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CALLED TO LOOK AHEAD

by Richard Jones
President



Welcome to our summer edition of the Messenger. I want to congratulate the 2024 Graduates and pray for success in their respective endeavours.

In May we gathered in PEI for the annual KT Norris Lectures – what a wonderful time of fellowship and teaching with Matt Dabbs. Our attendance at the Lectures this year indicated that this topic and Matt’s speaking resonated with many people. Thank you to all who attended and who donated to make this event possible.

Maritime Christian College recently announced the launch of a new Certificate program called Disciple Maker’s Path in response to feedback from MCC supporters, students, and church leaders. MCC developed this entry-level Certificate to help followers of Jesus understand the what, the how, and the why of sharing the truth of the Gospel of Jesus with others in their lives. This Certificate is a practical “tool kit” of disciple making essentials.

In December, the first graduates of our Master of Arts in Disciple Making & Ministry Leadership program will have completed their capstone projects. We are excited by the impact these first graduates will have on their current and future ministries. Recruitment for a new cohort of MA students is underway and two MA courses will be offered in September.

I want to direct your attention to a passage of Scripture that often doesn’t get the attention it deserves as a model for the 21st century ministry planning. Acts 13:1-4 states:
¹Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit

said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. ⁴The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. (NIV)

The Holy Spirit called Barnabas and Paul (Saul) to leave Antioch, initiating Paul’s first missionary journey. It was the first of four missionary journeys recorded in Acts, and these journeys took Paul far from his home territory – eventually all the way to Rome. They were the catalyst to spreading the Gospel in an unprecedented burst of disciple making. I suspect Paul didn’t have a clue about the vast distances the Lord would be sending him when he started out on this first journey.

But take note: the Holy Spirit *called* them and they were *sent* on their way by the Spirit. Paul and Barnabas were faithful and obedient to the calling they received from the Lord, even when they couldn’t clearly see the road ahead and the incredible journeys that lay ahead of them (especially for Paul).

The Board and staff are looking ahead to discern the direction of the Holy Spirit for the next season. The Spirit seems to be bringing new opportunities for disciple making to our door. We are praying about these opportunities for expanding MCC’s higher education programs into new areas with students where we have never effectively engaged. Like Barnabas and Paul in Antioch, we are trying to go where the Spirit is leading us. I look forward to sharing more about these new opportunities as we get more clarity around them in coming months.



KT Norris Lectures - May 7-9, 2024

CONVINCING THE WORLD THE NEWS IS GOOD!

The 2024 KT Norris Lectures are now available to watch online. You can find them on our website mccpei.com/kt-norris-lectures or our [YouTube channel @maritimecc](#).

KT Norris Lectures

May 7-9, 2024

CONVINCING THE WORLD THE NEWS IS GOOD!



On May 7-9, 2024, an average of 83 people in the mornings and 127 people in the evenings enjoyed the KT Norris Lectures. Conrad Cline of Back Bay, NB said, "Anna and I agree we love participating in the lectures because we renew Christian friendships, relish Christian fellowship, and grow spiritually as we feed on the Word of God."

Meredith McCarville led worship along with the Sherwood Christian Church Worship Team. She said, "It is always a privilege to gather with other believers to fellowship, study God's Word and spend time in prayer and praise to our Lord. The MCC Lectures are a special time that facilitates God's people coming together and I was so pleased to have the opportunity to serve with the Worship Team during the evening gatherings. Our prayer is that the Church was encouraged, and God glorified."

Matt Dabbs sent a note, "I really appreciated the joy that everyone had to be there as well as the encouragement that so many offered during the week. God is moving in Canada, and I can't wait to see what all He is going to do!"

Ruth Romard of South Range, NS, said, "I feel like I am a novice, but it was very informative. I would plan to come again."

Lynda Marshall of Digby, NS concluded, "Matt Dabbs filled our brains with a wealth of information. One point that stays with me is that each of us should take one meaningful step of 'what would Jesus do' to show love and help others in our community!"

We are thankful for all who donated to make the event possible, the donations covered the expenses with a surplus of \$79. We are now looking forward to Lectures 2025!

