

## **Alive and Well in the Time of COVID-19**

On September 21<sup>st</sup> 2020 the Ottawa School of Theology & Spirituality (OSTS) will mark an important milestone. The School, originally known as the Ottawa Lay School of Theology, will begin its fifty-seventh year of classes. The OSTS was started in 1963 as part of an initiative by the United Church of Canada. From its beginning the School has had an ecumenical focus and today it is co-sponsored by the United, Anglican, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic churches. While maintaining its Christian roots, the School recognizes the importance of better understanding between Christians and members of other faith traditions, today many of our courses reflect this belief.

The School provides adult education classes, the aim of which is to provide theological and spiritual education to the laity and, in so doing, to deepen and strengthen their faith. There are no exams and no required text books to purchase - just some suggested reading. This year, as with many educational institutions across Canada, the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated that we offer virtual classes. We will be using the Zoom platform. You will not require a Zoom account to participate in classes. Once you register for a course prior to classes you will simply click on a link that will be provided by email. We will even be offering a tutorial prior to the beginning of classes. This, and additional information will be found on our website. ([www.osts.ca](http://www.osts.ca))

We invite you to visit our website to see the very interesting selection of courses that we are offering this autumn.

Please consider joining us,

The OSTS Team