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CANADA BAPTIST COLLEGE

1838 — 1843	Benjamin Davies
1843	Robert Alexander Fyfe
1844 — 1849	John M. Cramn

CANADIAN LITERARY INSTITUTE

<i>1860 — 1878.</i> .	Robert Alexander Fyfe
1878 — 1881	John Torrance

TORONTO BAPTIST COLLEGE

1881 – 1889 John H. Castle

McMASTER UNIVERSITY

1889	.Daniel A. McGregor
1890 – 1892	.Calvin A. Goodspeed
1892 – 1895	.Theodore H. Rand
1895 – 1903	.Oates C. S. Wallace
1903 – 1928	.John H. Farmer
1928 — 1931	.Howard P. Whidden
1931 — 1937	.John MacNeill
1939 – 1952	.Harold S. Stewart
1952 — 1957	Nathaniel H. Parker

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1957 — 1966	.Nathaniel H. Parker
1966 — 1978	.Ivan C. Morgan
1978 — 1989	.Melvyn R. Hillmer
1989 – 2000	.William H. Brackney
2001 –	.Stanley E. Porter

CHANCELLORS OF MCMASTER UNIVERSITY

1887 — 1890
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<i>1922 – 1941</i>
<i>1941 — 1950</i> George P. Gilmour
<i>1950 – 1955</i> E. Carey Fox
<i>1955 – 1960</i> Roy L. Kellock
<i>1960 – 1965</i> Charles P. Fell
<i>1965 – 1971</i> D. Argue C. Martin
<i>1971 – 1977</i> Lawrence T. Pennell
<i>1977 – 1986</i>
<i>1986 – 1992</i> John H. Panabaker
<i>1992 — 1998</i> James H. Taylor
<i>1998 – 2007</i> Melvin M. Hawkrigg
<i>2007 – 2013.</i> Lynton R. Wilson
<i>2013 – 2019.</i> Suzanne B. Labarge
2019 –

PRESIDENTS OF McMASTER UNIVERSITY

1949 — 1961	George P. Gilmour
1961 — 1972	Henry G. Thode
1972 — 1980	Arthur N. Bourns
1980 — 1990	Alvin A. Lee
1990 — 1995	Geraldine A. Kenney-Wallace
1995 — 2010	Peter J. George
2010 — 2019	Patrick Deane
2020	David H. Farrar







I wish to congratulate all of McMaster Divinity College's graduands on reaching this important day. Our prayer for you as you came to McMaster Divinity College was that you would reach this day knowing the Word of God, being transformed into Christ's image, and prepared for doing the work of ministry. We hope that you have experienced the fruit of this prayer. We now pray that you will leave the College better equipped to take your place as a Christian leader. Some of you are heading towards vocational ministry, others into teaching ministry, and still others into various kinds of valuable Christian service. Whatever God has in store for you, we trust that your time here has been one of deep spiritual, personal, and academic development, so as to become the person whom God will continue to use in His work in the world.

Although this occasion marks the completion of much work, effort, and sacrifice, it also marks the beginning of so much more. As you pursue your Christian vocation, we wish God's greatest blessings on you and your endeavours. In all that you do, whether the times are hard or easy, trying or trouble-free, we trust that they will be rewarding as you answer a genuine call to follow the Lord Jesus Christ and work to His glory. We want you to know that our continued prayers, concern, and interest will go with you. We would love to hear from you again regarding how God is working in your life and using you for His purposes.

Stanley E. Porter,

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President and Dean, McMaster Divinity College

McMASTER DIVINITY COLLEGE

McMaster Divinity College is heir to an educational tradition that reaches back to 1838. In 1881, William McMaster, a wealthy merchant, banker and Senator of the Dominion of Canada, urged the creation of a theological school in Toronto, eventually helping to found Toronto Baptist College through his generous financial support. In 1887, this institution, which had provincial degree granting powers, joined with Woodstock College to become McMaster University. After relocating from Toronto to the current campus in west Hamilton in 1930, the University separated from the Divinity College in 1957. McMaster University was reorganized, transferring governance of the institution from the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec to a privately chartered, publicly funded arrangement. McMaster Divinity College, as a separately and independently chartered college, though affiliated with the University, continues the legacy of Toronto Baptist College to this day. With its own Senate and Board of Trustees, MDC is freestanding and responsible for its own governance and finances. However, it remains situated at the heart of the McMaster University campus. McMaster Divinity College currently offers the Master of Theological Studies, Master of Divinity, Doctor of Practical Theology, Master of Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees, as well as a Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Welcome and Opening of Convocation Ceremony
Dr. Stanley E. Porter, President and Dean, McMaster Divinity College

