St. Stephen's College
at the University of Alberta

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Outline

- Broad overview of the present operations
  St. Stephen’s College
- The story of St. Stephen’s College
  (history and UAlberta affiliation)
- UAlberta programs and offerings
- SSC programs and offerings

“Well, I know you’re there, but I don’t really know what you do.”
Two Frames for Thinking about SSC

(1) H. M. Tory’s Inaugural Convocation Address (Oct 6, 1908)

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(2) UAlberta’s 2016 Strategic Action Plan

For the Public Good

- We value **diversity, inclusivity, and equity** across and among our people, campuses, and disciplines
- We value **creativity and innovation** from the genesis of ideas through to the dissemination of knowledge
- We value the **history and traditions** of our university, celebrating with pride our people, achievements, and contributions to society
About St. Stephen’s College

St. Stephen’s College, ca.1953–present
About St. Stephen’s College

St. Stephen’s College, 1910 – ca.1976

1912 Campus Plan
About St. Stephen’s College

What we Do:
St. Stephen’s College is a multi-faith divinity school that forms caregiving professionals with the spiritual, vocational, and intellectual capacities needed to minister in the public sphere.

Summary Description:
Educating the Whole Person

Mission:
To be a multi-faith community that offers sacred spaces for learning and transformation.
About St. Stephen’s College

Institutional Profile:

- Roots stretch back to 1903, the founding of Alberta College
- Educational partner of the University of Alberta since 1908, and of the United Church of Canada since 1925
- Chartered by the province (April 27, 1927; amended 1968) to grant divinity degrees in fields such as Theology, Ministry, and Psychotherapy
- Associate Member of the Association of Theological Schools, and an approved training program of the Canadian Art Therapy Association
About St. Stephen’s College

Institutional Profile:

- Five core faculty and over 30 associate faculty
- Over 280 students in graduate, undergraduate, and open studies programs
  - About 110 UAlberta students (mostly undergraduate)
  - About 170 SSC students (overwhelmingly graduate)
- 45% of SSC students reside outside the Greater Edmonton Area
About St. Stephen’s College

Core Faculty

Fred Tappenden, PhD

Darlene Pranke, DMin

Henriette Kelker, PhD

Micheala Slipp, EdD (cand.)

Augustine Parattukudi, PhD (cand.)
- **Bachelor of Divinity (BD):** UAlberta degree granted for the training of Methodist, Presbyterian, and United Church clergy
  - Approx. 120 ministers were trained through SSC at the UAlberta during this 60 year period.

- **Student Residence:** The original SSC building included both offices and a student residence. Our role in the life of the University prior to the 1970s was much more like SJC today.

- **Ecumenical and Multi-faith Engagements:** SSC has always worked across religious lines; in the early years, we worked primarily across Christian denominational lines.
The Story of St. Stephen’s College (1968–Present)

A Pivotal Three Years (1968–1970)

- **Gained Degree Granting Status**: In 1968, the University transferred the granting of divinity degrees to SSC
- **Ceased training of Church Ministers**: In 1970, the General Council of the UCC voted no longer to train candidates for ministry at SSC

**A Peculiar Position**: SSC is chartered to provide theological education, which usually leads into church ministry, but the College’s home denomination ceased to recognise the ministers it trains!
The Story of St. Stephen’s College (1968–Present)

- **Advanced Graduate Education:** In 1978, SSC launched one of Canada’s first Doctor of Ministry program (only 6 months behind the University of Toronto)

- **Psychotherapy and Spirituality:** In 1998, SSC became the first theological college in Canada to launch a program in Spiritually-Informed Psychotherapy.
  - The SSC program now has an Art Therapy specialization

- **Spiritual Care in the Public Sphere:** SSC has been at the fore of spiritual health care since we launched Alberta’s first hospital chaplaincy course in 1966
The Story of St. Stephen’s College (1968–Present)

Broad Transformations at SSC since the 1990s

- Ecumenical → Interfaith → Multi-faith
- Church Ministry → Public Ministry
- Advanced Training of Church Ministers → Theological and Spiritual Formation of Care Giving Professionals
- Theological Vocabulary → Spiritual Vocabulary
SSC Offerings at UAlberta

- **Diverse Course Offerings (CHRTP)**
  - Christian Theology
  - Spirituality and Multi-Faith Theology
  - Spiritual Care and Health
  - Creative Arts Therapies (Art Therapy, Music Therapy, and Drama Therapy)
    - These offerings make UAlberta the only U15 institution to offer Creative Arts Therapies

- **BA Minor in Christian Theology**
  - Offered through the Faculty of Arts, in connection with SJC
SSC Offerings at UAlberta

Sacred Spaces …

STRESSED?
Looking for a way to get grounded?

St. Stephen’s College has an indoor labyrinth that is open to the public. Available for free drop-in use Fridays from 9am to 3:30pm

8810 112 Street
University of Alberta Campus
St. Stephen’s College Programs

- **Doctor of Ministry**
  - Core and Spiritual Care Supervisory streams

- **Master of Psychotherapy and Spirituality**
  - Core and Art Therapy streams; currently developing a Spiritual Care stream

- **Master of Theological Studies**
  - Core and Diaconal stream; currently developing Chaplaincy and Spiritual Direction streams

- **Workshops and Community Education**
St. Stephen’s Impact on the Public Good

Spiritual Care in the Health Systems

Provincial Regulation of Counselling Therapists
St. Stephen’s College, at the University of Alberta

**Uplifting the Whole People**

SSC participates in “uplifting the whole people” by *Educating the Whole Person (Body, Mind, and Spirit)*. Our educational mandate is both rooted in and complementary to the educational mandate of the University of Alberta.

**For the Public Good**

SSC is a theological college that is oriented toward the public good. This is seen in our multi-faith identity, and in our vision to form *Caregiving Professionals who minister in the Public Sphere*. 
Stop by and Visit Any Time!