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## DEAN DOUGLAS STOUTE: TWENTY-ONE YEARS

Installed as the 6th Dean of Toronto and 11th Rector of St. James on the first Sunday of Advent 1994, Dean Stoute lost little time in listening, observing, discerning, and deciding that the time was right for an exploration of a new vision for the Cathedral.

In 1996 the Dean and Churchwardens introduced a draft discussion paper, *Towards a Vision for St. James Cathedral*. Following that paper and after a special Advisory Board meeting, the Dean at Vestry February 1997 announced the formation of a Planning Committee to consider “*What is God calling us to be?*”

In 1998, “*A Reflection on being a Cathedral*” was produced, the product of extensive consultation, deep thought, many disagreements and eventual compromises, fervent prayer and an overriding wish to discern God’s voice and call for the Cathedral Church of St. James. It is a testament to the prescience of the Dean and to the work of the members of that committee that this document became a template for the next twenty years and continues to be a living document, still visionary and inspiring, and still a plausible guide for us.

At the heart of Cathedral life is the worship of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in the Liturgy, which is celebrated every day of the year and open to all. Excellence in worship and liturgical music remains at the core of our Anglican tradition, and over the years has evolved according to demand, especially with the increased involvement of women in all aspects of the liturgy. As Dean Stoute has said, seeing women as well as minority groups of every kind not just participating but in positions of authority, is essential.

While some items from *A Reflection* are inevitably overtaken by events, the intent of many of the recommendations is met. Our Community continues to grow, to adapt to a changing world; the Cathedral’s presence as a Light for the City in the downtown core has increased, especially with the opening of the Cathedral Centre, which, as the Dean emphasised in his update to *A Reflection* in April 2015, is where “... the public engages in dialogue and debate on social, political and educational matters...” and above all, practises its ministries of outreach for the countless “...hungry and homeless who come for help and comfort, and return because they are cared for with dignity, advocacy, professionalism and respect”. In bringing together neighbours, business people, civic leaders, the downtown community, the Dean has shown the way to the future.

The Dean leaves us after 21 years of dedicated ministry, and as we reflect on the changes that have happened over those years, his call to us “*What is God calling us to be?*” is still relevant, active and current. His vision and energy have revitalized the life of the Cathedral, focussed and expanded its presence in the wider community and set it on a healthy path of relevance and growth in the modern world.

In the ministry of Dean Stoute, the community has had a visionary and courageous leader, a thoughtful teacher, a caring pastor, a challenging preacher and a learned theologian. And a friend. His time as our Dean will be remembered with gratitude by us all.

- *The Churchwardens*

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## OUR ANSWER: THE CATHEDRAL REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

The last Cathedral newsletter reported on veteran journalist Robert Fisk's discussion of the crisis in the Middle East (There Are No Simple Answers), described the Cathedral's sponsorship of a Palestinian refugee family in 2010, announced that the Cathedral would be spearheading a community refugee sponsorship initiative, and asked, "How Will We Answer?"

Our answer is the Cathedral Refugee Sponsorship Committee. As we had hoped, it represents a coming together of the wider community, with almost equal numbers from the neighbourhood and the congregation. We are working through AURA (Anglican-United Church Refugee Alliance), a group with Sponsorship Agreement Holder status with the federal government and with extensive experience in this field. We have created a structure of steering group and working groups. And, in order to meet our goal of sponsoring two refugee families, we have launched a fundraising campaign.

In addition to the parishioners who have volunteered to serve on the committee, many have offered to help in other practical and concrete ways. We are deeply grateful. We will report on our progress and make specific requests as our work evolves. With God's grace, let us continue to welcome the stranger together.

- Kate Merriman

The Reverend Canon Kate Merriman is an Honorary Assistant at St. James Cathedral and is Chair of the Cathedral Refugee Sponsorship Committee.

# A CHRISTMAS MEMORY

Some years ago just before Christmas I visited an elderly member of the Cathedral community in her nursing home. She had been a film actress in the late forties at Eling Studios in London, and later worked at the CBC. Her memory had begun to fade and she was often confused and so I wasn't hopeful about our visit, when suddenly something I said caused her to sit bolt upright in bed and flawlessly recite Dorothy Parker's Christmas poem "The Maid-Servant at the Inn."