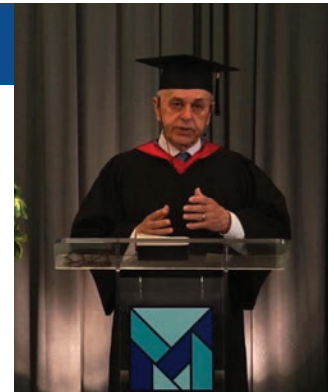


MCC Graduation 2024

"It has been an amazing experience. I have been able to meet other Christians, learned about their struggles and victories," said Carlos Medrano. He is one of three non-traditional students who completed their Disciple Maker's Certificate 1 this Spring.

Maritime Christian College honoured Bonita Burnham, Carlos Medrano, and Larry MacLaren in its online graduation ceremony on June 1, 2024. Former President Fred Osborne encouraged everyone to go home and share your story of what God has done in your life to the people around you. Bonita Burnham shared what she plans to do with her experience gained through the program, "I want to go on with a renewed fervour, to make disciples for our Lord and Saviour."

You can view the Graduation service here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGJ8h5YY-Ao



Congratulations to our 2024 Graduates

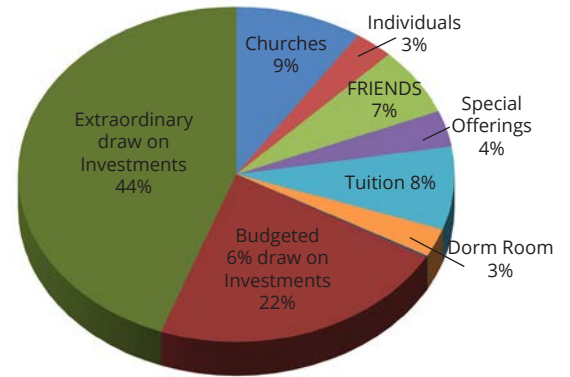
**Bonita Burnham, QC
Larry MacLaren, ON
Carlos Medrano, NS**

ANNUAL Enrollment and Financial Reports

Academic Program Highlights from 2023-2024

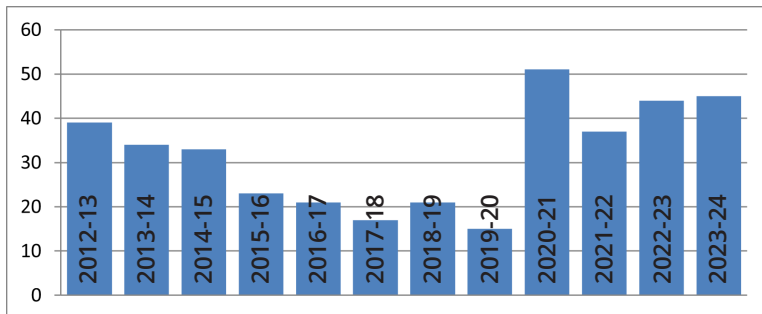
- 45 students enrolled in online classes: 35 in undergrad programs and 10 in the master's program. Geographic location: Canada-37 (AB-1, MB-1, NB-10, NS-6 ON-11, PE-7, QC-1), Ethiopia-1, Nigeria-2, and USA-5 (KY-1, OK-1, TX-3)
- Continual evaluation of courses and programs to raise the bar on the quality of course development and instruction
- Logos Inclusive Access trial – a Bible study program for ministers or students to prepare lessons or write sermons online efficiently
- Developing a new introductory certificate called “The Disciple Maker’s Path” to be launched September 2024
- Exploring resourcing church leaders in Ontario
- Updating policies and procedures to reflect the new online environment

