



The Annual Meeting of Corporation will be held
via Zoom on Thursday,
October 30, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

1. Opening
2. Minutes
3. Resolutions
4. Motion to Excuse Absent Members
5. Report of the Provost
6. Chancellor Graham Awards
7. Report of the Board of Trustees & Audited Financial Statements
8. Appointment of Auditors
9. Report of the Committee on Nominations
10. Report of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Honorary Fellows
11. Notices of Motion
12. Other Business

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Minutes

Chancellor Lawson took the Chair at 12 p.m. and called the Annual Meeting of the Corporation to order. The Humphrys Chaplain, the Rev'd Canon Andrea Budgey, read an acknowledgement of the traditional Indigenous land on which Trinity College operates, and Dean of Divinity, Chris Brittain, explained the Zoom meeting procedures.

1. Opening

Rev'd Canon Philip Hobson offered a prayer to open the proceedings.

2. Resolutions

The Secretary read the following resolutions for departed Members of Corporation:

JOCELYN BRODIE

Jocelyn Brodie passed away on December 18, 2024.

After completing an Art History Degree at Trinity College, University of Toronto, Jocelyn studied at Sotheby's Institute of Art in London and subsequently obtained her MBA at Western University.

Jocelyn worked on Bay Street before pursuing opportunities in the not-for-profit sector, including leadership positions at the CBC Radio, Ontario Centres of Excellence and Bridgepoint Hospital. In each case, her strategic problem-solving and creativity shone brightly. She was a lifelong volunteer, driven by her strong sense of responsibility and concern for issues that were important to her, including board positions with The Textile Museum of Canada, Hope and Me, The Kidney Foundation of Canada and Wildlife Preservation Canada.

Jocelyn's natural elegance and charm drew everyone she met to her, and in turn, she offered her unflagging courage, resilience and positivity. She was also a loving friend to

many cats over the years. Jocelyn was a beautiful soul whose love of all things natural and beautiful will be terribly missed.

Predeceased by her loving mom and dad, Flora (Jane) and Harry Brodie. Left behind to grieve are the loves of her life, husband, Bill Danis; and daughter, Lila (Ash Conn); along with her sisters, Stephanie and Alison; dearest "sister by choice," Jane Worton; cousin, Penny Finneron; in-laws Nan Vaillant, Susan Karn (Murray) and Moe Danis (Elise Kraft van Ermel); and many loving nieces and nephews.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Corporation expresses its gratitude for the life and service of Jocelyn Brodie to the College and that this Resolution be inscribed on the Minutes with the sympathy of the Corporation to her family.

JANE DOBELL

Constance Jane Dobell passed away on January 3, 2025.

Born to Arnold and Constance Matthews (née Greening), Jane attended Bishop Strachan School, received her undergraduate degree from Trinity College at the University of Toronto and a Masters in Adult Education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. After graduating from UofT, Jane continued life enriched by travel. First teaching English in France, and then with husband Peter, a Canadian foreign service officer, Jane lived in England, Czechoslovakia, and New York, ultimately settling in Ottawa.

After building a home of their own in Rockcliffe Park in 1965, Jane became a tireless advocate for public education and training, focusing on increased access to educational resources for undereducated adults, promotion of children's literature, and development and support of French immersion programs at local and provincial levels. Her success prompted the federal government to appoint her Director of Language Programs where she oversaw federal support for bilingualism in schools across the country. Jane held many leadership positions in education including an elected trustee of the Rockcliffe Park Public School Board (1967-1969) and elected trustee of the Ottawa Board of Education for over 30 years, five terms as Chair.

One of Jane's great passions was children's literature. Bookshelves groaned under the weight of her collection of books but more significant was her support for the Osborne Collection of Early Children's Books, to which she donated the major part of her volumes and artist's drawings, the Rockcliffe Park Book Fair, and the Rockcliffe Park Spring Book

Sale. Countless readers owe a large section of their bookshelves to the Rockcliffe Park Book Fair which Jane co-led from 1965 onwards, growing the community event into one of the largest book fairs in Ontario.

Jane was honoured to receive recognition for her commitment to education and her community including the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, the Order of Ottawa (2017), The Scotiabank Lifetime Achievement YMCA-YWCA Award, a Senior of the Year Award from the Province of Ontario (2021) and honorary degrees from Trinity College (UofT) (1988) and Carlton University (1989).

A great traveller and trailblazer, Jane will be missed for her inquisitive mind, commitment to community, and love for family and friends near and far.