I was moved by the verse, by her actor's skill in interpreting its nuances, but above all by her ability to retrieve from beneath her confusion in the present moment, something precious and true from the past.

In the poem, many years after the fact, a middle-aged woman remembers the birth of a boy to a young girl in the barn of the inn where she was working as a maid. As she reminisces she sees a strange light "As plain as I beheld it then,/ all silver-like and calm and bright—".

She recalls being upset:

*I mind my eyes were full of tears,  
For I was young and quick distressed,  
But she was less than me in years  
That held a son against her breast.*

And then the haunting last verse of what is otherwise an ordinary domestic memory:

*Its queer that I should see them so—  
The time they came to Bethlehem  
Was more than thirty years ago;  
I've prayed that all is well with them.*

The poem is about what the maid-servant remembers, but it is also about what she can't know, but we do: that in the moment of her recollection of this ordinary, if pitiable birth, the baby, now a 30 year old man, is about to be executed, his weeping mother standing at the foot of his cross.

The juxtaposition of the maid-servant's intuitive but innocent recollection and our knowledge of the true end of the story, gives the poem its power.

At Christmas we remember that God has entered the human predicament as one of us in the Child of Bethlehem, to endure what we endure with "healing on his wings." The birth the maid-servant remembers with a mixture of awe, love and pity means that the worst we can do to each other and the world around us will not be the end of our story, even as it was not the end of that boy's, or his mother's, for God raised him so that all might live.

May God grant us the grace to remember these holy things, this Christmas and always.

- David Brinton

The Reverend Canon David Brinton OGS is the Vicar and Sub-Dean of St. James Cathedral.



## Holy Baptism

Oct 17 Aidana Gabrielle Kilbourn  
Benjamin Oliver Kilbourn

## Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

Oct 6 Marjorie Pepper  
Oct 12 Glad Elizabeth Harpur  
Nov 26 Douglas Cook  
Dec 3 Kathleen Matthews

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# RESIDENT ALIENS

Professor Stanley Hauerwas is one of the world's most eminent Christian thinkers. He was named "America's Best Theologian" in 2001 by Time Magazine, and one of his books *A Community of Character: Toward a Constructive Christian Social Ethic* was named one of the one hundred most important books on Christianity in the 20th Century by Christianity Today Magazine. Professor Hauerwas' impressive resume attracted a large number of visitors and the Cathedral Community to the 2015 Snell Lecture on November 28th and the Snell Sermon at the 11:00am service on November 29th (see photos, page 8).

Attendees were treated to an erudite, brilliant and thought-provoking presentation on Christian identity in an increasingly secular world. Professor Hauerwas employed both his considerable intellect and Texan charm to develop ideas from his most well-known work, *Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony* that was written with Bishop William Willimon.

Professor Hauerwas peeled back the layered logic of Western Culture and asked some provocative questions. Can Christianity be reduced to a private set of moral ideals? Certainly not! "I take it to be crucial that Christians must live in a manner that their lives are unintelligible if the God we worship in Jesus Christ does not exist." Through the unpacking of statements like these, Professor Hauerwas challenged Christians to live lives worthy of the calling we have received, but these were not merely abstract talks about moral distinctiveness. Being a "Resident Alien" means being fully committed to serving the world with a distinctively Christian worldview. Professor Hauerwas began the Snell Lecture with a moment of endearing personal honesty. "Being a Christian is not, and does not come naturally or easily to me. I take that to be a good thing because I take that to be a Christian requires training that lasts a lifetime."

It is not every day that you get to sit and listen to someone with the intellect and insight of Professor Hauerwas. He was both challenging and encouraging, and his words left us with much to ponder and unpack as he returned to his home in North Carolina at Duke University. If you missed the 2015 Snell Lecture but would like to learn more, check out the many resources online, pick up one of Professor Hauerwas' books, and listen to his sermon on the Cathedral's website.

- Simon Davis

The Reverend Simon Davis is Assistant Curate at St. James Cathedral. He received his priestly ordination here at the Cathedral in March 2015.



