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Colin Dodds and Elizabeth May To Receive Honorary Degrees at AST Convocation

Halifax, NS – During Convocation ceremonies on May 2, 2015, Atlantic School of Theology (AST) will award a **Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa***, to Dr. J. Colin Dodds, in recognition of his exemplary leadership in post-secondary education at the local, regional, national and international levels. We are particularly grateful to Dr. Dodds for his support of AST and his unfailing generosity in making our institutional relationship a success. AST will also award a **Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa***, to Elizabeth May for her role in underscoring the importance of theological education and her dedication to environmental concerns.

Dr. J. Colin Dodds

Dr. J. Colin Dodds is President and Vice-Chancellor of Saint Mary's University, a Director of the Bank of Canada, and on the boards of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and the Asia Pacific Foundation. Dr. Dodds assumed the Presidency in 2000 having served as Vice President Academic and Research, and Dean of the Sobey School of Business at the University. Dr. Dodds is a former Chair of the Board of the Canadian Bureau of International Education and past Chair of the Board of the Canadian Scholarship Trust, the Greater Halifax Partnership, and the Board of the Better Business Bureau for Atlantic Canada. A former member of the Board of the Atlantic Institute of Market Studies, he continues to serve on the Board of Research Advisors. He has also chaired the Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU) and the Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents (CONSUP). In addition to many other awards, he has been named one of Atlantic Canada's Top 50 CEOs, received the 2014 Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Administration, and was inducted into the Top 50 CEO Hall of Fame. Dr. Dodds served on the Canadian Government's Advisory Panel on International Education Strategy, chaired the Nova Scotia Boundaries Commission in 2002, served as Vice Chair in 2012, and is on the Campaign Cabinet for the Discovery Centre, Ross Farm and the Black Loyalist Cultural Centre. He has published many books, journal articles and conference papers, particularly on financial markets, and continues to teach international finance to graduate students at Saint

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Mary's University. He is an invited speaker to many community events. Educated in the United Kingdom and holding BA, BSc, MA and PhD degrees, Dr. Dodds has taught at many universities in the U.K., Asia and Canada.

Elizabeth May

Elizabeth May is the leader of the Green Party of Canada and Member of Parliament representing the southern Vancouver Island riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands. One of Canada's most respected environmentalists, May is a graduate of Dalhousie Law School and was admitted to the Bar in both Nova Scotia and Ontario. She held the position of Associate General Council for the Public Interest Advocacy Centre prior to becoming Senior Policy Advisor to the federal Minister of the Environment. She became Executive Director of the Sierra Club of Canada in 1989, a position she held until March 2006, when she stepped down to run for leadership of the Green Party of Canada. May is the author of eight books and has served on the boards of numerous organizations, including the International Institute for Sustainable Development, the National Round Table on Environment and Economy, and the Earth Charter International Council. She became an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2005. In November 2010, *Newsweek* magazine named her "one of the world's most influential women." In the 2011 federal election, Elizabeth made history by being the first Green Party candidate to be elected to the House of Commons. She was chosen (by a vote of all MPs) as *Maclean's* Parliamentarian of the Year (2012), Hardest Working MP (2013), and Best Orator (2014). The *Hill Times* named her the Hardest Working MP (2013 and 2014), and Best Constituency MP (shared, 2013). She has already received honorary degrees from Mount Saint Vincent University (2000), the University of New Brunswick (2003), and Mount Allison University (2007).

All are welcome to attend AST's convocation exercises, which take place on Saturday, May 2, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Andrew's United Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Elizabeth May is the guest speaker at AST's gala fundraising dinner on Friday, May 1. Ticket information for this event is available on the AST website: www.astheology.ns.ca.

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