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St. Andrew's Hall Appoints The Reverend Rebecca Simpson as Assistant Dean



Vancouver, BC — St. Andrew's Hall is pleased to announce the appointment of The Reverend Rebecca Simpson as Assistant Dean, effective August 1, 2026.

In her new role, Rev. Simpson will support Dean Dr. Ross Lockhart and collaborate with the St. Andrew's Hall (SAH) staff to advance the college's **mission of equipping missional leaders through teaching, hospitality and witness for Christ's church of tomorrow, today**. As Assistant Dean, Rev. Simpson will contribute to the development and administration of ministry programs, oversee operational effectiveness, and provide leadership in fund development. She will also serve as Dean's Designate when required and offer committee and programmatic support across the Hall's initiatives.

Dean Ross Lockhart shared his enthusiasm for the appointment:

"Rev. Simpson brings a wealth of leadership gifts to this new role as Assistant Dean. She is an educator, mentor, and recognized leader within The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Rev. Simpson brings her experience of working within the St. Andrew's Hall community over many years and is already a highly respected member of the Executive Staff Team. As Dean of St. Andrew's Hall, I am thrilled to have such a talented and team-focused colleague at SAH, where we are equipping missional leaders for Christ's Church of tomorrow, today."

Rev. Gwen Brown, Convenor of the St. Andrew's Hall Board, added:

"On behalf of the St. Andrew's Hall Board of Directors, I extend a warm welcome to Rev. Rebecca Simpson to this new position. We are delighted to welcome such an exceptional educator, organizer,

and pastor. Rev. Simpson comes to us in this new role with a toolbox filled with creativity, expertise, compassion, and intention. We are excited to see the ministry of St. Andrew's Hall continue to grow and bloom as she joins the team as Assistant Dean."

Rev. Simpson holds a Bachelor of Education from Simon Fraser University, with a focus on educational psychology and a major in biology. Her early career included teaching science in Maple Ridge, BC, and adult education in Swan River, Manitoba. She later pursued graduate theological studies and served as Camp Douglas Director for the Presbytery of Westminster. Most recently, she has been a valued professor at St. Andrew's Hall, helping to shape future Presbyterian leaders.

Located on the University of British Columbia campus since 1955, St. Andrew's Hall is a college of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Through its Centre for Missional Leadership, SAH supports the Church across Canada and globally. The Hall also offers graduate theological education in partnership with Vancouver School of Theology and provides a vibrant ministry of chaplaincy and hospitality through its residential community.

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