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**DROP-IN**

**"In a world where many are hungry, and many are lonely, We thank God for food, for friendship, And for each other, Amen."**

**THE DROP-IN PRAYER**

In September of this year I had the privilege of becoming the new Coordinator for the St. James Drop-in that occurs every Tuesday afternoon. Previously the position was held by the much-loved Tracey Ferguson, who has since moved on to other important work at a local women's shelter.

What I learned quickly after taking over, was that the Drop-in community is made up of a diverse cross-section of the community that we live in. There are people young and old from various cultural backgrounds, vocations, and religious heritages that come on a weekly basis. However, like much of the city that we live in, we share a common identity; ours being the St. James community Drop-in.

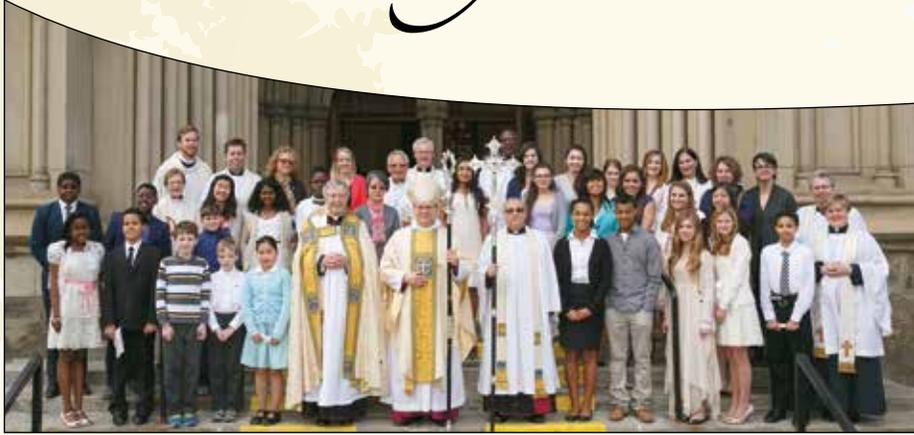
This common identity did not suddenly begin when I started. It also didn't occur when Tracey started in the same role that I now hold. This common identity has come after years of people taking care of each other and spending a small part of our lives together. We care for each other through the Foot Care Clinic, the haircut team, the music, the meals we share, and through the meeting of practical needs.

But most importantly we care for each other through genuine love and friendship for each other. At the St. James Drop-in we hope and pray that our love and friendship for each other is simply just a glimpse at the love and friendship offered to us in Christ Jesus.

- Brian Raney  
*Lay Pastoral Associate of Children's Ministry & Drop-in Coordinator*



# Twenty-One Years



## THE DEAN'S MESSAGE CHRISTMAS 2015

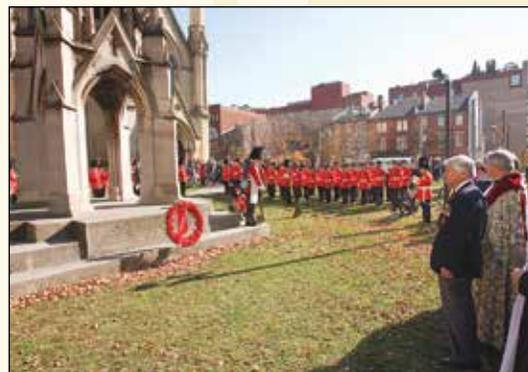
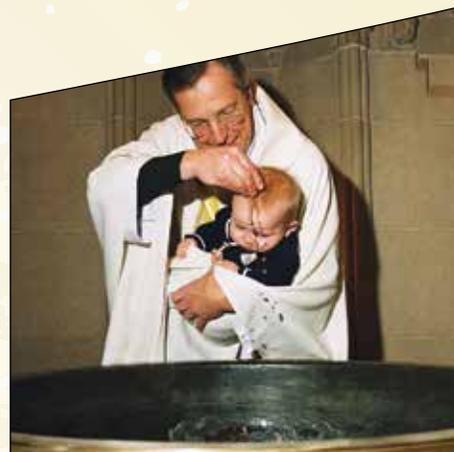
On January 17, after 21 years, I shall be stepping down as Dean at St. James Cathedral. Many thoughts, memories and emotions flash across my mind, but the overriding sense is one of gratitude for having been with you over these challenging and exhilarating times.

