

Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality
2019 Winter Course
Course K: *Journeys to Justice: Reflections on Canadian Christian Activism*
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Date	Topic	Reading assignment
January 7	Introduction to course; "Journeys to Justice: Reflections on Christian Activism in Canada"	n/a
January 14	Private Refugee sponsorship in Canada: Bill Janzen	Chapter 3: "Canadian Churches Negotiate the Private Sponsorship of Refugees."
January 21	Indigenous Rights in Canada	Chapter 4: The Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Proposal.
January 28	Economic Justice	Chapters 5 and 9 (interviews with Tony Clarke and Bill Phipps)
February 4	Corporate responsibility	Chapter 6: "Canadian Churches Oppose Apartheid in South Africa."
February 11	Women	Chapter 7: "Northern bishops respond to violence against women;" and Chapter 10: "Women around the world March for Rights."
February 25	Healthcare in Canada	Chapter 9: "Canadian Churches defend Medicare."
March 4	International Debt	Chapter 11: "CEJI mobilizes to Cancel the Debts of Global South Countries."
March 11	Theology and Activism	Chapter 12: "Public Multifaithism in Canada at 150."
March 18	Where we go from here...(Note: 30 minute class this final evening)	Chapters 13 by Christine Boyle and 14 by Leah Watkiss

move to St. Paul as Executive Director of the Centre Oblat – A Voice for Justice.

What have we learned as people of faith who stopped the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline, ended apartheid, organized the private sponsorship of refugees and called for an end to poverty? The example of those who have been tireless labourers for social change across Canada over the years can - and should be - models for our own journey in the quest for public justice. Joe Gunn will present case studies from his interviews with ten key actors from varied ecumenical backgrounds, offer the lessons as they relate them, and discuss perspectives of current justice efforts among faith communities. Participants will be encouraged to read chapters from "[Journeys to Justice](#)" and participate in class discussions on the topics outlined in this small volume.