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Building Legacy

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Chief Operating Officer

In this edition of The Messenger you will find our Annual Enrollment and Financial Report for 2020/2021. Developing a simplified way of showing enrollment and the associated costs of running Maritime Christian College is always a balancing act. We want to show enough data to allow people to understand at a high level what is going on with our student enrollment and our finances. We also don't want to overwhelm people with reams of financial data that might cause them to miss the main points we want to highlight.

So before reading any further, I encourage you to turn to the section titled "Annual Enrollment and Financial Report" and have a look at it.

The first thing I want to draw your attention to in this Annual Report is the number of full-time, part-time, and auditing students took a huge jump in the last academic year. This is because of the new part-time online programs MCC built and offered for the first time in the fall of 2020. These are targeted towards followers of Jesus who are not in a position to leave their home town to attend MCC on a full-time basis. You can read some of the testimonials about these courses in this Messenger.

As we start the third decade of the 21st century, we feel we are on the right track to align our courses to help churches focus on fulfilling the Great Commission to "go and make disciples". MCC's role in supporting the Great Commission was articulated in its founding Bylaws, which state the school would "endeavour to so educate and inspire its students as to make them effective servants of Christ". Our founding documents also state that MCC shall "make the Bible its chief textbook, arrange all its courses of study, and conduct its work in harmony with the spirit and the letter of the Word of God". We feel blessed that the Lord is allowing MCC's work to continue as we are evolving the methods of how we educate our students, but not altering the message of the Gospel nor the Bible as our foundation.

For those of you who looked further into the financial summary for last year, the main point I want to highlight is that it takes a lot of generous donations from individuals and churches to operate our school. In this Messenger I am please to announce that we are introducing a new way for people to donate to MCC, through our Legacy Fund. For supporters who are able to contribute from their financial assets instead of from their monthly cash flow, the Legacy Fund is an exciting way to take part in something that has eternal value: helping people around the world discover what it means to become a disciple of Jesus.



INVESTING IN LEADERSHIP

"I've talked with leaders over the years and hear the comment, 'I've never been disciplined, I don't know how to make a disciple,'" said Brandon Guindon, Course Developer of P111 Introduction to Healthy Leadership. "These courses...help you be the healthiest leader you can be and be a great disciple maker because when we look at it, disciple making is about a lifestyle, who you are, not just what you do."

"We are five weeks in and this class is challenging me to grow in my leadership and spiritual maturity more than I ever imagined!" James Andrew, Cypress, TX

"Our church leadership has benefited greatly from participating in this class together. The content and assignments are very practical and aimed to help address the real challenges that we face as church leaders. What we've learned so far has been a reminder of the importance of our role as leaders within the Body of Christ and has also initiated important conversations for our church as we look towards the future." James Stevenson, Halifax, NS

Halifax Christian Church's leadership participated in the course along with other leaders in the Maritimes and US.



"I was encouraging the leadership groups of other churches to take the P111 Leadership Class together and then decided, 'We at HCC should set an example and enroll as a group.' I was doing this for support thinking that, after all these years, there probably isn't anything new for me to learn. Well, I was really wrong on that one because every week has been a learning experience and our involvement in this course is going to greatly benefit our church. I want to give a big encouragement for other churches to be involved in the next class." Greg Nicholson, Halifax, NS

"Our entire team of elders and pastors are taking P111: Introduction to Healthy Leadership. At the 5-week mark the readings and discussions have already created many eye-openers for us and prompted conversations we might never have had otherwise. There is a strong focus on "team" and I recommend entire leadership teams taking it as a group." Pete Bowyer, Halifax, NS.

graceland ministries



MCC's Virtual Poland Trip

Students and faculty participated in English classes hosted by Graceland School in Krakow, Poland. Due to Krakow and Charlottetown's lockdown, English speaking volunteers assisted Graceland's students via Zoom.

who shared with me what they are going through in their life in a language that was difficult for them to speak in. The students that I was assigned to spoke Polish, Cantonese, or Mandarin. Having English as my second language, it made me empathize with them as they, the students, explained their daily schedules, their problems that correspond to the teaching material, and their struggles with COVID where they lived."

"Helping with Graceland Ministries was great", remarked Robbie Sevilla, Minister, Central St. Christian Church, Summerside, PE. "I enjoyed my brief conversations with people

MEMORIAL AWARDS PRESENTED

Each year the Michael Richard Smith and Marilyn J. Norris awards are presented to MCC students in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us.

