

Faith Nostbakken

Education

DMin Student, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Sept 2020--present
Deacon, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), ordained Nov. 15, 2014
MTS, 2010; Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Alberta
Certificate from the two-year "Presence Program": Formation for the Ministry of Spiritual Direction, 2006, Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton, Alberta
PhD (English) 1993; University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta. Dissertation title: English History on the Renaissance Stage
MA (English) 1988; University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta. Thesis title: Politics in Shakespeare's Early Histories
BA (English/Political Science) Double Honours Program, 1987; University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Employment Experience

-Thesis Supervisor, MTS Program, St Stephen's College, Edmonton, Alberta, 2021-2022
-Reading Course Supervisor, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Fall Semester, 2021
-Co-Instructor (Sessional Lecturer), "Contemporary Spirituality: Origins and Diversity," King's University College, Edmonton, Alberta, Fall Semester, 2019
-Faculty (Facilitator), "Presence": Two-Year Spiritual Director Formation Program, Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton, Alberta, 2016 to present
-Faculty Advisor, DMin Program, St. Stephen's College, Edmonton, Alberta, 2016-2020
-Pulpit Supply in various churches (Lutheran, Mennonite, Anglican, Moravian, United Church of Canada, Presbyterian), 2008 to present
-Writing Coach/Editor for Catholic seminarians, St. Joseph's Seminary, Edmonton, Alberta, 2008 to present
-Spiritual Director, rostered at Providence Renewal Centre and called by the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), 2006 to present
-Supervisor for Student Practicum in "Presence": Spiritual Direction Program, Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton, Alberta, 2009-2010, 2017-2018, 2021-2022
-Library Assistant, Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Alberta, 2008-2011
-Sessional Lecturer, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, 1990-91, 1993-96
-Research Assistant, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, 1993-96
-Teaching Assistant, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, 1988-90

Scholarships

-Lorraine Grislis Scholarship, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 2020-2023
-Archbishop Joseph N. MacNeil Outstanding Achievement Award, Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Alberta, Convocation, Oct. 2010
-Numerous bursaries at Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Alberta, 2005-2010

- University of Alberta Dissertation Fellowship, Edmonton, Alberta, 1992
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Scholarship (SSHRCC), University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, 1991
- Walter H. Johns Graduate Fellowship, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, 1991
- Province of Alberta Graduate Scholarship, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, 1987
- Numerous undergraduate awards including a University Entrance Scholarship and scholarships for the highest standing in English Literature, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 1983-1987

Publications

Books:

- Marrow Turned to Soul*, poetry collection, self-published, 2012.
- Understanding The Tempest: A Student Casebook of Issues, Sources and Historical Documents*. Westport CT: Greenwood Press, 2004. ISBN 0-313-32873-0
- Understanding A Midsummer Night's Dream: A Student Casebook of Issues, Sources and Historical Documents*. Westport CT: Greenwood Press, 2003. ISBN 0-313-32213-9
- Understanding Othello: A Student Casebook of Issues, Sources and Historical Documents*. Westport CT: Greenwood Press, 2000. ISBN 0-313-30986-8
- Understanding Macbeth: A Student Casebook of Issues, Sources and Historical Documents*. Westport CT: Greenwood Press, 1997. ISBN 0-313-29630-8

Articles:

- "The 'Faith' Story," *Canada Lutheran* Vol 30.7 (October/November 2015): 19.
- "How God Calls Us," *Tune-In* Spring 2004, 6 (Edmonton Council of Lutheran Churches).
- "Experiencing Prayer Through the Labyrinth Walk," *Esprit* Summer 2004, 10-11 (Canadian Lutheran magazine).
- "My Green Journey," *Esprit* Spring 2003, 12-14.
- "All My Good People," *Esprit* Fall 2001, 38-40.
- "A Story Made for Believing," *Canada Lutheran* Vol. 15.5 (July/August 2000): 6.
- "Rowley's *When You See Me You Know Me*: Political Drama in Transition" *Cahiers Elisabethains* No. 47 (April 1995): 71-78.
- "Cultural Materialism," *Encyclopedia of Contemporary Literary Theory: Approaches, Scholars, Terms*. Ed. Irena R. Makaryk. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1993. 21-25.

Poetry:

- "Tenebrae," *Canada Lutheran* Vol. 16.2 (March 2001): 50.
- "Lord of the Dance," *Esprit* Spring 2001, 9 (Canadian Lutheran magazine).
- "The Morning After," *Sophia* Vol. 10.3 (Fall 2000) 24 (Canadian Mennonite magazine).
- "The Incarnation," *Sophia* Vol. 10.3 (Fall 2000): 5.
- "Called to Moriah," *Time of Singing* Vol. 25.2 (July 1998): 8-9.
- "Pentecost Sunday," *Esprit* Spring 1996, 45.
- "Incarnation," *Esprit* Winter 1996, 43.
- "The Service of Waiting," *Esprit* March/April 1995 Back Cover.

