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From the President

by Ben Foreman

It has been an exciting and successful year at Maritime Christian College (MCC) and I feel privileged to be a part of it. It is always good to see new students come and more rewarding to see them walk across the stage to receive their certificate or degree. In April we saw nine students receive credentials including three Bachelor of Bible and Ministry Degrees. One of those students, Tim Cook, is already actively involved in a church plant (The Crossing, Dartmouth, NS) and has become a church planting enthusiast. We are thrilled to congratulate all of our grads and I encourage you to read more about them on page 6.

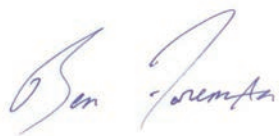
This school year saw four freshmen students receive Full Tuition Scholarships sponsored by MCC and awarded by their Churches. We were pleased to have those students study with us and are excited to make the same offer again this year. Each supporting congregation should have already received their Full Tuition Scholarship in the mail. If you are interested in claiming one of these scholarships, speak to your church leadership.

We enjoyed another KT Norris Lectureship in March and received some wonderful teaching from Dr. Billy. It is always a pleasure to gather together with so many people from our movement to study and grow. Thank you to all who participated and made this event possible. Many were interested in how the $10,000 price tag adds up - please see the break down on page 10. We are excited to have Jeff Faull, Senior Minister at Mt. Gilead Church, Mooresville, IN, joining us for KTNL 2018 and look forward to your participation as well!

Since becoming President of MCC, I have been visiting our supporting churches with the goal of visiting them all as soon as possible. So far I have been to Central Christian Church, Central Street Christian Church, Greenmount Church of Christ, Montague Church Church of Christ, Murray Harbour Church of Christ, O'Leary Church of Christ, Sherwood Church of Christ, South Lake Christian Church, Burtt's Corner Christian Church, Fredericton Christian Church, Leonardville Church of Christ, Lord's Cove Church of Christ, Nauwigewauk Christian Church, The River Christian Church, Halifax Christian Church, The Crossing Christian Church, South Range Christian Church and sometimes I even visit with my home congregation at Cornwall Christian Church.

As I've been on the road I've been looking for new Friends to give $1,000 per year to MCC and existing Friends to consider increasing their giving. To date we have 21 new additions of $1,000 per year. My goal is to have 100 new additions by 2018. I wish to thank our faithful Friends for their support and ask that more of you consider signing up to support the mission of MCC to Develop Christian Leaders who Transform Their World.

For His Kingdom,



A Twenty Year Journey

by Cette Farewell

Les Farewell - MCC Graduate '99
Building Supervisor - 1996-2016

A position that we thought would last until Les finished college has turned into a twenty year journey. We have worked with the best of people and have thoroughly enjoyed living amongst the students. We have gained wonderful experiences and the memories could fill a book. We started under the leadership of Merle Zimmerman, a wonderful, Godly man. Many mornings we would get up to find an encouraging note thrown over or under the door. There was never a time when I had an appointment with the eye doctor or a visit to Halifax that Merle didn't come in to read the Bible and pray with me. Merle was a fun guy as well. I remember the time when I heard a rumble and laughing in the corridor and opened the door to see Les with Merle held by the collar, running the corridor as fast as he could.

We have fond memories of many MCC students. The first semester we lived here we came home one night to find a classroom set up in our kitchen, a Bible on one of the desks...and our kitchen was set up in the classroom across the hall! On hearing us come in, a roar of laughter came from the lounge with the words, "Now you're initiated!"

We have come to know many international students, as well, some living here for almost three years. We have housed people from Japan, Libya, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Ghana and the list goes on. One fond memory is of Megumi from Japan, who went to church regularly with us. She called one Saturday night to say she was sorry she couldn't go to church tomorrow and continued with, "It's okay. I go down on church steps and kneel and say 'Sorry God, can't come tomorrow!'"

We have fond memories of the years that Giles and Sharon Mullen lived in the apartment on the second floor. Giles was hard at work with his studies so the evenings were quiet for Sharon, until I would phone to say there were buns in the oven and a game of Phase 10 would be welcomed. Sharon and I made a point to do our best to beat Les.

We had a young man from Egypt stay at the College for six months. During that time, Les's brother was here visiting. He was talking to him and inquired why he would choose a Christian college to live. He said, "In my university in Egypt a friend say, 'When you go to PEI, you stay at MCC. Les will be your friend.'" Truly, Les was a friend to all. He made a point to interact with all the residents and made sure that all was well with them.

We have worked with the best staff and faculty there is. Everyone has been so supportive and encouraging. The Mary & Martha Auxiliary have been supportive of us for the entire twenty years. There was never a time when they didn't do everything in their power to help us improve the dormitory and our apartment. It was a pleasure to work with and among such caring and giving people.

