

The Very Reverend Dr. Walter Farquharson, D.D.

Teacher, preacher, writer of hymns and plays, story teller, and orator, The Very Reverend Walter Farquharson has served as a leader in many arenas of life. Born on a seed farm in Rosetown, he was ordained a United Church minister in 1960 and served the denomination as a congregational pastor in the Saltcoats-Bredenbury Pastoral Charge for 36 years. He was elected Moderator of the United Church of Canada for a two year term. During his term he gave his support to the creation of the Moderator's Task Group on Residential Schools, comprised of native and non-native representatives to examine in depth, for the first time, the church's role in the residential school system.

He served as teacher, principal and administrator and as President of the Teachers' Local, the Yorkdale Educators Association, the Yorkton Teachers' Association and served as counsellor to students on an on-call basis for a number of years.

Walter Farquharson has written over a hundred hymns and his lyrics have enriched the spiritual lives of thousands of United Church members. His hymns are included in the Church's national hymn book and sung across the country.

He served as Alderman and Mayor for the Town of Saltcoats for 14 years and was instrumental in leading a dedicated group of volunteers to raise money to design and build the long term care facility in Saltcoats. He was President of the Saskatchewan Conference of the United Church, and President and Board Member of the Saskatchewan Bed and Breakfast Association. He is currently serving as Chair of the Yellowhead Flyway Birding Trail Association.

Walter Farquharson received the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from St. Andrew's College in 1975 for his work as rural pastor, educator and hymn writer. His leadership abilities and communication skills have had a positive impact on people in his community, province and country.

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Dr. D. Michael Jackson, C.V.O., C.D.

After a career as university teacher of French studies, freelance writer and co-founder of Transport 2000, a public transport consumer group, Michael Jackson joined the Saskatchewan public service in 1979. He was appointed Chief of Protocol in 1980 and in 1998 became Executive Director of Protocol, Honours and Government House. He coordinated ten royal visits to Saskatchewan and the Government House Heritage Property Centennial Project, opened by the Queen in 2005. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, the Province's first honour of the Crown, and developed the second-most extensive provincial honours and awards program in Canada. He was project leader for the Saskatchewan coat of arms introduced in 1986, several other provincial emblems, and, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Statue project. He is the author of a number of illustrated educational booklets and articles on the Canadian Crown, symbols and honours.

Michael Jackson received a master's degree from the University of Toronto and a doctorate from the University of Caen, France, where he taught English and Canadian studies. He is an ordained deacon in the Anglican Church. He was a public affairs officer in the Army Reserve for twelve years, retiring as a major. He is an experienced conference interpreter and certified English-French translator, past chair of the Regina branch of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and vice-president of the Canadian Club of Regina.

Dr. Jackson was invested as a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order by Her Majesty The Queen in 1987 and promoted in 2005 to Commander, the highest rank in the Order open to Canadians. He is a recipient of the Canada 125 Commemorative Medal, the Canadian Forces Decoration, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, and the Premier's Award for Excellence in the Public Service of Saskatchewan.

Michael Jackson (306) 757-1665 Regina

Don Kerr

Teacher, writer, editor, historian and guardian of the province's heritage, describes how Don Kerr has devoted his life to enriching his community. He enjoyed a distinguished teaching career at the University of Saskatchewan spanning more than forty years, and became a powerful voice for local drama, local writing, Canadian literature and Saskatchewan literary culture. He is the author of seven books of poetry, two books of fiction, three non-fiction volumes, eleven edited books, six full-length plays and a number of one-act dramas. Best known as a regionalist, who throughout his career has written on the history and culture of the prairie west, his work has been well received by both readers and critics, and he has been shortlisted for several Saskatchewan Book Awards, winning the Saskatoon Book Award for "The Garden of Art: Vic Cicansky, Sculptor".

Always interested in the history of Saskatoon and the province in general, he has been a galvanizing force for heritage preservation. He was the first chair of the Saskatoon Heritage Society, the first chair of the Saskatoon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee and has been Saskatchewan's Governor for the Heritage Canada Foundation. He was a board member of the Meewasin Valley Authority.

He served on the Board of Directors of Coteau Books and remains on the Board of NeWest Press. He has been a board member of the literary journals *NeWest Review* and *Grain*, and he has served on the Writer-Residence Committee of the Saskatoon Public Library.

He has been a member of the Saskatchewan Arts Board, chair and member of the Saskatoon Public Library Board, member of the SaskFilm Board of Directors, member of the Lieutenant Governor's committee on the 2005 Celebration of the Arts and is a member of the Board of the Saskatchewan Arts Alliance.

In recognition of these, and many other, contributions to Saskatchewan arts, culture, and heritage organizations, the University of Saskatchewan awarded Mr. Kerr with the Public Service Extension Award at the 2003 Fall Convocation. Don Kerr is a recipient of the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal.

Don Kerr (306) 652-9379 Saskatoon

Dr. Reuben J. Mapletoft

Dr. Reuben Mapletoft's research in reproductive biology and the application in assisted reproductive technologies in cattle spans more than 30 years. He is well known for his work in bovine embryo transfer, superovulation and ovulation synchronization. He patented a substance that replaces serum in the cryopreservation of embryos and assisted in the development of a drug to induce superovulation in cattle, allowing for increased embryo production from superior animals. His embryo transfer protocols have become the de facto standard for clinical use worldwide. His recent work on estrus synchronization and ovulation induction allows producers to schedule artificial insemination, increasing its use as a breeding tool.

Dr. Mapletoft has brought over \$5.75 million in research funding to the University of Saskatchewan through grants from federal and provincial governments, industry associations and private corporations. His work has led to new developments, setting international standards and improving cattle genetics on every continent.