National Anthem

Led by Dr. Wendy J. Porter, Associate Professor of Music and Worship

Take My Life

Led by Dr. Wendy J. Porter, accompanied by Ho Joon Ahn, PhD Student, McMaster Divinity College

Opening Prayer

Dr. Michael Knowles, Professor of Preaching

The Presentation of Degrees by Authority of the McMaster University Senate

Dr. Stanley E. Porter

Dr. Phil Zylla, Vice President Academic

Graduand Reflection

Rev. Diane McBeth (MTS 2020)

The Conferring of Degrees by Authority of the McMaster Divinity College Senate Dr. Stanley E. Porter

Graduand Reflection

Zachary Dawson (PhD 2021)

The Conferring of the Degree Doctor of Divinity honoris causa on Rev. Lionel Pye

by Authority of the McMaster Divinity College Senate

Citation: Dr. Stanley E. Porter David Huctwith, Chair, Board of Trustees, McMaster Divinity College

The Convocation Address *Rev. Dr. Lionel Pye*

ORDER OF EXERCISES (CONTINUED...)

Presentation of the President's Awards for Academic Excellence Dr. Stanley E. Porter

The President's Address Dr. Stanley E. Porter

Be Thou My Vision

Led by Dr. Wendy J. Porter, accompanied by Ho Joon Ahn

The Lord's Prayer

Assembled by Dr. Wendy J. Porter, with submissions from 2020 and 2021 graduates

Commissioning of Graduates Dr. Stanley E. Porter

Commissioning Prayer
Dr. Mark J. Boda, Professor of Old Testament

Dismissal of Convocation Ceremony

Dr. Stanley E. Porter

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Conferred by Authority of the McMaster Divinity College Senate



REV. LIONEL PYEDoctor of Divinity *honoris causa*

Rev. Lionel Pye is an ordained minister with the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec (CBOQ) and serves as Pastor of Campbellford Baptist Church in Campbellford, Ontario, a thriving congregation he has pastored since 1983. Lionel also previously served as President of the Baptist Convention from 1992 to 1993 and as Moderator of the Trent Valley Association of Baptist Churches from 2010 to 2011.

In addition to his many years in dedicated church ministry, Lionel also was previously Assistant Executive Director and Director of Field Services in Metropolitan Toronto for the Boy Scouts of Canada. Additionally, starting in 1985 he was involved in numerous evangelistic outreach missions as a member of Invitation to Live Ministries Team (ITL). Lionel served that organization as the Planning Director and then as Chair of the Board of Directors from 2007 to 2012.

Lionel served as a member of the Board of Trustees and Senate of McMaster Divinity College from 1994 until 2019, having been elected by the CBOQ for 5 full terms. He then served as Chair of the Board of Trustees for the College from 2005 to 2019. Throughout Lionel's term as Board chair, MDC experienced continued growth in student numbers, size of faculty, and overall financial strength. Upon his retirement from the Board in 2019, Lionel was also presented with the Irwin Award in recognition of his many years of outstanding and distinguished service to McMaster Divinity College.

THE PRESENTATION OF DEGREES BY AUTHORITY OF THE McMASTER UNIVERSITY SENATE, 2020-2021

Dr. Stanley E. Porter

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Presented by Rev. Dr. Phil C. Zylla

CLASS OF 2020

Braden Allen Campbell

Denise Ka-Mun Fan BA (Dalhousie)

CLASS OF 2021

Stephen Michael Cowley

Bart Eisen

BTh (Emmanuel)

Jason Sean Pluim

BA (Redeemer)

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Presented by Rev. Dr. Phil C. Zylla

CLASS OF 2020

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John Herman Morkel

Patricia Lee Paddey

Jared Jonathan Taylor

BTh (Canada Christian)

BAA (Ryerson)

AA (Briercrest)

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Mike Roland Ariza

Samantha Erin Black

Justin Shawn Brix

BA (Radgamer)

Justin Shawn BrixBA (Redeemer)Linda Hsiao-Chuen ChouBSc (Toronto)John HemingwayBSc (Gallaudet)

Jesse Daniel Hill BA (Regent), Med (Regent)

Megan Nicole Little BA (Houghton)
Jiasheng Lu BCom (York)
Denley Washington McIntosh

Elizabeth Mills

Elizabeth Millar BA (Concordia)

Paul Millar BSW (Calgary), MSW (Wilfred Laurier)

Li Dong Ni

Jonathan Polowick

Carla Ratzlaff

Patricia Rene Vandekamp

Xiaochun Wang

Graham White

MMed (Jinan - China)

BA (Carleton)

