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Dear friends of St. Andrew's Hall,

I trust this letter from the Dean's office finds you well as we approach the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Each year, St. Andrew's Day offers an opportunity to reflect on the life of the saint for whom our college is named and to give thanks for what God has accomplished in and through our ministry this past year.

2025 marks 70 years of ministry at St. Andrew's Hall, a community of faith and learning in the heart of one of Canada's major research universities. We celebrated this milestone with a special gala on the UBC campus, with Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling, Ambassador of the Canadian Bible Society, as our keynote speaker. Together with over 100 guests, we celebrated the past, present and future of St. Andrew's Hall, giving God thanks for divine provision and presence inspiring the ongoing faithful witness of our college community.

During this 70th anniversary year, St. Andrew's Hall hosted more than **200 students and their families**, providing a Christian home away from home for students and their loved ones to flourish. Through hospitality and witness, St. Andrew's Hall is nourishing the next generation of Christian leaders in education, arts, science, engineering, finance, and law. Our **chaplaincy ministry** supports students through **weekly chapel services, soup nights, Bible studies**, and programs focusing on mental health and vocation discernment, with the aim of **sharing the love of Jesus and inviting others to follow him**.

Theological education remains central at St. Andrew's Hall, with our **Centre for Missional Leadership (CML)** equipping Christian leaders, now in its tenth year of ministry. This year, CML's **certificate program** is accompanying seventeen congregational cohorts of more than **100 leaders** as they discern God's calling in their local communities and implement new initiatives. Additionally, through the **Sacrament Elder program**, CML trained over **fifty ruling elders** to provide baptism and communion in their churches. CML hosted another successful **Guder Retreat program** in August for **ten pastoral leaders**, with guest lecturer Dr. Chris James focused on the theme of discernment. CML reached congregations across North America through our

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From top left: An annual highlight, the SAH Welcome BBQ; At the SAH 70th Gala: Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling presents the keynote message; Mary Rozsa de Coquet greets gala guests; Dr. Lockhart, Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling, and Rev. Rebecca Simpson.

annual **Lenten Devotion Guide** highlighting diverse voices within our community reflecting on God’s Word. We also celebrated the publication of **two new books** in 2025 by the CML team. CML Director Mark Glanville published *Preaching in a New Key: Crafting Expository Sermons in Post-Christian Neighbourhoods*, and the CML team published *The Continuing Witness of the Missional Church: Reflections on Darrell Guder’s Life and Teaching*. In addition, St. Andrew’s Hall also contributes to the training of future ministers in the Presbyterian Church in Canada through degree programs at Vancouver School of Theology.

I am humbled when I consider the ways God’s transformative Spirit is impacting our **intentional Christian community** here at St. Andrew’s Hall. As we celebrate God’s faithfulness for over 70 years, we look forward in confidence knowing that Jesus is inviting us into an exciting future of **education, hospitality, and witness**. With your help, we are living into this vision, responding to the call to discern and equip the future church that God is bringing.

This is only possible by your **generous and ongoing support** of St. Andrew’s Hall. I invite you to join me in giving today, St. Andrew’s Day. There are many ways to give, and we would be delighted with your **monthly support**, as it helps us anticipate income throughout the year. In whatever way you choose to support this **vibrant and transformative ministry**, I thank you with deep and sincere appreciation. I am truly honoured to serve as dean of this community of scholars, staff, and students as we discern, participate, and celebrate what God is doing in our midst for the sake of the **church and the world**.

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Grace and peace in the name of Jesus,

Ross Lockhart

The Reverend Ross A. Lockhart, PhD
Dean of St. Andrew’s Hall

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A Prayer for St. Andrew's Day

(CHURCH OF SCOTLAND)

Lord Jesus Christ,
your apostle Andrew inspires us.
May we show today the same enthusiasm
for the gospel which he displayed.
Make our lives as attractive as his,
that the vitality of our faith and the warmth
of our love may always point beyond us to you.
Like him, may we become not only disciples
but witnesses; not only your followers
but also your friends.

AMEN.

Hl. Andreas

Johann Philipp von der Schlichten, 1732
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