Jane is survived by her loving daughter-in-law Gail (née Hughson) and grandson Reid (Alisha Sud), devoted cousins including Michael Pantazzi, and beloved nieces and nephews. Jane is predeceased by her husband of 69 years, Peter (2020), and her son Colin (2024).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Corporation expresses its gratitude for the life and service of Constance Jane Dobell to the College and that this Resolution be inscribed on the Minutes with the sympathy of the Corporation to her family.

DR. GILBERT VERGHESE

Gilbert Vergheese passed away on February 2, 2025.

Born on March 15, 1964, Gilbert brought light and joy into the lives of everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. A devoted son and sibling, he cherished his family deeply, always offering his time and support without hesitation. He took it upon himself to keep the family connected, organizing weekly Zoom meetings that became a cherished tradition, strengthening their bond across any distance.

As an uncle, he was wise and kind, offering knowledge, unwavering generosity, and endless love to his nieces and nephews.

Gilbert was a loyal friend and a trusted confidant. His intelligence and wisdom were evident in every conversation—whether he was offering insightful advice, sharing his vast knowledge, or engaging in thoughtful discussions.

Professionally, Gilbert was the Director of IT at Trinity College, University of Toronto, where he worked for 36 years. A brilliant professional, he was highly respected for his work ethic and problem-solving abilities. He will be missed by all who had the honor of working with him.

Though our hearts are broken, we find comfort in the countless beautiful moments he gifted us. He will be remembered for his kindness, intellect, and unwavering dedication to those he loved. His absence leaves a void that cannot be filled.

Gilbert is survived by his loving parents, Thomas and Phyllis; his cherished siblings, George (Joanne), Glenn (Veronique), and Gerald (Lisa); his adored nieces and nephews, Gareth, Gabriel, Gerika, and Gracianne; his beloved friend, Nina; and a wide circle of close relatives, friends, and colleagues who will miss him deeply.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Corporation expresses its gratitude for the life and service of Gilbert Verghese to the College and that this Resolution be inscribed on the Minutes with the sympathy of the Corporation to his family.

RICHARD WEBSTER DODDS

Richard Webster Dodds passed away on February 24, 2025.

After leaving high school, Richard served as a pilot during WWII with the RCAF and RN Fleet Air Arm. He also served with the RCN during the Korean conflict after attending the University of Toronto (Victoria, 1948) and Queen's University (1950). An avid outdoor enthusiast, he and Lois led numerous whitewater canoe trips in northern Ontario and travelled extensively in the Arctic, both by canoe in the southern tundra and dogsled in the high arctic and permanent ice. From biking in France, hiking in Tibet, standing in Tiananmen Square, to skiing in Ontario as original members of Caledon Ski Club, they loved the adventure.

Richard was a patron of the performing arts in Toronto with multiple board memberships, including his favourite - The Patron's Council of the National Ballet of Canada. He was a lifetime member of Corporation, Trinity College, and a lifetime member of the 78th Highlanders, York Garrison. Both Richard and the late Lois Dodds were the first co-chairs of the Parent's Committee at Trinity College in 1976.

Predeceased by his wife, Lois (2012); son, Douglas (2008); and son-in-law, Bob Hillhouse (2022). Survived by son, David (Anna); daughter, Jill Hillhouse; daughter-in-law, Lesley Stodart; grandchildren, Katherine (Andrew) and Mark, Ian and Evelyn, Stewart (Claire) and Duncan (Julia); and great-granddaughter, Elowyn.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Corporation expresses its gratitude for the life and service of Richard Webster Dodds to the College and that this Resolution be inscribed on the Minutes with the sympathy of the Corporation to his family.

BRETT LESELY CUMBERBATCH

Brett Lesley Cumberbatch passed away on March 2, 2025.

Brett Lesley Cumberbatch (Hon BA, MEd, PhD Candidate) was born on the island of Barbados on June 7, 1983. He immigrated to Ontario, Canada as a young child and enjoyed returning to his birthplace over the years.

Brett graduated from Lakeshore Collegiate Institute in Toronto, Ontario in 2002. He subsequently obtained his Honours Bachelor of Arts from Trinity College at the University of Toronto in 2007 then went on to complete his Master of Education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto in 2010. He was a Doctoral Candidate at the University of Manitoba in the Applied Health Sciences program.

He was a bright student, a lifelong learner, and an extremely intelligent person. In school, he wrote and performed poetry, engaged in public speaking, was a breakdancer, and played football. Later, his hobbies were voice acting, playing guitar, and playing sports video games on his beloved PlayStation. His favourite sports teams were The Philadelphia Eagles and Arsenal Football Club.

