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Lieutenant Governor's Faith in Action Award 2010 Announced David A. Olding

Atlantic School of Theology (AST) is pleased to announce that well-known Halifax volunteer David A. Olding is the recipient of the 2010 Lieutenant Governor's *Faith in Action Award*. Mr. Olding will receive his award at AST convocation, which takes place on Saturday, May 1, at 11:00 a.m. in the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1340 Tower Road, Halifax.

Mr. Olding has been involved in prison ministry and has offered pastoral support to various organizations in the Halifax area for approximately 13 years. Following his retirement, he served for 10 years as a full-time volunteer chaplain for Correction Services Canada, making daily visits to halfway houses in Halifax and regular calls to correctional facilities throughout Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He continues to provide support to organizations such as Metro Turning Point, Direction 180, Mainline Needle Exchange, Metro Non-Profit Housing, Community Action on Homelessness, Stepping Stone, and the "In from the Cold" shelter. His life is focused on caring for those who seem to have no one to care for them—prisoners, the homeless, addicts and sex workers. His passion and commitment are an inspiration to those who work with him and hear him speak about the issues facing the underprivileged and marginalized in today's society. He was selected to serve on the Nova Scotia Minister of Justice Task Force to Make Streets and Communities Safer and received a Faithful Service Award at the 139th Session of the Anglican Diocesan Synod. David Olding truly lives his faith in action every day.

The Lieutenant Governor's Faith in Action Award honours exceptional community outreach and continues Her Honour, the Honourable Mayann E. Francis's deep commitment to community development. Recipients are selected by a committee that includes representatives from AST and the Nova Scotia Interfaith Council. The award is presented annually during AST's convocation ceremony.

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