



The Reverend Dr. John Pentland

John Pentland is a spiritual seeker and teacher, public speaker, and public theologian who is Lead Minister at Hillhurst United Church in Calgary, since 2004. Hillhurst is a growing and dynamic community that is an Affirming congregation which hosts two services in person and online on Sunday with a midweek Second Campus, Living Spirit Center. He is author of the Canadian bestseller: Fishing Tips: “How Curiosity Transformed a Community of Faith.” He consults, leads workshops and writes on various topics of spiritual formation and church growth for The Calgary Herald and Globe and Mail. John was raised in Ontario. He is an avid cyclist, racquet enthusiast, and dog walker. He holds a B.A. from Queen's University and M.Div from Emmanuel College in Toronto; a M.Th. from Princeton Theological Seminary; and a D.Min. from the Chicago Theological Seminary. “Speaking Faith in Public Space.” John has served in rural, urban and inner city ministries and was Project Lead in Civil Society at United Way of Calgary outside UCC leadership. He was nominated for Moderator of the UCC in 2025.