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Creating Community

A conversation with **Darrell Haines, MCC Graduate '09**, Minister at Weymouth Church of Christ, NS.

Tell me about your experiences with Hockey Night in Digby?

Darrell: *It began in 2011 in South Range, NS when* **Les Barr ('02)** *brought the idea of getting smaller in order to get bigger from Manchester Christian Church, NH. Community groups were a way to get involved within the community. Everyone in the community was playing hockey or basketball.*

We had preregistrations and put up posters at businesses, schools, the recreation commission, the library and public places. But word of mouth was the best method. It was the first successful kind of organized recreation, people started coming out and the Digby Recreation partnered with us. We built relationships within these smaller contexts.

How did the Hockey Night look?

Darrell: *We'd have a warm up and then play hockey. I'd give a little talk from the Bible. They will know you are Christians by your love, and if we rally around a central cause it will come naturally.*

How are things with Hockey Night now in Weymouth?

Darrell: *It's going awesome. It's now moved to Weymouth and we seem to have a bigger crowd than we did in Digby. The last couple weeks people have been really responsive to the message time. I definitely think it was a good move. A couple kids are even coming to youth group the next night because we host it from the school.*

Who has been a helpful resource for you?

Darrell: *Jen Lohnes gave us a template to use for small groups. It consists of: ice breaker statement, ice breaker question, get into the deep stuff, take it home point and closing statement.*

A conversation with **Jen Lohnes, MCC Graduate '03**.

Jen Lohnes served as Outreach Ministries Director for six years at Manchester Christian Church, NH. She used her gifts and talents to connect over 1200 people, from small groups, women's ministry, single parents, men's ministry and singles to name a few. Her goal was to help build community, and once community was established, discipleship could take place within it.

What were the challenges you faced in creating community?

Jen: *We tried a lot of different models, and it was around this time Activate came on the scene. It was a semester based model out of New York City. Groups would meet for 10-12 weeks, break up, and have a month off before starting new groups. It was a great way to connect a lot of people. The downside, though, is you cannot dictate where people will go. Once people build community you cannot take that away from them. It's a family of sorts — it's their desire and discipleship. You have to allow people to experience community in a way that is natural to them.*

Some people, who have been meeting for over twenty years might not want to start a new group. I'd recognize how important the community group you've built over twenty years is to you, but say for a season let's explore this. Some are encouraged and realize their current group is stagnate.

When I switched from trying to do a program, to my job is to encourage you as a leader and Christ-follower, it levelled the playing field and made my job easier and took the pressure off on how God was best going to do things.

What did you discover as the best way to involve people in community?

Jen: *Short term groups are a good way to start up and get everyone on the same page. It allows people to move in and out for a season in a group. They can meet new people in a group for a short period of time. It's a way for people to meet other people in a more rapid fashion, but does not work for everybody. We gave people the freedom to do groups however they wanted. And it's just for a season.*

How long is a season?

Jen: *Ten weeks. It's short term, and it's based on interest. And many people will commit to ten weeks.*

What happens after ten weeks?

Jen: *It's about providing opportunities for people. It's about following up on people and connecting with those ten people in the group. I often ask questions like: "Did you enjoy it?" "Do you have ideas on what you want to do next?" I make sure to ask them, "What do you think about leading your own group?" after they have a positive experience.*

Were there parts of this you found difficult?

Jen: *Childcare. I had to ask, "How can we best support you, and it's a priority?" Families would take turns. One week the men meet, one week the women meet, one week the family meets and one week off. You don't need childcare, and there is a week they can all meet together as families.*

What could a church with 50-60 people do to begin reaching out?

Jen: *Size is important. You don't want groups of 12-14 couples because it's hard. Having 6-8 people is a sweet spot, and no more than 10. Switch it up 3 weeks on and 1 off. I've seen that format in so many different churches where women meet, men meet, family and one week off. It's about doing a short term group for a season. Keep the regular community, but try this too.*

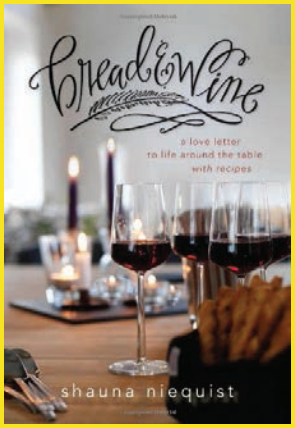
Don't underestimate Sunday. Have lunch after church with a small group. It's a great way to bless them. They don't have to prepare the meal, and another group can prepare the meal and then meet to go over their book.

Sometimes it was like huddling in a minivan — that was these sports moms' time. Location can be anywhere. Community can be anywhere. One group of moms used a school room after dropping off their kids. Other moms would ask what they were doing, and the small group moms would tell them they were going to bible study.

Jen is now living in the Halifax, NS area.

