyn Kant'lat'tant Elm
<b>Musical Interlude</b>	William Lupton

## CONFERRING OF DEGREES BY WESTERN UNIVERSITY

### PRESIDING

**Florentine Strzelczyk, Ph.D.**  
*Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Western University*

Esquire Bedel

**Caroline Galloway Strang, B.Sc., M.Sc., PhD.**  
*Assistant Professor, Departments of Biology & Psychology,  
Western University*

*Convocation will stand for the placing of the mace.*

# DEGREE OF MASTER OF DIVINITY & DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Candidates for the degrees of M.Div.  
and M.T.S. will be presented by

**Dr. Daniel A. Smith**

*Vice-President, Academic and Dean, Faculty of Theology*

and hooded by

**Dr. Barry Craig**

*President and Vice-Chancellor*

## Presentation of Licentiate in Theology, Awards, and Prizes

**Dr. Daniel A. Smith**

*Vice-President, Academic and Dean, Faculty of Theology*

## Greetings from Western University

**Dr. Florentine Strzelczyk**

*Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Western University*

Please rise and remain standing until the Procession,  
led by the Esquire Bedel, exits.

## Benediction

**The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend**

*Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Huron*

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION EXITS

*Following Convocation, all are warmly invited to a  
reception in the Judy and Alan Medline Student  
Commons to honour our new alumni.*

# DEGREE & DIPLOMA RECIPIENTS

## DEGREE OF MASTER OF DIVINITY

Kwaku Asumadu

Bryan Kenwell

Elizabeth Martin

Robert Stewart

## DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Olakunle Aoko

Chad Carver

Jonathan Courey

Lisa Connolly

Obiageli Oraghalum

## LICENTIATE IN THEOLOGY

Robert Cumming

Shirley Doney

Joan Facey

Alexis Frei

Dianne Higgins

Paul Hutt

Joy Logan

Annie MacQueen

Sharon Mason

Carol McCurdy

Mary Munnings

Twila Robar-Decoste

Deanna Ruttan

Pamela Sweet

Wendy Tice

Glendon Whitaker

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES**

The Clarence M. Foltz Scholarship in Spiritual Development  
The John Morden Theology Scholarship  
The Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen Scholarship in Old Testament  
The Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen Prize in New Testament  
The St. Mark's by-the-Lake Church Scholarship for Christian Leadership  
The Fisher-Jenkins Scholarships  
The Bishop Bill Hockin Prize for Preaching  
The Irish Benevolent Society Prizes:  
    The Archdeacon Alford Abraham Prize for Homiletics  
    The Canon Maurice Farr Prize for Pastoral Care  
    The Reverend Captain Bill Bennett Prize  
The Very Rev. Leslie B. Jenkins Prize in Religious History  
The Very Rev. Leslie B. Jenkins Prize in Systematic Theology  
The Dr. D. Jay Koyle Prize in Liturgics  
The Archbishop Michael Peers Prize in Biblical Languages  
The St. John's-by-the-Lake Anglican Church Award in Youth Ministry  
The Vishnu Family Volunteer Service Award  
The Marr-Bowcott Prize for Academic Achievement in Licentiate in Theology  
The Dr. Sadika Merchant Kidwai and Mr. Arshed Ali Kidwai Research Support Award  
The Barzinji-Mirza Fund Academic Prize in Islamic Ethics  
The Barzinji-Mirza Fund Academic Prize in Quranic Studies  
The Barzinji-Mirza Fund Academic Prize for Interfaith Engagement  
The Very Rev. Leslie B. Jenkins Prize for Academic Distinction

## **NAMED DONOR FUNDS**

### **CHAIRS**

The Huron-Lawson Chair in Contextual Theology  
The Clark and Mary Wright Chair in New Testament Theology  
The London and Windsor Community Chair in Islamic Studies

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen Scholarship in Old Testament Studies  
The Fisher-Jenkins Scholarships  
The Clarence M. Foltz Scholarship in Spiritual Development  
The John Morden Theology Scholarship  
The St. Mark's by-the-Lake Church Scholarship for Christian Leadership  
The William & Prudence Morris Scholarship  
The Anne Maude Kearn Theology Scholarship

## **BURSARIES SUPPORTED BY CHURCHES**

The Canon A.S.H. Cree Memorial Bursary  
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## **BURSARIES SUPPORTED BY ALUMNI, FRIENDS AND STUDENTS**

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The Huron Alumni Association 150th Anniversary Bursary  
The Irish Benevolent Society Bursary in Memory of John B. Carson  
The Rev. Charles L. Langford Bursary  
The Miggisie Lawson Memorial Bursary  
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The Robert K. Sheridan Memorial Bursary

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St. John the Divine (Arva) Bursary  
The Jane and Stuart Smith Bursary  
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The Bishop William A. Townshend Bursary  
The Townshend Family Bursary  
The Rev. Dr. Alistair Weir Theological Bursary  
The Rev. Canon Ernest Wells Bursary Fund  
The Reverend John C. Riddle Bursary

## **AWARDS**

The Bishop Bill Hockin Prize for Preaching  
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## **CHAPEL**

The Huron Chapel Ministry Fund  
The Rev. Canon Sidney and Mary Lupton Chapel Fund  
The Archdeacon Harry St. Clair Hilchey and Archdeacon Benjamin J. Thorpe Chapel Fund  
The Rev. Canon Logan and Mrs. Gail (Hubbard '69) Varey Chapel Fund

# DISCOVER A UNIQUE INSTITUTION THAT DEVELOPS LEADERS WITH HEART

For over 160 years, Huron has stood out as a strategically small university that aims to make a positive impact by nurturing the individual gifts of its students and encouraging their engagement with our broader communities. As the founding institution of Western University, Huron has remained committed to providing superior learning experiences that exemplify the most fundamental components of a Liberal Arts education.

This means we go beyond providing graduates with technical training for a specific career path. Instead, we empower our students with creative ways of thinking, challenge them to critically analyse complex ideas, and encourage them to empathize with people whose circumstances may be drastically different from their own.

To protect and build upon the elements of our campus that differentiate Huron from every other university in Canada, we depend on the generous support of our community members, and we are privileged to count such a diverse array of esteemed and engaged citizens as our closest friends.

On behalf of our entire university, we would like to very sincerely thank you for all the ways you contribute to Huron's mission of developing **Leaders with Heart**. We look forward to continuing to build upon our relationships with you to encourage our students to pursue passions that will make the world a kinder, more sustainable and just place.



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