2021 Recipients were:

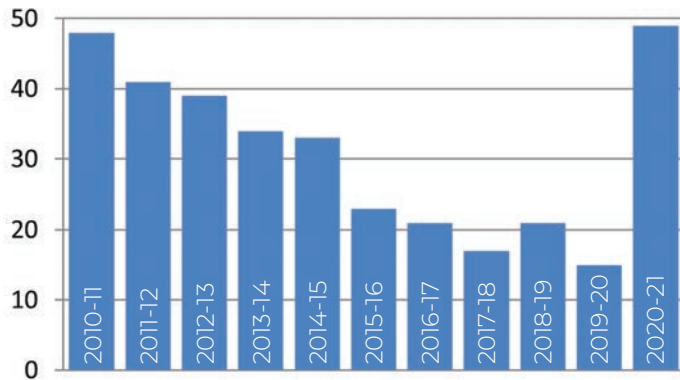
- The Michael Richard Smith Memorial Award - Katie Reid
- The Marilyn J. Norris Memorial Award - Madison Willows



ANNUAL Enrollment and Financial Reports

MCC Enrollment

Full-time, Part-time, and Auditing Students combined



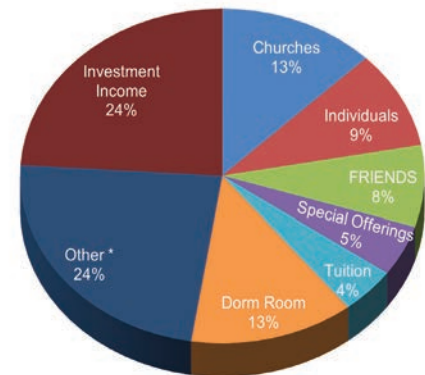
Academic Program Highlights from 2020-2021

- Dr. Jerry Scripture was hired as the Director of Online Learning
- Tim Cook began working with MCC in student recruitment, church relations, and advancement
- Two new online asynchronous certificates were launched in September 2020: the Disciple Maker Certificate and the CoVocational Certificate
- One new online asynchronous certificate was launched in May 2021: the Disciple Making Church Leadership Certificate
- Forty-nine students from Canada (AB-3, NB-7, NS-16, ON-7, PE-11), the USA (AK-1, OH-1, TX-2) and Nigeria (1) took classes via on campus/Zoom or online asynchronous classes
- A digital re-platforming was completed consisting of four main areas: a re-vamped website including new branding; our Learning Management System set up for online applications via our website; our office software systems and data moved to the Microsoft 365 cloud-based platform; and a significant upgrade to the Wi-Fi network on campus to better serve our residents
- A partnering agreement with RENEW.org was developed that allowed MCC to access resources within their network to support the disciple making curriculum
- A partnership with Brandon Guindon, lead pastor of Real Life Ministries Texas, was established to develop courses for two new certificates
- A contract with RightNow Media was signed allowing MCC to offer access to alumni, students, staff & supporters

Fiscal Highlights

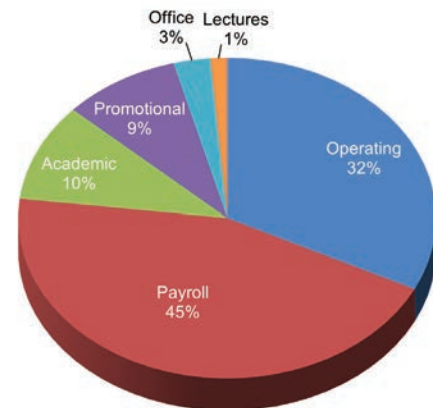
- An increase in enrollment due to online courses balanced out the decrease of full-time student tuition
- MCC qualified for Covid-19 funding through the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy and Canada Emergency Business Account Loan
- The roof was replaced due to substantial leaking, after many years of patching
- The Director of Online Learning position was added to payroll

2020 Revenue = \$737,255



* Other - includes Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy

2020 Expenses = \$720,323



Investments

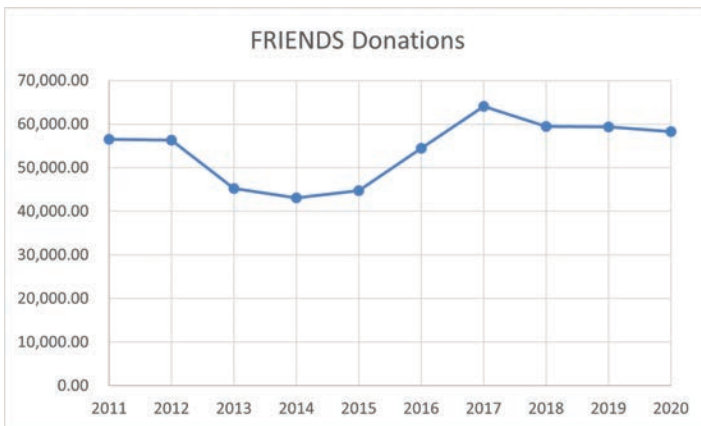
MCC has financial assets set aside that are used specifically to generate income to cover operational expenses and to fund bursaries. These investments are Board-restricted or Donor-restricted and must be maintained at a certain level in order to generate the required income each year.

Developing Christian Leaders ... For Over 60 Years

There are several ways you can support the mission of Maritime Christian College to reach the world for Christ.

FRIENDS of MCC

A FRIEND of MCC partners with the school through generous monthly donations to provide financial stability for the level of excellence required to train students for ministry.