2023 Operating Revenue \$763,525

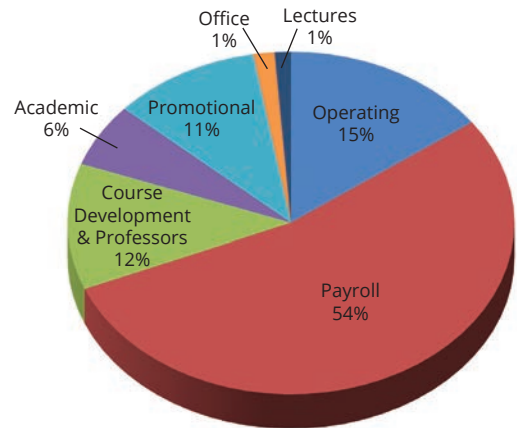


MCC Enrollment

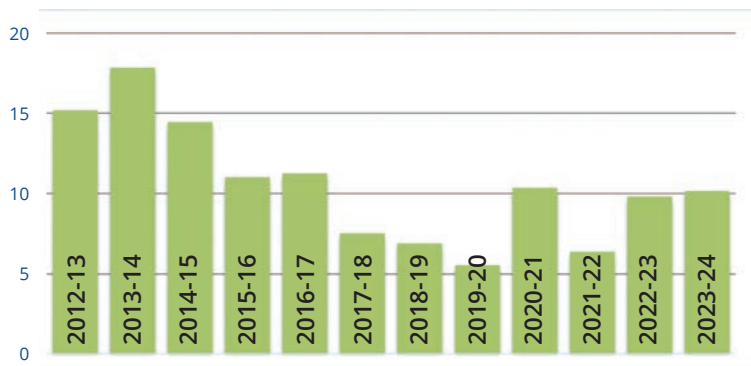
Headcount – full-time, part-time, and auditing students



2023 Expenses \$774,552



Full-time Equivalency (FTE) – full-time students plus full-time equivalent of part-time student credit hours; no audit students



Fiscal Highlights from 2023

- The 503 University Avenue property was sold for a net of \$2.1 million which was transferred to MCC’s investment accounts to replenish them from the significant drawdown that has been going on for several years (not shown in Operating Revenue).
- The MCC office relocated to rented space inside Sherwood Christian Church in Charlottetown for \$1,000/month. Staff work from the office one day/week and from home the rest of the week.
- 2023 Operating Revenue and Expenses include dorm room income and expenses for January-April, until the sale of the property, not a full year
- Tuition income increased by 123% with a full year of the new Masters Program.
- Donations from individuals decreased by -32% which caused a higher draw on investments
- Course developers and professors increased by 82% due to an increased number of online courses

Your Support Matters

"These college courses are exactly for the church today. It is more than gaining head knowledge "theology", instead these courses get you in the right mind and heart to be disciple makers. The format is through answering thought provoking questions, online interaction with other students and staff, one weekly reading, assignment and reflection. The teachers live and breathe what they teach. That in itself makes a big difference. My wife and I have been really blessed and encouraged because real equipping has to do with not only head knowledge, but also heart revelation. We wish we would of done this years ago, but are thankful we're doing it now."



Marius Goguen
Saint John, NB

"My favorite thing about online learning is the flexibility of time it offers. I can work on my lessons any time of the day, read and write and engage in class discussions, a perfect environment for me.

I am learning a lot from my Apologetics course which I am applying to my discipleship group of 12 people and I see the added value this brings to this group of disciples."



Lilet Alcos
Halifax, NS

Why Give to MCC?

The average Canadian has set aside organized religion with its baggage for an internal authority which feels right.¹

- Developing positive personal relationships is the best vehicle to introduce them to God and His Word.
- Believers need to be trained how to develop positive relationships to train more disciples to do the same.

In 2020 MCC embarked on a bold plan to tackle this challenge by bringing our higher education courses to non-traditional students in a unique format: delivering online programs focused on disciple making that stress immediate practical application of the knowledge learned.

Our 10-year vision is to see MCC graduates involved in disciple making movements around the world. **MCC's Meeting The Challenge Campaign** is designed to support this vision. The goal of \$333,000 per year for 5 years will:

- Deliver more online programs
- Provide more student bursaries
- Support more churches

¹See chapter one of Sam Reimer's book, Caught in the Current, (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2023), p. 20

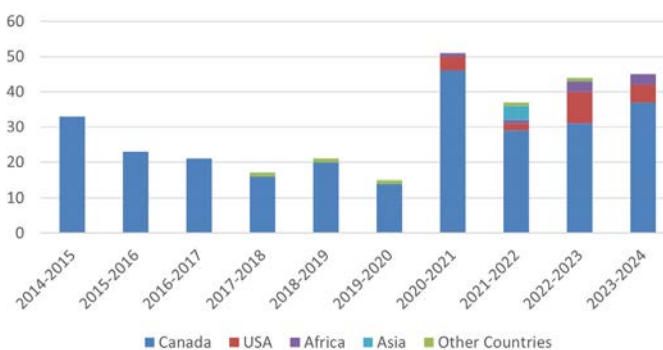
Will you partner with us in Meeting this Challenge?