I am also aware that our lives can be seen as a pilgrimage. At times we sense we are approaching perhaps even crossing a boundary. There is a new landscape hinted at, inviting one to come and inhabit it. But the invitation is at the same time a disorienting and frightening one, requiring loss and risk. T.S. Eliot writes famously in *Little Gidding* about letting go "what you thought you came for," and goes on to note that as well as *Little Gidding*, "There are other places which are also the world's end." Pilgrimage is always going to that "world's end," to the place where (using the language of the Hebrew Scriptures) God has decided to make His name dwell.

*Douglas Stoute*

The Very Reverend Douglas Stoute  
Rector of St. James Cathedral  
& Dean of Toronto





LEFT TO RIGHT FROM TOP: DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION, APRIL 2013; THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, JUNE 1997; THE BAPTISM OF NATHANIEL DAWES, NOVEMBER 2002; MANDARIN MINISTRY AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL, DECEMBER 2015; PREMIER KATHLEEN WYNNE AND JANE ROUNTHWAITE, DECEMBER 2014; PREMIER BOB RAE AT DEAN STOUTE'S INSTALLATION, 1994; BILL KILBOURN AND MAYOR BARBARA HALL AT DEAN STOUTE'S INSTALLATION, 1994; CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEAN STOUTE'S INSTALLATION, DECEMBER 2014; "CITIES FOR LIFE: AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY" EVENT, NOVEMBER 2007; CARIBANA INTERFAITH SERVICE, JULY 2005; ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU AND THE RT. HON. ADRIENNE CLARKSON, JULY 2004; ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN WELBY WITH DEAN STOUTE AND JUSTICE MARY LOU BENOTTO, APRIL 2014; EUNICE MANGWANE AND RICHARD GERE, AUGUST 2006; JACK RHIND AND THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADA, NOVEMBER 2009. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON, EXCEPT MANDARIN MINISTRY COURTESY JAMES LIU AND '94 INSTALLATION COURTESY DIOCESAN ARCHIVES.

## Upcoming Dates

*Two weekly recitals are offered year-round: Sundays at 4:00pm, and Tuesdays at 1:00pm*

**JAN 1** **Naming of Jesus / New Year's Day**  
12:30pm Holy Eucharist  
1:30pm The Archbishop's Velee  
3:00pm Festive Music  
3:30pm Choral Evensong & Presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto  
*Childcare available 1:30pm-5:30pm*

**JAN 3** **The Epiphany of the Lord**  
*Liturgies at 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 4:30pm*

**JAN 6** **Cantatas in the Cathedral**  
6:00pm; Pay What You Can:  
*BWV 123 - J.S. Bach*  
*Soloists: Soprano Teresa Mahon, Countertenor Simon Honeyman, Tenor Asitha Tennekoon, Bass James Baldwin*

**JAN 10** **Installation of Honorary Canons of St James Cathedral**  
at 4:30pm Choral Evensong

**JAN 13** **Faith & Film: "Babette's Feast"**  
*Eucharist at 6:00pm, followed by the movie with popcorn and discussion at 6:30pm.*

**JAN 17** **Farewell Reception for Dean Douglas Stoute** following the 11:00am Choral Eucharist

**JAN 20** **Faith & Film: "The Gospel of John"** *Eucharist at 6:00pm, followed by the movie with popcorn and discussion at 6:30pm.*

**JAN 24** **Sunday in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**JAN 30** **Amnesty Action Circle**  
1:00pm in the Cathedral Centre;  
*Also Feb 27, Mar 26, Apr 30*