Brett was an avid yogi and completed his 200-hour Certified Yoga Teacher Training. He enjoyed furthering his Yin and Pranayama practices, taking long road trips, and learning how to be a better INFJ (his personality type: introverted, intuitive, feeling, and judging). When time permitted, he would return to Texas, where his heart and soul felt most at peace.

Brett's work, academics, and life were driven with purpose and integrity; therefore, he sought authentic professional and personal relationships. Brett nurtured his students and people he knew because he genuinely cared and wanted them to succeed. He was a

passionate person with many dreams. His most recent dream was to become the “Dean of Student Wellness” at a university in the south. Brett had so much to offer this world. He is missed immensely and will always be remembered for his compassionate presence.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Corporation expresses its gratitude for the life and service of Brett Lesley Cumberbatch to the College and that this Resolution be inscribed on the Minutes with the sympathy of the Corporation to his family.

3. Minutes

The Secretary then read a summary of the October 2024 meeting minutes of Corporation.

The Secretary moved, seconded by Kristen Moore, **THAT** the October 2024 meeting minutes be approved.

The motion was **carried**.

4. Motion to Excuse Absent Members

Braeden Szucs moved, seconded by Andrea Herrmann, **THAT** the members who advised the Secretary of their inability to attend be excused.

The motion was **carried**.

5. Report of the Provost

Provost Terpstra thanked Chancellor Lawson for chairing Corporation, welcomed the members, and delivered his report on the status of Trinity College.

6. Report of the Board of Trustees

Mostafa Asadi, Chair of the Board of Trustees, presented the report on the Board's activities.

7. Report of the Senate

Professor Joy Fitzgibbon, Chair of the Senate, delivered the report on the Senate's activities.

8. Report of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association

Maria Vanta, Chair of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association, delivered the report on the activities of the Alumni Association and provided information on the upcoming events at the College.

9. Report of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Honorary Fellows

Members of Corporation received the Report of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Honorary Fellows.

The motion that the Corporation endorse the Report of the Committee and **THAT** a grace be offered to Convocation for the conferring of the Doctor of Sacred Letters to Dr. Fen Hampson at the Fall Matriculation in September 2025 and **THAT** grace be offered to Convocation for the conferring of Doctor of Sacred Letters to Gay (Tugwell) and Norman Loveland at the Fall Matriculation of 2026 was moved by Provost Terpstra and seconded by Ana White.

The motion was **carried**.

10. Report of the Committee on Nominations

Members of Corporation received the Report of the Committee on Nominations which recommends the renewal of terms and appointments to Corporation.

The motion **THAT** the Corporation endorse the Report of the Committee on Nominations was moved by Provost Terpstra and seconded by Nelson De Melo.

The motion was **carried**.

11. Notices of Motion

No notices of motion were given.

12. Other Business

Rev'd Canon Dr. Darcey Lazerte pronounced the benediction.

Chancellor Lawson adjourned the meeting.

THE REVEREND CANON HAROLD NAHABEDIAN

Rev'd Canon Harold Nahabedian passed away on June 18, 2025.

Canon Nahabedian graduated from Trinity College with a Bachelor of Arts in 1963 and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology in 1970. He held the role of Assistant Registrar at the College for a year before his ordination as a deacon in 1973 and a priest in 1974. He served as Trinity College's Chaplain from 1976 to 1980, Vicar of St. Thomas, Huron Street, Incumbent of St. Mary Magdalene, and Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese from 1994 to 2010. After retiring in 2009, he served as Interim Priest-in-Charge of Advent and St. George-the-Martyr, Parkdale, and Honorary Assistant of St. Martin in-the-Fields.

For decades after graduating from Trinity, Canon Nahabedian continued to be involved with the College and was an honorary member of the Corporation of Trinity College.

As just one example of Canon Nahabedian's impact on the communities he served, it was during Atom Egoyan's undergraduate years at Trinity when he met Chaplain Nahabedian. Egoyan credits Chaplain Nahabedian for introducing him to the language and history of his ethnic heritage. He was influential in the lives of the future-acclaimed Canadian filmmaker Egoyan and many others.

For his ministry, Canon Nahabedian was well-known and respected throughout the Canadian Church and beyond. "So many clergy I speak with describe Harold as a very effective and devoted priest. He has touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed," says The Rev. Professor Chris Brittain, Dean of Divinity and Margaret E. Fleck Chair in Anglican Studies, Trinity College.