BCM (Ambrose)

BA (Okanagan)

MA (Peking - China)

BA (McMaster)

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES BY AUTHORITY OF THE McMASTER DIVINITY COLLEGE SENATE. 2020

Dr. Stanley E. Porter

DOCTOR OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Presented by Rev. Dr. Phil C. Zylla

CLASS OF 2020

Paul Kevin Bates MTS (McMaster Divinity) Dissertation: A Practical Theology of Work and Leadership

Heather Annette Card BBA (Wilfred Laurier), MTS (McMaster Divinity) Dissertation: The Messages to the Seven Churches

MASTER OF ARTS (CHRISTIAN STUDIES)

Presented by Rev. Dr. Phil C. Zylla

CLASS OF 2020

Seunghoon Baik

BSc (KAIST - Republic of Korea), MDiv (Presbyterian - Republic of Korea), ThM (Soongsil - Republic of Korea)

Thesis: The Amalgamation of Moses and David in Book IV of the Psalter: An Answer to the Failure of the Davidic Covenant

Grant Matthew Hyndman

BA (McMaster), MDiv (McMaster Divinity)

Thesis: Uphill Both Ways: Locating the Spiritual in Helping Professionals' Narrative of Care With Adolescent Males With Adverse Childhood Experiences

Bryan Thornton Stephens BA (Arizona Christian)

Thesis: Apocalyptic Texts and Genre: Investigating the Genre of Late Antique Judaic Apocalyptic Texts

CLASS OF 2021

Jeremy Ray Webb AA (Cochise), BA (Arizona Christian)

Thesis: A Hermeneutical Disposition: Wittgensteinian Meaning and Biblical Interpretation

CLASS OF 2020

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY)

Presented by Rev. Dr. Phil C. Zylla

Karl Leslie Armstrong

BCom (Saint Mary's), MDiv (Acadia), MA (Acadia) Dissertation: A New Plea for an Early Date of Acts

Dustin Guy Burlet

BRE (Peace River), MDiv (Providence)

Dissertation: Cosmos to Chaos--Chaos to Covenant. A Rhetorical-Critical Reading of the Noahic Deluge Narrative

Christopher Dwight Clements

BRE (Tyndale), MDiv (Tyndale), MA (McMaster Divinity)

Dissertation: Lift Up Your Eyes: Truth, Beauty, and the Christian Nature of Adolescents

Jennifer Brown Jones BS (Florida), MA (Wheaton)

Dissertation: What Pleases A God: Translation and Style in the Old Greek Psalter

Alan Eugene Kurschner

BA (Wisconsin-Eau Claire), MA (Gordon-Conwell)

Dissertation: The Millennial Binding of Satan: A Linguistic Approach to

Revelation 19:11-20:6

Tat Yu Lam

ThM (Evangel - Hong Kong), MDiv (Evangel - Hong Kong)

Dissertation: The Signs of the New Temple: The Analogies Between Jesus' Signs

and the Tabernacle Signs in John's Gospel

Chiaen Liu

BMath (National Taiwan Normal), MTh (China Evangelical - China), MDiv (China Evangelical - China), MA (McMaster Divinity)

Dissertation: Upon This Rock: An Analysis of Register in the Petrine Texts

Benjamin Jose Montoya

BA (Boyce), MDiv (Southern Baptist)

Dissertation: A Paradigm Change: From Traditional Grammar to Modern

Linguistic Theory

Howard Hon Wa Ngan

BMath (Waterloo), MDiv (Tyndale)

Dissertation: Caring and Identity: A Case of Young Adults in the Canadian

Chinese Church

Matthew George Rowley

BTh (Living Faith), MDiv (Canadian Southern Baptist)

Dissertation: Church and State in Upper Canada: John Strachan's Political

Theology and Practice

Christopher S. Stevens

BA (Arkansas), MDiv (Westminster)

Dissertation: History of the Pauline Corpus: Textual Analysis of MSS from the

Second to Fifth Century

Phillip David Strickland

BA (Point), MDiv (TEDS - Chicago), MA (TEDS - Chicago)

Dissertation: Pros Hebraious: The Epistle to the Hebrews and Its Relationship to

Second Temple Judaism

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY)

Presented by Rev. Dr. Phil C. Zylla

Emad Wadid Botros

BTh (Arab Baptist - Lebanon), MA (McMaster Divinity)

Dissertation: The Merciful and Gracious God: A Biblical Theology of Jonah in the

Context of Islam

Nathan Lowell Brown

BA (Faulkner), MA (Faulkner)

