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Atlantic School of Theology Announces April 2011 Convocation Honorees

Halifax, NS – During convocation ceremonies on April 30, 2011, Atlantic School of Theology (AST) will award a Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa, to The Reverend Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, in recognition of her extraordinary achievements, particularly in the area of ecumenism. Canon Barnett-Cowan will also deliver the convocation address.

The Reverend Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan

The Reverend Canon Barnett-Cowan is the Director for Unity Faith and Order for the Anglican Communion, based in London, England. In this capacity, she staffs the Inter-Anglican Commission for Unity Faith and Order, which among other matters, is overseeing the process for the adoption of the Anglican Communion Covenant. She is the lead staff for the ecumenical dialogues of the Anglican Communion, including current conversations with the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church, the Lutheran World Federation, and the Methodist World Council. Before her appointment to the Anglican Communion Office, Alyson was the Director of the Faith Worship and Ministry Department of the Anglican Church of Canada, where she staffed its theological and ecumenical work. She has been a member of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and a Vice-President of the Canadian Council of Churches. Alyson is a Canon of the Diocese of Brandon, where, with her husband Bruce, she was co-president of the Henry Budd College for Ministry in the 1980s. She is a graduate of Trinity College, University of Toronto (BA, MDiv, MTh), and holds honorary doctorates from Montreal Diocesan College, Trinity College and Lutheran Seminary in Saskatoon.

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In addition to the above-noted honorary degree, AST will honor David Hewitt as an Associate of Atlantic School of Theology in recognition of his commitment and support to the school.

David Hewitt

David Hewitt was commissioned to the Diaconal ministry of the United Church of Canada by Toronto Conference in 1986 and has served pastoral charges in Ontario, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. David served as Presbytery Youth and Young Adult Minister in Vancouver, BC, (1988 to 1992) and as United Church Formation Director at Atlantic School of Theology (1996 to 2008). David was just recently appointed Executive Secretary of the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada.

All are welcome to attend AST's convocation exercises, which will take place on Saturday, April 30, at 11:00 a.m. in Saint Benedict Catholic Church, 45 Radcliffe Drive, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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