Curriculum Development

- "Faith Stories I" and "Faith Stories II"—part of a Lay Academy curriculum, training laypeople for ministry for the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 2018-2019

Presentations

- “Discernment,” Three-Part Workshop, Lutheran Synod of Alberta and the Territories (ABT), October-November 2021
- “Self-Care: Living Richly, Living Fully, Living Well,” Online Workshop, Mill Woods Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, Alberta, September 29, 2021
- “Discernment,” Online Lay Formation Workshop, Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Alberta, March 1, 2021
- “Navigating Grief: Experiencing Loss, Seeking Comfort, Finding Hope,” Online Workshop, Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton, Alberta, February 8, 2021, and Mill Woods Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, Alberta, October 27, 2020
- “Grounding Our Faith: Prayer and Spiritual Practice for Challenging Times,” Online Annual Study Conference, Lendrum Mennonite Church, Edmonton, Alberta, February 5-7, 2021
- “Faith Stories: Spiritual Care,” Online Workshop, Congregational Life Event, Lutheran Synod of Alberta and the Territories, October 17, 2020
- “Spiritual Practices During Unusual Times,” *Connec+*, Lutheran Synod of Alberta and the Territories, Online Education Forum, September 10, 2020
- Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola, 19th Annotation (nine-month prayer process), Spiritual Director & Group Facilitator, a Providence Renewal Centre annual program, Online or Onsite, Edmonton, Alberta, 2015 to present
- “Spiritual Direction,” Online Plenary Presentation, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) First Call Gathering for new pastors, June 17, 2020
- “Meanings and Callings: The Threads of Our Stories,” Weekend Retreat, Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton, Alberta, February 21-23, 2020
- “A Tapestry of Sacred Stories: Yours, Mine, God’s,” Lutheran Synod of Alberta and the Territories, “A Retreat of Our Own,” Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Sept 13-15, 2019
- “Discernment through the Spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola,” Presentation for the Edmonton Catholic School District “Care for Creation Day,” May 23, 2019
- “Pathways to Prayer,” Three-part series for the Lay Academy, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon Saskatchewan, livestreamed from Ascension Lutheran Church, Edmonton, Alberta, across Ontario, Manitoba Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, November 17 & 24, 2018, February 2, 2019
- “Holy Places for Everyday People,” Workshop at “Sacred Spaces: Day of Encouragement,” Northern Alberta Diaconal Conference, Christian Reformed Church Classis, King’s University, Edmonton, Alberta, November 3, 2018
- “Praying with the Mystics: Ignatius of Loyola,” One-day retreat, Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton Alberta, March 13, 2018
- “Praying with Mandalas,” Mini-retreat for Anglican-Lutheran Joint Campus Ministry, University of Alberta, held at Mulhurst Lutheran Camp, Alberta, March 4, 2018
- “Holy Places and Holy Spaces for Everyday People: Seeing the Holy in Everyday Life,” Pre-Lenten Retreat, St. George’s Anglican Church, Edmonton, Alberta, February 10, 2018
- “Holy Places and Holy Spaces for Hol(e)y People,” East Central Conference Retreat, Lutheran Synod of Alberta and the Territories, Bawlf, Alberta, October 28, 2017
- “The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation: Contemporary Contexts,” Noon presentation at the Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta, Camrose Alberta, co-presented with Julien Hammond, Ecumenical Officer of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, October 19, 2017
- “Reformation 500: From Conflict to Communion,” Workshop at King’s University Fall Interdisciplinary Studies Conference, “Does the Church Matter?” Co-presented with

