



## **AST Appoints Dr. Susan MacAlpine-Gillis as Assistant Professor, Pastoral Theology**

HALIFAX, NS—I am delighted to announce that Rev. Dr. Susan MacAlpine-Gillis will be taking on the position of Assistant Professor, Pastoral Theology on a half-time basis for a three-year period beginning January 1, 2017.

Dr. MacAlpine-Gillis is well known and respected as an excellent educator in the AST and broader community. She brings tremendous commitment and energy to advancing AST's mission of shaping faithful and effective leaders. With thirty-one years of faith-filled and impactful leadership in ministry herself, Dr. MacAlpine-Gillis has a deep and practical understanding of leadership in a church and community context. Dr. MacAlpine-Gillis is well acquainted with current thinking and research regarding congregational development. Her knowledge of the field of pastoral theology, her experience, her understanding of the United Church of Canada were all richly evident during the search process.

Dr. MacAlpine-Gillis is committed to the cultivation of a learning environment that is accessible, sensitive to the mission of the church and the imperative to work towards a just, compassionate and sustainable future for the world. As a practical theologian, excellent communicator, and as someone gifted in working with people of all walks of life, Susan is a model for the kind of leadership we aspire to shape in our students.

I am grateful to all those who applied for this position. I would also like to thank Academic Dean Jody Clarke and the members of the Search Committee for their wise and discerning approach to this process.

Please join me in congratulating Rev. Dr. Susan MacAlpine-Gillis to her new position at AST. Welcome, Susan, to your new role!

Rev. Neale Bennet  
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