He is past president of the International Embryo Transfer Society and served as its Chair of the Import/Export Committee for ten years. He is Founding President of the Canadian Embryo Transfer Association and is currently a member of the Certification Committee.

Active in technology transfer, he has given over 150 invited lectures in more than 30 countries and has trained graduate students from all over the world. He has contributed to more than 300 papers to published conference proceedings and authored more than 130 refereed publications. He has conducted more than three dozen embryo transfer workshops for over 200 veterinary professionals around the world.

In 1998, Dr. Mapletoft received an honorary life membership in the Canadian Embryo Transfer Association, and in 2000, he received an honorary life membership and the Distinguished Service Award from the International and Canadian Embryo Transfer Society. In 2003, the University of Saskatchewan honored him with its Distinguished Researcher Award, and in 2005, an earned Doctorate.

Dr. Reuben Mapletoft (306) 373-6882 Saskatoon

James V. Scarrow

Jim Scarrow has combined a stellar broadcasting career with outstanding leadership in community service. As a member of the Kinsmen Club of Prince Albert, which built an arena, park and water park, a community workshop and heritage centre, he became the governor of Kinsmen in Saskatchewan and served as president of the National Association of Kinsmen Clubs. He was a founding board member of the Saskatchewan Kinsmen Foundation for the Handicapped and served as the producer of the Kinsmen Telemiracle telethons that raised millions of dollars for the disabled.

He spearheaded the Prince Albert Children's Haven and as fundraising chair, was instrumental in this facility being debt-free upon its opening in 1995. As fundraising chair for the E.A. Rawlinson Centre for Performing and Visual Arts, Jim Scarrow launched a campaign that raised \$4.7 million in less than two months. In addition, his fundraising leadership has extended outside the City of Prince Albert helping to raise dollars for arenas, special care homes and recreation complexes in many small communities.

He co-chaired the 1982 Saskatchewan Winter Games and the City of Prince Albert's 75th and 100th Anniversary Celebrations. He was instrumental in the fundraising of \$3.5 million in 18 days for the *Bring Back The Magic Campaign*, enhancing the financial stability of the WHL hockey franchise and the renovation of the Comuniplex Arena. He served as co-chair of the Seat Sale Campaign raising over \$500,000 for the Prince Albert Raiders.

He was named Prince Albert Citizen of the Year in 1985, Western Canadian Broadcaster of the Year in 2001, a Paul Harris Fellow by the Prince Albert Rotary Club, was inducted into the prestigious CAB Broadcast Hall of Fame in 2003, and had a park named in his honour in 2005.

Jim Scarrow is a recipient of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal, the Canada 125 Commemorative Medal, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal and the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal.

His Worship Jim Scarrow (306) 764-0448

Prince Albert

Cora Thomson

A member of the Carry the Kettle First Nation and the Nakota (Assiniboine) tribe, Cora Thomson has served her First Nation community with distinction and has been a positive role model for all those whose lives she has touched.

As partner of a mixed farming operation and with her strong agricultural knowledge and experience of crop production, soil management and cattle ranching, she became one of the first Trustees for the Carry the Kettle First Nations Treaty Land Entitlement process and was instrumental in obtaining valuable agricultural land which produces annual revenues of over \$600,000 for the Carry the Kettle First Nation.

She is a past member of the Carry the Kettle First Nation Band Council and has served five one-year terms as President for the Band Pow Wow Committee, helping to rejuvenate this cultural celebration, ensuring its survival for upcoming generations. She has served as an executive member of the Saskatchewan Police Commission and is a founding member of the File Hills Tribal Council Police Service Board.

Mrs. Thomson's position as board member for the File Hills Agency First Nations Child and Family Services gave her the opportunity to ensure that services provided were fair and consistent with provincial standards. She served on the Nakoda Oyate Education Center School Board offering her wisdom and vision of a culturally relevant education system. As Hospital Board Member for the Wolseley and Montmartre Hospitals she worked to promote a better relationship between the hospitals and the local First Nations Community and ensure that quality medical services be provided to the First Nations community. She was instrumental in forming a Ladies Sewing Club, teaching sewing skills to others, and was responsible for making many clothing items for children.

Cora Thomson is an executive member of the Montmartre Royal Canadian Legion, a member of the Ladies Legion Auxiliary and gives her support to the Saskatchewan First Nations' Veterans Association.

Cora Thomson (306) 787-3001 Carry the Kettle First Nation

Brian Towriss

Educator and coach, Brian Towriss, has impacted the lives of hundreds of Saskatchewan young people and youth, from within and beyond our borders. Raised in Moose Jaw, he joined the University of Saskatchewan Huskies as a player in the fall of 1974, and was named Western All-Star in his rookie season.

Following a stint as provincial coach for Football Saskatchewan, he rejoined his alma-mater and was named head coach of the Saskatchewan Huskies at the age of 27 in 1984. Now a Level IV National Coaching Certification Program coach, he is involved in coaches' clinics and ID Camps, and is currently President of the Canadian University Football Coaches Association.

During his 24 years as head coach of the Huskies he was named Canada West Coach of the Year nine times. He was named Moose Jaw Times Herald 'Coach of the Year' in 1998 and 2002 and the Carleton Old Crowe Society recognized him the CIAU Coach of The Year in 1994.

He coached the Saskatoon Huskies to eleven Hardy Cup championships, nine Vanier Cup appearances and three Vanier Cup Championships. Under his leadership the Huskies have also won four titles at the Churchill Bowl, one title at the Atlantic Bowl and four titles at the Mitchell Bowl.

Coach Towriss has placed the highest priority on academic performance and character development. His coaching program has produced leaders on and off the field and has helped spawn a very successful off-field volunteer foundation that has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the program in the form of post-secondary scholarships.

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