## AN ABUNDANT LEGACY

### CHRIST'S CHURCH IN REGENT PARK

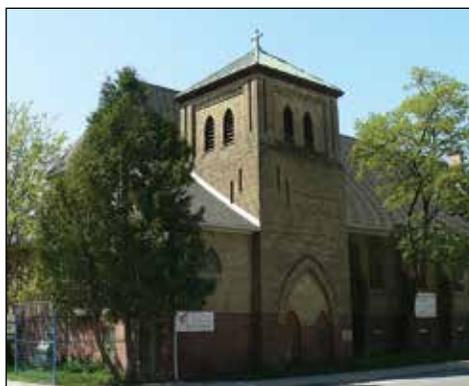
In the past year a great deal of progress has been made in our shared ministry at St. Bartholomew's. St. Bart's is now taking its place as a cultural venue in the new Regent Park. We have played host to several musical events including concerts by the Trinity Chamber Orchestra from England and the Shuffle Season, a folk trio fronted by our choir director, Katherine Hill. A new musical theatre group, Friends of Gravity, staged their first production, Bertolt Brecht's Seven Deadly Sins, at St. Bart's. This autumn, Katherine Hill ran a four-week introduction to liturgical chant and Latin song of the middle ages, attended by over twenty people from Regent Park and across the diocese.

Our liturgical life continues to expand. During the Octave of All Saints' Day we held a Service of Memorial for victims of gun violence. This quiet service, based on the pattern of the Service of Nine Lessons and

Carols, was a chance for friends and families who have lost loved ones to the scourge of gun violence to remember those whom they love but see no longer, and to speak of them in a safe place.

Over the past summer James Liu and Morning Wang, leaders of the Mandarin ministries at St. James Cathedral and St. George on Yonge, began an English as Second Language program for Mandarin speakers in Regent Park. The program has been very successful, and several of the students have also attended the Parish Mass on Sundays.

In September, St. Bartholomew's launched 'Encounter RU', an outreach ministry to Ryerson University students in partnership with First Evangelical Lutheran Church, an ELCIC parish located at the heart of the Ryerson campus. During frosh week, we served lunch to over one hundred students. Each Thursday a group of four volunteers meets to serve drinks to passersby in front of the church, followed by a quiet Evensong



On Sunday, December 6, the St. James Amnesty Action Circle held its Write for Rights day, in which parishioners signed letters seeking justice and mercy for four separate mistreated prisoners in the U.S., Mexico, Myanmar and Saudi Arabia. It was our ninth annual Write for Rights day since the Circle, part of Amnesty International, was formed in 2006. Over those years, the Dean has lent the Circle his enthusiastic support. Under his leadership, the Cathedral hosted Toronto's first Cities for Life - Against the Death Penalty event in November 2007, repeated several years since, including 2015.

- Peter Small

and then “Theology on Tap” at the Imperial Pub on Dundas St. The presence of a priest wearing a cassock in a pub can occasion comment (almost universally positive!), but it can also be the beginning of some interesting conversations, often of a pastoral nature. In the new year the ministry will launch a website ([encounter-ryerson.ca](http://encounter-ryerson.ca)).

St. Bart’s is now partnering with the Muslim Welfare Centre of Toronto in their Syrian relief efforts. We are collecting non-perishable food items to be shipped abroad to those who have been displaced by conflict. The drop-off boxes, which are located at the bottom of the stairs inside the back door to the church, can be accessed between 11.30 am and 6 pm daily. Donations of canned goods, as well as dried foods, such as beans, lentils, and rice, will be gratefully received.

In January, St. Bartholomew’s will bid a very fond farewell to our Priest-in-Charge, the Very Rev’d Douglas Stoute. Without his profound vision of what a parish and its

daily round of worship, prayer, and work ought to be for a community, his sincere belief that the Church must have a presence in the new Regent Park, his generosity in finding funds to help rejuvenate St. Bart’s, and his faith that a parish with such a history as ours could succeed into the future, this ministry of revitalization could never have happened. Our prayers and good wishes go with him as he moves to the next stage of his distinguished ministry, and we look forward to welcoming him again to worship with us, our beloved benefactor and spiritual father.

- Walter Hannam

The Reverend Walter Hannam is an Associate Priest at St. James Cathedral and Vicar of St. Bart’s, Regent Park.

BELOW LEFT TO RIGHT: ST. BART’S REGENT PARK; MANDARIN MINISTRY AT ST. BART’S; “ENCOUNTER RYERSON” OUTREACH; SYRIAN RELIEF EFFORTS PARTNERSHIP WITH MUSLIM WELFARE CENTRE. PHOTOS COURTESY KERRY DICKSON, JAMES LIU (2), SARAH BENSON.



