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## **VST PRESIDENT'S T.E.G. 2023 AWARD RECIPIENT NAMED FOR THOUGHTFUL, ENGAGED AND GENEROUS CHRISTIAN PRACTITIONERS**

**VANCOUVER, BC. January 23, 2023.** The Vancouver School of Theology has named **Rev. Alecia Greenfield** as the **2023** recipient of the **T.E.G. Award**. Established in 2019, the award recognizes leading practitioners in Christian ministry during their early years of career service.



A graduate of VST's Master of Divinity program, she had earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and religious studies at UBC. She followed her BA with a career in fundraising and organizational development for cultural institutions, highlighted by her management of Prince George Railway and Forestry Museum. After completing her MBA, Alecia could no longer ignore her calling to ministry, and in 2013 began her discernment process with the Anglican Church of Canada. Alecia lives in Lynn Valley with her husband, Jeff Calvert. Alecia and Jeff have two adult children, Lytton and Hannah.

Alecia's leadership will benefit the wider Church community for years to come, and this award given to Alecia will be a credit to VST.

- *The Most Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton Archbishop and Metropolitan,  
Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon*

She clearly loves what she is doing, and this encourages and supports other to renew their own commitment to living as Jesus would call us to be. She has a deep kindness to her that touches people; clearly showing compassion and solidarity. She seeks justice for all people and hope for this planet and draw others on that walk with her.

- *The Right Reverend John R. Stephens, Bishop, Diocese of New Westminster*

Alecia's skill as an artist, her ability to be in conversation with people of all ages and from many cultural backgrounds, her warmth and intelligence all make her into the rarest of priests—a person who can genuinely engage others, in thoughtful and generous ways.

- *The Very Reverend Peter G. Elliott*

Alecia's generosity of spirit in this found expression not only in the giving of herself but in helping others also to discover and give of themselves. This, it seems to me, is very close to the heart of Christian ministry.

- *Rev. Dr. Angus F. Stuart*

President Richard Topping said, "What a delight to make this award to Alecia Greenfield who exemplifies thoughtful, engaged and generous leadership."

- *Rev. Richard R. Topping, Ph.D., President and Vice-Chancellor, VST*

### **About the T.E.G. Award**

An expression of VST's stature as a strong, innovation center of leadership development, the T.E.G Award is open to the alumni or affiliates of VST.

This award is intended to have a continuous presence in the community. Thanks to the annual generosity of founding donors and other supporters, the TEG award will continue each year to acknowledge outstanding contributions of Christian leaders.

Nominations for the 2024 VST T.E.G. Award are welcome. The award is open to all full-time ministry leaders within the first ten-years of full-time employment in Canada. Candidates will be known for

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their exemplary leadership and contributions in Christian ministry for the 21st Century, reflecting the virtues of thoughtful, engaged and generous in keeping with the mission of VST. Nominations should be directed to Rachael Shi [rshi@vst.edu](mailto:rshi@vst.edu) in the President's Office and received by November 23, 2023. Successful recipients may receive this award once.

### **About VST**

VST's core mandate is to educate and form thoughtful, engaged, and generous Christian leaders for the church in the 21st century. Among theological schools, VST is viewed as a change agent and an innovator for the church. As an affiliated college of the University of British Columbia, VST is now ranked in the top 50 schools globally and in the top 10 of most improved theological schools. In 2020 VST was identified by *In Trust Magazine* as instituting bold transformative change for the renewal of theological education. Most recently, VST was the recipient of a prestigious Pathways for Tomorrow grant from the Lilly Endowment to help redefine theological field education. VST is accredited by the Government of British Columbia, and in North America by ATS (Association of Theological Schools).

The Vancouver School of Theology welcomes students from many Christian communions, other faith traditions and Indigenous communities, while celebrating its core relationships with the Anglican Church of Canada, Presbyterian Church in Canada, and United Church of Canada.

The Indigenous Studies Program at VST is central to the school's identity and commitments.

The Vancouver School of Theology recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary (2021-22) as a leader in theological education, and over 100 years of service through its preceding affiliate organizations.

The Vancouver School of Theology acknowledges that the land on which they are located is the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam) People.

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