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Thorneloe University Announces New Interim President

The Board of Governors of Thorneloe University is pleased to announce the appointment of Stacy Sathaseevan as Interim President effective June 1st, 2024. Rev. Dr. John Gibaut will be retiring after a five year term that saw Thorneloe University through incredibly challenging times. The Board is incredibly grateful for his tireless dedication and invaluable leadership.



Raised in Holtyre, Ontario, Ms. Sathaseevan moved to Sudbury in 2001 to pursue her post-secondary education at Laurentian University. She completed her B.A. Honours in 2005 in addition to B.Ed. in 2009, specialising in junior intermediate education. She is finalising the requirements for her Master's in Interdisciplinary Humanities in order to to convocate in June.

Ms. Sathaseevan has to date spent her career dedicated to the education and development of youth in Northern Ontario. She has supported at-risk youth seeking employment with the Federal Public Sector Youth Internship Program, and in 2012 started her employment at Laurentian University as an Adult Liaison Coordinator. Since 2016, she has been working with the Faculty of Graduate Studies as an Information Officer, helping students receive funding at the local, provincial, and national levels, as well as providing them with professional development opportunities, and welcoming them through orientation and other community building events. For the past two years, Ms. Sathaseevan has also served as the Dean of Residence at Thorneloe University where she strives to ensure a happy, healthy and safe residence life for all members of the residence community.

Passionate about service, Ms. Sathaseevan was one of the founding Executive Committee members of the Ward 1 Kingsmount/Bell Park Community Action Network. She has also served as President of the Greater Sudbury Kinette club, and Vice-President of the United Nations Association of Canada - Sudbury Chapter. She has been involved with the Sudbury Women's Action Group, PoliticsNOW, Conseil d'éducation catholique, and Sole Hope.

Ms. Sathaseevan is a proud mother of three, who loves to travel. She is fluent in English and French and is currently learning Spanish in her spare time. Notably, she is the first female president of Thorneloe University.

Board Chair, Mr. Brian Koivu stated: "This transition marks a new chapter for our University. Ms. Sathaseevan is deeply committed to continuing the legacy that Rev. Dr. Gibaut has established, while also bringing fresh perspectives and ideas to further our mission. We look forward to the growth of our School of Theology and the continued success of our residence."