“ Thanks to God’s grace, we had the Dean as the preacher of our Chinese Fellowship on December 6th. All of us were very happy. I said a lot of words from the bottom of my heart. We are very grateful for the Dean and all the staff and parishioners who care about Chinese people, even though they may come from a totally different cultural background. Over this past year, we have been very thankful, because through our service together more people can know God, come to faith, and walk into our Cathedral’s big family. I’m so honoured to witness God’s work with you. ”

- James Liu  
Lay Pastoral Associate for Mandarin Ministry

## More Dates

**JAN 31** **Induction and Installation of The Reverend Canon Andrew Asbil** as Rector of St. James Cathedral and Dean of Toronto at 4:30pm

**FEB 2** **Candlemas at St. Bart’s, Regent Park**, 4:30pm Solemn Mass with Procession

**FEB 3** **Cantatas in the Cathedral** 6:00pm; Pay What You Can: BWV 123 - J.S. Bach

**FEB 7** **The 64th Anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty The Queen** will be commemorated at 4:30pm Choral Evensong *The Lieutenant Governor in attendance*

**FEB 10** **Ash Wednesday** *Liturgies with imposition of ashes at 7:30am, 8:30am, 12:30pm, 5:15pm, and 6:30pm*

**Ash Wednesday Cathedral Discovery Day** for children and youth ages 6-14, 9:00am-3:00pm *Check out the Cathedral website for registration and event details.*

**FEB 15** **“Stop Torture”** An exhibit by the Amnesty International Action Circle, in the Cathedral till Feb 21.

**FEB 17** **Lenten Education Series** Feb 24, March 2, 9, 16 *Speaker: Dean Andrew Asbil*

**FEB 28** **The Annual Meeting of Vestry** 1:00pm

**MAR 10** **York Group Speaker Meeting** 1:00pm in the Lecture Room; *Also meeting Apr 14.*

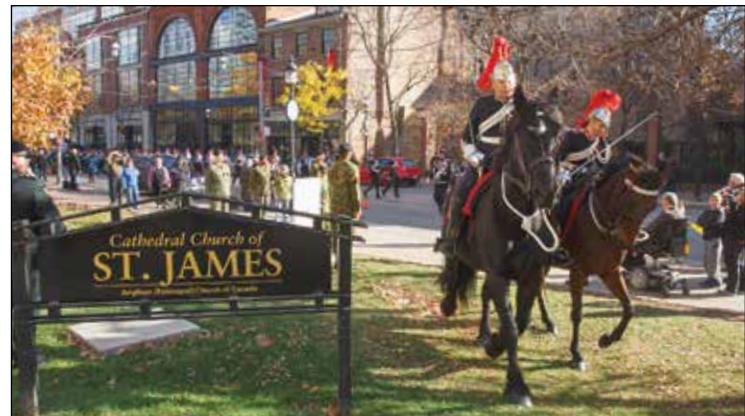
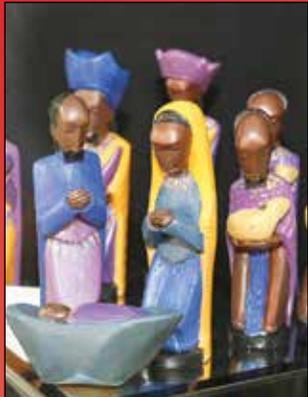
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# THE SEASON IN REVIEW



"CRECHES FROM ACROSS THE WORLD," AN ANNUAL EXHIBIT IN THE NANCY MALLET ARCHIVES & MUSEUM (CATHEDRAL CENTRE) CONTINUES ON VIEW UNTIL DEC 30, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND SUNDAYS, 12:30PM-4:00PM.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: PROF. STANLEY HAUERWAS GAVE THE 2015 SNELL SERMON & LECTURE, NOVEMBER 28; "CITIES FOR LIFE: AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY" EVENT, NOVEMBER 27; THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADA IN ATTENDANCE AT CHORAL MATTINS, NOVEMBER 8; THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S HORSE GUARDS ARRIVE FOR THEIR REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, NOVEMBER 8. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON.