

Atlantic Ministry Area Rostered Leaders Retreat

"The Midnight Guide to the Bible"
Spiritual Direction: Rev. Dr. Matthew Anderson

White Point Beach Resort, Nova Scotia
February 12-15, 2023

November 2022

Greetings, friends! Enclosed please find information regarding our forthcoming study conference which is scheduled to take place at White Point Beach Lodge Resort & Conference Centre from 7:00 pm on **Sunday, February 12th to Wednesday, February 15th, 2023**. I am looking forward to these special days together!

Our theme this time will be **"The Midnight Guide to the Bible. Not your usual Bible Study: examining the scriptures through murder, sex, money, mistakes, #MeToo, and real estate!"**

Our retreat presenter will be Rev. Dr. Matthew Anderson. Matthew Anderson teaches part-time at St FX University, Antigonish Nova Scotia/Mi'kma'ki and Concordia University, Montreal/Tio'tiá:ke. He's also the part-time Director of Camino Nova Scotia at Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax. (Matthew feels that keeping a number of part-time jobs on the go results in an impressive collection of email addresses.) Matthew was born to settlers on Treaty 4 territory. He was ordained in 1985 and has served decades in the Eastern Synod. His PhD in Biblical Studies is from McGill University.



Matthew is the recent author of *Our Home and Treaty Land* (with Dr. Ray Aldred, 2022); *Prophets of Love: The Unlikely Kinship of Leonard Cohen and the Apostle Paul* (McGill-Queens University Press, forthcoming 2023); and *Pairings: The Bible and Booze* (Novalis, 2021; in French as *Apocalypse et gin tonic*). Matthew's academic publications are currently in Pauline studies, pilgrimage studies, gender/masculinity studies, and (an approach he coined for the Journal of Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies) "aware-settler" biblical studies. Matthew has instituted historic trail pilgrimages in Western Canada and the Montreal urban area and has walked and led walks for thousands of kilometres on pilgrimage paths in Europe and North America.

Matthew especially loves to translate academic research into fun and user friendly media outputs. He has a pilgrimage podcast called "Pilgrimage Stories from Up and Down the Staircase," Biblical Studies channels on YouTube and Soundcloud, and has written, shot and produced two full length documentaries about pilgrimage. These can be found on his websites,

<https://SomethingGrand.ca> and <https://UnsettledWords.com>.

Our gathering will begin with supper on February 12th, after which we will gather under the direction of our Dean, Rev Kimberlynn McNabb.

As has been the case in recent years, you are most welcome to invite a neighbouring Anglican colleague to join us! Please share a copy of this memo and attached registration information. Registration fees for our Anglican Colleagues are being arranged through the diocesan office so no payment will need to be sent. They do, however, still need to register.

To register, please visit: <https://form.jotform.com/223266105989262>

Please register no later than January 27, 2023. I do hope that all of you will be able to be in attendance at this year's gathering. I am very much looking forward to this time together!

+

Bishop Michael J. Pryse