- Julien Hammond, Ecumenical Officer of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, September 20, 2017
- “What is Spiritual Direction?” Mini-retreat for Anglican-Lutheran Joint Campus Ministry, University of Alberta, held at Mulhurst Lutheran Camp, Alberta, October 1, 2017
- “Sacred Text/Living Word,” One-day retreat for Peace Retreats Team, Peace River, Alberta, August 17, 2017
- “Telling and Listening to Sacred Stories,” One-day retreat for Peace Retreats Team, Grande Prairie, Alberta, June 8, 2016
- “Contemporary Context: *From Conflict to Communion*,” Catholic-Lutheran Lenten Dialogue series, co-presented with Julien Hammond, Ecumenical Officer of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, February 24, 2016.
- “Self-Care” Presentation at CTEL Retreat (Committee for Theological Education and Leadership), Lutheran Synod of Alberta and the Territories, Sept. 26, 2014
- “What is Spiritual Direction?” Workshop, Joint Anglican-Lutheran National Biennial Worship Conference, Edmonton, Alberta, July 20-23, 2014
- “Pathways to Prayer,” Presenter, Young Adults’ Retreat, Lutheran Campus Ministries, Camp Kuriakos, Sylvan Lake, Alberta, January 17-19, 2014
- “Hearts Hungry for God,” One-day Lay Pastoral Assistant (LPA) Course, Lutheran Synod of Alberta and the Territories, Edmonton, October 23, 2010
- World Day of Prayer Address, St. Thomas Anglican Church, Sherwood Park, Alberta, March 1, 2007
- “The Landscape of Prayer,” Hastings Lake Bible Camp, Alberta, July 28, 2005
- Keynote Address, “Living Well” Conference, Lac La Biche, Alberta, October 16, 2004
- “Walking by Faith,” Evangelical Lutheran Women (ELW) Conference Convention, Irma, Alberta, April 17, 2004
- Narrated meditations for “Healing Notes . . . Voices in Song,” Edmonton Conference Convention for the Lutheran Synod of Alberta and the Territories, St. Albert, Alberta, October 17, 2003
- “Hospitality and Spirituality,” Evangelical Lutheran Women (ELW) Saskatchewan Synod Biennial Convention, Outlook, Saskatchewan, July 22, 2001
- Keynote Address, Calvary Lutheran Church Women’s Retreat, Edmonton, Alberta, Feb. 23, 2002
- “Stories of Faith and Hope,” Health and Wellness Seminar, Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park, Alberta, Feb. 24, 2001

Module Presentations and Retreat Facilitation for “Presence” (Two-Year Spiritual Direction Training Program) Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton, Alberta

- “My Sacred Story,” 1 ½ -day module, November 7-8, 2016, and September 18-19, 2020
- “Being Human,” 1 ½-day module, December 4-5, 2020
- “Sacred Text/Living Word,” 1 ½-day module (co-facilitated), April 3-4, 2017, and April 16-17, 2021
- “Care of the Soul,” 1 ½-day module (co-facilitated), September 11-12, 2017, and September 3-4, 2021
- “Know Thyself,” 1 ½-day module (co-facilitated), October 16-17, 2017, and October 1-2, 2021
- 5-day Prayer Retreat, January 8-12, 2017, and January 11-15, 2021
- 5-day Discernment Retreat, January 7-11, 2018, and January 10-14, 2022
- 5-day “Pilgrimage” Retreat (co-facilitated), June 4-8, 2018

Small Group Theological Reflection sessions (monthly; co-facilitated), September 2020 to May 2021

Practicum Supervision (co-facilitated), September 2021 to May 2022

Current and Past Committee Work and Volunteer Activities

- Committee member, DMin Program Committee and Doctoral Faculty Advisor, St. Stephen's College, Edmonton, Alberta, 2016-2020
- Leadership Team member; Planning, Redevelopment & Leading "Presence": Two-Year Spiritual Director Formation Program, Providence Renewal Centre, 2015 to present
- Co-Chair (2016, 2011, 2007, 2021) and Congregational representative, Planning Committee, Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County, 2004 to present
- Co-Chaplain, Alberta and Territories (ABT) Synod Annual Study Conference, February 4-7, 2019
- Ecumenical Officer, northern area, Alberta and Territories (ABT) Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), 2015 to present
- Edmonton and District Council of Churches, Alberta and Territories (ABT) Lutheran Synod representative, 2015 to present
- Alberta and Territories (ABT) Lutheran Synod representative on Edmonton Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic (ELARC) Dialogue Group, 2018-present
- Alberta and Territories (ABT) Lutheran Synod representative on Edmonton Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian (ALM) Dialogue Group, 2019-present
- Mutual Ministry Team (support/liaison for pastor), Glory Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park, Alberta, 2019 to present
- Reformation 500 Ecumenical Planning Committee for 2017 Reformation Commemoration Events, Alberta and Territories (ABT) Lutheran Synod representative, 2015 to 2017
- Committee member in developing a Reformation Hymn Festival for 2017, Alberta and Territories (ABT) Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), 2016
- Chair, Liturgy Subcommittee, Planning Committee for National Church Convention, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), Edmonton, 2015
- Workshop Subcommittee member, Planning Committee for National Joint Anglican-Lutheran Biennial Worship Conference, Edmonton, Alberta, 2014
- Committee member for Worship Planning and Congregational Life Committees, Glory Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park AB, 2004 to present
- Church Musician, Glory Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park, Alberta, ongoing
- Teacher, Sunday morning Adult Class, Glory Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park Alberta, 2004-2011
- Conference Council member, Northern Conference of Alberta and Territories (ABT) Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), 2004-2006
- Delegate to various Conference, Synodical, and National Church Conventions, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), 2004-present