- 6 people giving \$10/week develops one course for a program
- \$10/week provides a bursary for one or more students
- 2 people giving \$10/week enables MCC staff to travel and lead a weekend session at a local Church

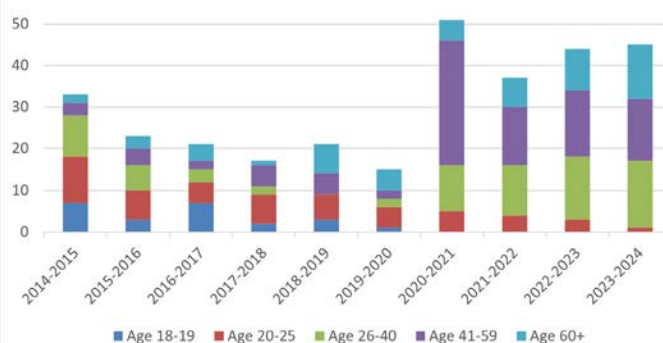
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Students - Geographically



Students - Ages



FALL 2024



NEW PROGRAM: DISCIPLE MAKER'S PATH

A practical **"tool kit"** of the what, the how, and the why of sharing the truth of the Gospel of Jesus

Three Courses - Online - Part-time - Complete in a school year

- **Essentials to Disciple Making** - September 30 to November 24
- **Road to Making Disciples** - January 13 to March 9
- **Disciple Making Lifestyle** - March 31 to May 25

For more information or to apply: mccpei.com/disciple-makers-path



Disciple Making Church Leadership Certificate

P111 - Introduction to Healthy Leadership

Identify and develop the skills to live out healthy leadership in the local church. Learn that only a healthy leader can effectively guide a church to live out Christ's methods and message of the great commission.

Professor: Brandon Guindon



Disciple Maker Certificate

T35 - Apologetics

A defence of the faith by examining common attacks against Christianity and how best to answer tough questions while seeking to make disciples.

Professor: David Nelson

APPLY BY AUGUST 15
mccpei.com/apply-online

Bursaries Awarded for May 2024

The John and Lillian Bergman Recruitment Fund
Patrick Afum, Britton Clay, Michael Williams

The Christian Church at Breadalbane Bursary
Britton Clay

The Estey Family Bursary
Lilet Alcos

The May Herring Memorial Scholarship
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The Real Life Ministries Bursary
Desalegn Eltamo, Aaron Williams

The Tuition Scholarship
From funds donated in memory of Edward P. Benoit, Neil Burt, John E. Carew, Dorothy J. Lord, Garnet & Gertrude McIntyre, Earl Ohl, Gordie Ohl, Alvin Rowledge and Della Murphy, Donald F. Stewart, Neil W. Zimmerman; endowments from Grape Grove Church of Christ, Rodney Christian Church, Truro Church of Christ; and other one-time donations.
Britton Clay

In Loving Memory February 1 - May 31, 2024

HATTIE ARMSTRONG – Burt's Corner, NB..... Heather Jones
..... Mary Jones

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..... Mary Jones

DAVID ESTEY – Duncan, BC Heather Jones

MARY GARD – Charlottetown, PE Seraphine Cadotte
..... Mary Hickox

FRIEND HERRING – Charlottetown, PE Benjamin Herring & Family
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LOUISE ROONEY – Charlottetown, PE Mary Hickox

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New Cohort Begins September 2024



Master of Arts in Disciple Making & Ministry Leadership Degree

Courses offered in September 2024:

- **MABT501 - Old Testament** – Study God’s missional work through Abraham’s family to bring blessing to the world.
- **MABT507 - Biblical Theology to Fuel Disciple Making** – An overview of the key teachings in the Bible. From the Grand Storyline through doctrines of Scripture, God, the Fall, Israel, the Gospel, New Birth, Baptism, Saving Faith, Church, Disciple Making, Ethics, and Final Restoration.

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