



KNOX COLLEGE

AWARDING HONORARY DOCTOR OF DIVINITY DEGREES TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Purpose and Criteria

The degree of Doctor of Divinity (*honoris causa*) is awarded by the Board of Governors of Knox College and conferred at Convocation. The purpose of this honorary degree is to honour persons who exemplify to an unusual degree some critical aspect of the mission and purpose of Knox College. (See the enclosed Vision and Values of the College.) Consideration will be based on at least two of the following criteria:

- Creative leadership at any of the various levels of the church's life,
- Scholarly contribution to the life of the church,
- Scholarly contribution to the academic community,
- Effective and faithful pastoral leadership,
- Creative leadership in mission,
- Outstanding faith-based contribution in the various affairs of public life.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 The Board of Governors may award the honorary degree to ordained ministers, diaconal ministers, elders and other members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, or other persons who meet the criteria stated above.
- 2.2 Normally, no more than two degrees will be conferred each year. In any given year the Board may choose not to confer an honorary Doctorate.

3. Process

- 3.1 A nomination shall consist of: (a) a completed Nomination Form, (b) no less than two and not more than four commendation reports and (c) a statement outlining a nominee's work in the church, academy and/or public life or a current *curriculum vitae* of the nominee.
- 3.2 Normally, all nominators shall be members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

- 3.3 Each nominator must be named on the official nomination form. Each nominator must complete the Commendation Form, stating which criteria with examples, the nominee satisfies. This report shall not be more than one page in length. No additional pages may be attached.
- 3.4 It is the duty of the nominators to ensure that the nomination procedures are complied with fully and on time.
- 3.5 No direct approach shall be made to any member of the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Committee.
- 3.6 The decision of the Board of Governors shall be held in confidence until the Principal, acting on behalf of the Board of Governors, receives the response from the successful candidate/s.
- 3.7 Nominations will be held for three years; nominators may submit new information for the consideration of the Committee.
- 3.8 Please mail signed copies of nominations to:
Admin. Assistant to the Principal
Knox College
59 St. George Street
Toronto, Ontario M5S 2E6
- 3.9 THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS NOVEMBER 15TH.

Approved by the Board of Governors, February 1, 2006



Knox College

IDENTITY, VISION, MISSION, & VALUES STATEMENTS

Identity

Knox College is a theological school of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, a federated College of the University of Toronto, and a founding member of The Toronto School of Theology. As a seminary of the Reformed tradition, it has ecumenical relationships with the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, the World Council of Churches, The Canadian Council of Churches, as well as partnerships with various seminaries in the global community. Knox holds its accreditation through the Association of Theological Schools.

Vision

Faith Matters.®

Mission

Knox College educates women and men for faithful and creative Christian ministries and scholarship through its teaching, research and global partnerships.

Values

In light of our identity and statement of mission, trusting in God, sustained by the Spirit, with Jesus Christ as our helper, Knox College will:

1. demonstrate the following practices in the exercise of its vocation:
 - leadership that serves
 - relationships of trust and respect
 - learning as reflective practice
 - honouring a prophetic voice
 - offering hospitality
2. through its Faculty:
 - prepare ordained and lay congregational and pastoral leaders who will improve the quality of religious and public life through their work in communities of faith, both within Canada and globally;
 - be an effective resource by making its research available to The Presbyterian Church in Canada and the broader public of Canadian society;
 - individually, and through membership in the Toronto School of Theology continue a strong commitment to critical reflection and scholarly research on the Christian ministry, faith, history and tradition.
3. value excellence in its academic programs and centres, and focus its resources accordingly;
4. be an active partner within the Toronto School of Theology and the University of Toronto, providing

a reformed voice for ecumenical and Christian theological education;

5. promote effective partnerships with The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Canadian public life, and global partners as integral to the strengthening of its mission;
6. live deeply into the challenges and opportunities of what it means to be a multicultural community of faith;
7. through its residence, offer hospitality to students who are Presbyterian and those who are part of the diversity of the University of Toronto;
8. commit itself to ongoing and comprehensive evaluation of all aspects of its work and witness

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NOMINATION FORM

We, as members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, hereby nominate _____
_____ for the degree of Doctor of Divinity (*honoris causa*) of Knox
College, Toronto.

Name

Nominator:

Nominator:

Nominator:

Nominator:

RATIONALE FOR NOMINATION (include which specific criteria are being met):

LETTER OF COMMENDATION
(Separate form to be filled out by each nominator.)

Include how you have experienced the nominee fulfilling the named criteria.

Signature _____