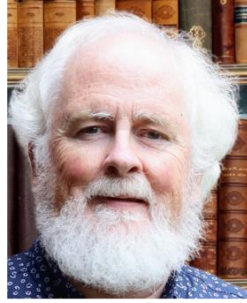


THEME SPEAKER



The Rev. Dr. Ross Bartlett

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Author, Clergy Coach, Congregational Consultant**

Following 35 years of congregational ministry in Ontario, Australia, and Nova Scotia, the Rev. Dr. Ross Bartlett assumed the position of United Church Formation Director at the Atlantic School of Theology in 2018. There he continues to exercise his passion for the communities of faith of the United Church of Canada and the well-being and fulfillment of those who give leadership, both lay people and clergy.

Ross was educated at Queen's University in Kingston, ON (BA (Honors) and M.A. in History) St Andrew's University, Scotland, and Queen's Theological College (M.Div); Toronto School of Theology (Doctor of Theology, Church History); and Princeton Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry). He has been actively involved in the training of United Church lay leaders and ministry students since 1992, first through Queen's Theological College and more recently at AST where he regularly offers United Church-related courses. He has also offered courses at Vancouver School of Theology, TST, St. Andrew's (Saskatoon), and Tatamagouche Centre, where he enjoyed being part of the Licenced Lay Leader training.

As an author, he has published several books including, *On Holy Ground: You and Your Faith Story* (2017); *Gathered For Preaching: A Sourcebook for Lay Leaders and Clergy* (2021); *It's Real Ministry: How Part-time and Bi-vocational Clergy are Challenging and Empowering the Church* (2022); and the forthcoming, *It Works for Us: Exploring Best Practices in Partially-Funded Ministry*.

Ross has given leadership at all levels of the United Church, including service on the General Council Executive, the Theology and Faith Committee, chairing two Presbyteries, President of the former Maritime Conference, and numerous other committees. He recently completed a term as the founding president of the Association of United Church Clergy (aUCC).

He is a proud father and grandfather. He lives with his wife Heather in Lower Sackville where he is actively involved in several issues, especially related to concerns of homelessness and food security.