

## EMMANUEL COLLEGE

This year the student body at Emmanuel College numbers 160 students, with about 45 in doctoral programs or other advanced degrees. 66 students are in the M.Div. program preparing for ministry, while 30 are in various other masters' programs. In 2009-2010, there are 199 United Church candidates enrolled in 15 accredited theological seminary programs across North America. Of these, Emmanuel has 52 candidates, with another 5 candidates on internship (September to April, 2010). More than one quarter of all United Church candidates within M.Div. programs in Canada and the United States are at Emmanuel College.

In March, Emmanuel unveiled its new website at [www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca](http://www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca). Through this academic year, a task group is working on a new five-year strategic plan (2011-2016) which will be brought to the Emmanuel College Council for approval in November. A new vision, mission, and values statement for the College was approved by the Board of Regents of Victoria University in February and can be found in its entirety on the Emmanuel College website under the tab "About Emmanuel."

This term Emmanuel's new Canadian Certificate of Muslim Studies program began with strong enrollment. The first two courses offered are The Quran in the Canadian Context, and Islamic Spirituality in a Health Care Setting. The certificate requires completion of nine courses, but courses are open to all whether one plans to finish a certificate or not. These courses are part of the College's continuing education program and do not require prerequisites, prior degrees or other preparation to participate.

Next academic year, the College is exploring, through course development, new connections with Toronto and its surrounding communities. A new course will require an "experiential learning" component and connect students, a faculty member or two, community agencies, and the college in collaborative ways both in the classroom and outside of it.

Faculty announced the appointment of Dr. Pamela Couture to the Jane and Geoffrey Martin Chair in Church and Community. She comes to Emmanuel College from the Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Mo., where she has held the position of vice-president of academic affairs, dean and professor of practical theology. Professor Couture is an accomplished pastoral theologian and scholar, as well as a United Methodist ordained minister and community leader. Couture holds a PhD in practical theology from the University of Chicago, and has been active in both community and church outreach to foster new understandings of evangelism and mission, and to develop skills among students in areas associated with public theology and community leadership.

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