"Fr. Harold was a faithful priest, faithful to God and to all the people he served, from the Trinity community to Saint Mary Magdalene to the Anglican Church in Strasbourg. His rootedness in the Armenian Church and his service in the Anglican Communion led him to work tirelessly for the unity of all Christian people," says The Rev. Canon Dr. Alyson Barnett-Cowan, who knew Canon Nahabedian for more than 50 years.

We extended our deepest sympathies to his wife and family, and a wide circle of friends and colleagues, all of whom will remember him for the profound ways in which he touched their lives.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Corporation expresses its gratitude for the life and service of Rev'd Canon Harold Nahabedian to the College and that this Resolution be inscribed in the Minutes with the sympathy of the Corporation to his family.

NIGEL WRIGHT

Nigel Wright passed away on September 30, 2025.

Born in Hamilton, Ontario, and raised in Burlington, Nigel was the beloved son of Maureen Wright (née Peers) and the late Graham Wright. A gifted student, he graduated from the University of Toronto's Trinity College and earned his law degree from the University of Toronto before completing a Master of Laws at Harvard University.

Nigel built a distinguished career in law, business, and public service. He was a partner at Davies, Ward, Phillips & Vineberg, a senior managing director at Onex Corporation, and served as Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Known for his intellect, discipline, and integrity, Nigel was admired not only for his accomplishments but also for his humility and unwavering sense of purpose. Guided by deep Christian faith, Nigel was an active member of the Anglican Church and gave generously of his time and resources to others. He volunteered in shelters, supported charitable causes, and quietly lived out his belief in service and compassion.

He will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by his mother, Maureen; his sister, Lesley Wright and her husband, Bob Morgan; his sister, Karen Wright Darling and her husband, Bob Darling; his nephews, Cory Wright, Brett Darling, and Justin Darling and his wife Brook; his dear cousins; and by countless friends, colleagues, and former associates in Canada and abroad who were touched by his kindness, wisdom, and quiet generosity.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Corporation expresses its gratitude for the life and service of Nigel Wright to the College with the sympathy of the Corporation to his family.

Report

The College Committee on Nominations requests that Corporation endorse this report and thereby elect or re-elect the recommended individuals to their indicated positions.

Corporation

The Committee recommends to the Corporation the election of the following as Officers of the Corporation for the period of October 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026:

- Public Orator: Prof. Jesse Billet
- Esquire Bedells: Alumni Hélène Emorine '18 and Charles Pick '90

The Committee recommended to the Corporation the election of the following as members of the Corporation for the period of September 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026:

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| • Aditya Malhotra | • Benjamin Panet |
| • Alyssa Ukani | • Divvy Gupta |
| • Anita Djurkovic | • Kaelem Moniz |
| • Anneke Lee | • Lizramona Mwakitwange |
| • Anwesha Mukherjee | • Sara Fornoff |
| • Arhaan Lulla | • Stephen Gartshore |



**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES & HONORARY FELLOWS
TO THE FALL MEETING OF CORPORATION**

October 30, 2025

On behalf of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Honorary Fellows, I recommend THAT a grace be offered to Convocation for the conferring of the following degrees of DOCTOR OF DIVINITY (*honoris causa*) at the Divinity Convocation to be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, upon:

The Right Rev'd Victoria Matthews, in recognition of her pioneering leadership in the Anglican Church of Canada and the wider Anglican Communion. Bishop Matthews was elected the first female bishop in Canada in 1994. Throughout her episcopal ministry in Toronto, Edmonton, Christchurch (New Zealand), and Moosonee, she has demonstrated courageous and visionary leadership. As Bishop of Christchurch during the 2011 earthquake, she led an ecumenical response that brought hope and practical support to thousands and oversaw the creation of the iconic "cardboard cathedral." In recent years, she has continued to serve the Church with wisdom and compassion, including work in northern Ontario alongside Indigenous leaders and communities facing urban poverty. A double graduate of Trinity, Bishop Matthews has inspired a generation of women in ministry.

AND

The Right Rev'd Sally French, in recognition of her groundbreaking leadership in the Episcopal Church. A double graduate of Trinity College and elected in 2023 as the first woman bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey, the Episcopal Church's second-oldest and sixth-largest diocese, Bishop French has quickly become known as a principled leader and advocate for 'gospel justice.' In May 2025, she was featured in a *New York Times* article publicly defending an Episcopal parish's right to shelter the homeless. Bishop French's global witness reflects her deep commitment to faith lived contextually, and as an alumna, she defends values that resonate with those Trinity College hopes to instill in its graduates.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Terpstra".

Nicholas Terpstra, Provost and Vice-Chancellor
Chair, Committee on Honorary Degrees and Honorary Fellows