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For Immediate Release

Atlantic School of Theology Announces April 2011 Convocation

Halifax, NS—Atlantic School of Theology (AST) is pleased to announce its 40th annual convocation ceremony to be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. in Saint Benedict Catholic Church, 45 Radcliffe Drive, Halifax. This year, a total of twenty-nine graduates will receive degrees and certificates from the Master of Theological Studies, Master of Arts (Theology and Religious Studies), Master of Divinity, Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies, and Adult Education Certificate in Theological Studies programs.

Honorary Doctorates to be Awarded

Two outstanding individuals will receive the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, in recognition of their significant accomplishments:

- The Reverend Canon **Alyson Barnett-Cowan**
Director for Unity Faith and Order for the Anglican Communion, London, England
- Dr. **Helga Mills**
Past Interim President of AST, and past member of the AST Board of Governors, Halifax, NS

AST Associate

AST will honor **David Hewitt** as an Associate of Atlantic School of Theology in recognition of his commitment and support to the school. Mr. Hewitt currently serves as Executive Secretary of the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada.

The Lieutenant Governor's Faith in Action Award

The Lieutenant Governor's Faith in Action Award is housed at Atlantic School of Theology and is presented annually to a Nova Scotian(s) whose faith has inspired significant public service. Ms. **Jennifer Longley** from Kentville, Nova Scotia, has been selected as the recipient for 2011 and will receive her award at AST convocation.

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Convocation Address

The convocation address will be given by the Reverend Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan. In her current position as Director for Unity Faith and Order for the Anglican Communion, she staffs the Inter-Anglican Commission for Unity Faith and Order, which among other matters, is overseeing the process for the adoption of the Anglican Communion Covenant. She is the lead staff for the ecumenical dialogues of the Anglican Communion, including current conversations with the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church, the Lutheran World Federation, and the Methodist World Council. Canon Barnett-Cowan has made extraordinary achievements in the area of ecumenism, one of the founding principles of AST.

Background

Atlantic School of Theology, an ecumenical university serving Christ's mission, cultivates excellence in graduate-level theological education and research, creative and faithful formation for lay and ordained ministries, and understanding among communities of faith.

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