Dissertation: Mapping Mark: Quantitative Study of Clause Thematization as a

Means of Illuminating Gospel Genre

Guohua Cen

BSc (Zhejiang - China), MSc (Calgary), MDiv (Canadian Southern Baptist)

Dissertation: Domination or Empowerment? A Critical Discourse Analysis of 1

and 2 Corinthians

Qianhong Chen

BEcon (Sun Yat-Sen - China), MDiv (Tyndale), MA (McMaster Divinity)

Dissertation: Appropriating Christian Mysticism for (Mainland) Chinese

Evangelical Spirituality

Parimal Ratilal Christian

BDiv (Union - India), MTh (Union - India)

Dissertation: Salvation - Deliverance from the Supernatural Powers: A Register

Analysis of Ephesians 1-3 and 4

Daniel Cooper

BA (Crandall), MDiv (Liberty), MA (Liberty)

Dissertation: Where Is the Place of Darkness?: A Metaphor of Analysis of

Darkness in the Old Testament

Zachary Kyle Dawson

BA (Oklahoma Christian), MA (Southeastern Baptist)

Dissertation: The Message of the Jerusalem Council in the Acts of the Apostles:

A Linguistic Stylistic Analysis

Bryan William Yukio Fletcher

BA (Redlands), MA (Regent)

Dissertation: Voice in the Greek of the New Testament

James Japheth Sudarshan Harrichand

BA (Tyndale), MDiv (Tyndale)

Dissertation: Anthropological Expressive Modalities of Disorientation: A Biblical

and Pastoral Theology

Seongho Kang

BS (Seoul National), MDiv (Korea Theological), ThM (Calvin)

Dissertation: From Ethical Bankruptcy to Ethical Credibility: H. Richard Neiburh,

Stanley Hauerwas, and the Korean Church

Sherley Kuriyachan

BSc (Banglore - India), BD (Senate of Serampore - India), MTh (Senate of

Serampore - India), MDiv (Gospel for Asia)

Dissertation: Responses to Exile in the Book of Jeremiah

Gerhard Mielke

BMath (Waterloo), MTS (Tyndale)

Dissertation: From Unity to Diversity: Entire Sanctification and Non-Creedalism in

the Church of God

Megan Christina Roberts

BA (Moody), MA (Wheaton)

Dissertation: Remembering and Forgetting in Isaiah 40-55: Memory and the

Problem of Comfort

Sid Diobrey Sudiacal

BA (Ottawa), MTS (McMaster Divinity)

Dissertation: Disgust and the Donatist Controversy: Examining the Role

of Disgust in Augustine During the Donatist Controversy in

Augustine's Letters

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MINISTRY

Presented by Rev. Dr. Phil C. Zylla

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ACADEMIC AWARDS, 2020

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The Harvey Pike Memorial Prize

Julie Dykes

Margaret and Stanley Ford Scholarship

Nicholas Findlay

The H. Winnifred Lang Scholarship

Kevin Foth

The John Billes Scholarship (Biblical Studies)

Benjamin Froese

Canadian Bible Society Prize, The Dundas Prize in Church History

Jesse Hill

The Silas H. Lamb Bursary Fund, The Horace West Bursary

Jennifer Jones

The Edith Laurence McDermid Scholarship

Faith Lau

The John Billes Scholarship (Ministry Studies), The Irene McDormand Prize

Meghan Matthews

The Muriel Israel Prize

Sean McGuire

The Ker Memorial Scholarship, The Duncan R. MacNab Scholarship

Elizabeth Millar

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Nathan Nadeau

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Aaron Pachal

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The John Billes Scholarship (Theological Studies)

Phillip Strickland

The MDC Faculty Award

Jackson Theune

The Reverend Fred Allen Jewell Scholarship

David Witt

The Sally and Paul Bates Leadership Award

ACADEMIC AWARDS, 2021

Jonathan Boerger

The Reverend Fred Allen Jewell Scholarship, The John Billes Scholarship

Matthew Bovard

Margaret and Stanley Ford Scholarship

Emma Clarke

The William and Ines Watson Memorial Bursary

Julie Dykes

Margaret and Stanley Ford Scholarship, The Lois Tupper Scholarship

Jesse Hill

Canadian Bible Society

Doreen Kool

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Faith Lau

Margaret and Stanley Ford Scholarship, The Sally and Paul Bates Leadership Award

Megan Little

The H. Winnifred Lang Scholarship

Yan Ma

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Sean McGuire

The Horace West Bursary

Elizabeth Millar

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The Gordon S. Martin Memorial Scholarship, The Irene McDormand Prize

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Luke Ricker

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Jackson Theune

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Bart Eisen Jason Pluim

Wilhelm Enns Jonathan Polowick

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