Legacy Fund

This new Fund is an opportunity for MCC donors to support the concept of “giving in perpetuity”. When a person makes a donation to the Legacy Fund, their donation and the interest generated will be used to fund strategic new initiatives at MCC such as:

- Developing new Certificate Programs with courses that can be taken online from anywhere, anytime. The cost to develop a five-course Certificate and deliver it the first time is \$50,000.
- Increasing the number of bursaries for new students who may require financial support. The College would like to increase the amount of bursary funds available every year by \$50,000.
- Ongoing physical improvements to the MCC campus at 503 University Avenue in Charlottetown. We anticipate these improvements will average \$20,000 per year into the foreseeable future.
- Re-starting the annual K.T. Norris Lectures and two Leadership Advances per year. These events cost \$15,000 per year to develop and stage.
- Supporting new Christian ministries across Canada. MCC believes one of the outcomes of its focus on disciple making will be that a new generation of believers will capture the passion to “make disciples who make disciples” by launching new ministries in the Maritimes and across Canada.

The Legacy Fund provides an opportunity for donors to contribute from their asset base. These donations can be cash, marketable securities, or other assets that can often be designated as part of an estate plan.

For potential donors who may be considering a gift to the Legacy Fund, and who don't have a licensed investment advisor, an accountant, and a lawyer, MCC can recommend some qualified professionals to contact.



“The Apologetics course helped me learn more about myself and where I stand in my Christian beliefs. It also showed me how far I have come in learning the Word of God and helped me understand the Bible and the people of Jesus’ time more clearly. I love this course and would recommend it to anyone wanting a relationship with our Lord.”

Lorranda LeDrew, Bonnyville, AB



“I’ve been serving on the MCC Board since 2012, acting as Secretary between 2016 and 2020 and very recently moved into the role of Treasurer. My time on the Board has been a time of profound change at MCC, not in ‘why we do what we do’ but in the ‘how’. As Treasurer, it is my joy and my burden to help steward MCC’s finances during this time of educational transition and adding an all-new online programming component to facilitate MCC’s mission. Serving on the Board has been exciting and rewarding, and I truly enjoy the fellowship we have together as a Board (even virtually!) and my interactions with the staff and students, one of whom is our oldest daughter Madison, at MCC. Please join with us in prayer and thanksgiving for MCC’s bright future!”

Kent Wiezel, MCC Board Treasurer, Saint John, NB



Backyard Beautification - Phase 2

Last year we received enough money to complete Phase 1 of the Backyard Beautification Project. The backyard is looking great and being used regularly now. There are three more areas in immediate need of repair. The retaining wall along the driveway to the backyard is cracked and crumbling, the drainage hole in the parking lot is sinking and the privacy fence on both sides of the building is rotten. We would like to fix these areas in 2021 for both looks and safety.



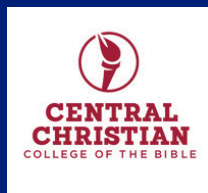
In addition we had some vandalism in the backyard in May. There was some expense to cleaning the spray paint off and we will have to look into addition lighting and security cameras. Fixing the fence on both sides of the building will help secure the perimeter of the backyard.

The estimated cost is \$24,000 plus expenses to add some security features. To contribute financially to this 2nd phase of upgrades please see www.mccpei.com or page 7 for Canadian and US mailing addresses.

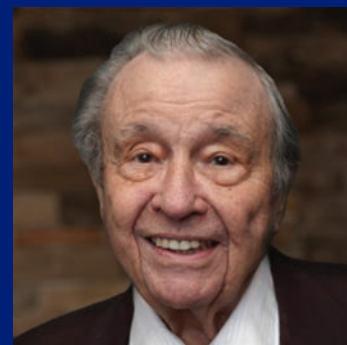


Acts Commentaries Donated

Gareth Reese, Emeritus Professor of New Testament at Central Christian College of the Bible in Moberly, Missouri, donated 12 Acts commentaries to Maritime Christian College (MCC) for its N15: Acts of the Apostles course. Professor Reese has written several commentaries over the years. His New Testament History: Acts has over 50,000 copies in print and has been translated into Russian, Chinese and Spanish. He also has commentaries on Romans, 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus, 1 Corinthians, Peter and Jude, James, and 1, 2, 3 John.



Currently Gareth's son is digitizing his dad's commentaries as ebooks. When contacted about obtaining the Acts commentary for use at MCC, Professor Reese shipped the commentaries for free. Twelve future students will receive a free copy of the commentary when they enroll in the course. We want to acknowledge the generosity and kindness of Gareth Reese, his family, and staff at Central Christian College of the Bible Book Store.




The 2010-2020 Decade Books have arrived.

Emails have been sent out to those on our list regarding pick up and mailing.

We have a few extra copies so if you would like one email Ellen at earsenault@mccpei.com. Cost is \$50 plus shipping to your address *if applicable*.



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ALUMNI NEWS

Stephen Weatherby ('14) was hired as the pastor at New Glasgow Christian Church, PE on March 18th, 2021 and graduated from Holland College with a Diploma in Construction Electrical on May 14th, 2021.




Online Programs for Fall 2021



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