Jen's Recommended Reading:

Bread and Wine: A Love Letter to Life Around the Table with Recipes
by Shauna Niequist



CLASS

Greg Nicholson ('83), Lead Pastor, Halifax Christian Church, NS, encouraged Maritime Christian College (MCC) degree and certificate recipients to accept the call of ministry during graduation. He highlighted his own call while on a roof, and referenced Tim Cook's call to plant churches during a bus trip to New England. MCC hosted a tour to Restoration House Ministries in Manchester, NH, a church planting organization bringing the Gospel to New England.

Tim Cook, Lead Pastor, planted The Crossing Christian Church in October 2014. Tim took courses at MCC during the church plant and completed his Bachelor of Bible and Ministry Degree this year.

Kent Wiezel, Senior Hydrogeological and Environmental Engineer, shared a few remarks during the Graduation Banquet Friday evening in the MCC Chapel. Kent has served on the College board since 2012.

Three Bachelor of Bible and Ministry Degrees were conferred to Tim Cook, Alex Doiron and Tayte Willows. Five Biblical Studies Certificates were conferred to Madison MacNeil, Meschac Mbangu, Mason Murray, Jonathan Nicolle and Colby Stewart. Katrina Vessey received a Ministry Certificate.

Award Recipients

Tim Cook
- Preston & Jessie Beck Memorial Scholarship, $100
- R. Eldon Hickox Memorial Award, $300
- L'Etete Church of Christ Timothy Award, $1,000

Alex Doiron
- Annie & Harry Mellish Memorial Award, $300

Madison MacNeill
- Kindom Building Award, $200

Jonathan Nicolle
- Faculty Award, $60
- Mary & Martha Auxiliary Award, $200
- Memorial Award for Scholastic Excellence, $200

Justine Richardson
- Elocution Award, $250

Samuel St. Coeur
- Burtis M. Crouse Memorial Scholarship, $550

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Bachelor of Bible and Ministry

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Ministry Certificate

Faith in Your Future "Replay"

President Ben Foreman checked in with the recipients of the 2016-2017 Faith in Your Future Campaign.

Four recipients: Colby Stewart, Montague Church of Christ; Mason Murray, Connection Point Christian Church; Jon Nicolle, The Harbour Christian Church; and Meschac Mbangu, Central Christian Church received Full Tuition Scholarships.

"*If it wasn't for free tuition I wouldn't be here,*" Mason Murray commented.

Each supporting church received a Full Tuition Scholarship Certificate. Housing cost and fees were the responsibility of the student. The Faith in Your Future Campaign was for first time students planning to enroll for the full school year.

"*It was a fantastic success,*" said President Ben Foreman. "*It was great for the guys to have this opportunity to receive a year of Christian higher education. The churches have given us so much for so long and this is a way for us to give back to them in a way that benefits the student and the church that sends them.*"

Maritime Christian College is pleased to announce we will continue the Faith in Your Future Campaign for the 2017-2018 year.

Each supporting congregation can select one member from their congregation to enter a full-time program as a first year student in the fall of 2017! For more information contact your church leadership or MCC at 902-628-8887.

Full Tuition Scholarship 2017-2018

Recipient - Colby Stewart

Colby Stewart commented, "*This Full Tuition Scholarship has helped me with the financial burdens to help me get one step closer to following my dreams in Christ.*"

The full-tuition scholarship is for a full-time returning student, who is a member of a Restoration Christian Church, pursuing full-time ministry, and meets other requirements.

President Foreman said, "*I don't know who was more excited Colby or me, as thrilling as it is to have tuition taken care of it is thrilling for us to see students with the drive and diligence to pursue this scholarship.*"

The scholarship consists of funds donated in memory of
Edward P. Benoit,
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Donald F. Stewart,
Neil W. Zimmerman,
as well as endowments from
Grape Grove Church of Christ,
Rodney Christian Church,
and Truro Church of Christ.

Cultural Encounter in Québec City

The students enjoyed a year end cultural trip to Old Québec City including various walking tours, museums, churches and some sophisticated Québec cuisine…like poutine and beavertails. MCC alumnus Stephen Vessey ('16) and President Ben Foreman traveled by train with the students, a first-time experience for most of us, from Moncton to Sainte-Foy. One highlight was the Ghost Tour that saw us walking down cobble stone streets to hear 400 years of murders, executions, mysteries and ghost sightings. A lowlight may have been how exhausted we were after climbing Québec City's longest staircase of 398 stairs next to the Plains of Abraham. It wasn't all walking though, students enjoyed a lovely carriage ride though the city and student Sam St. Coeur realized that Québec's rivalry with the Montreal Canadians is still alive and well as passerby's heckled his Habs jersey! All in all it was a memorable trip for all of us and we look forward to more adventures next year!

SPONSOR A DORM ROOM

We want to update the MCC dorm rooms this May to June. We are looking for churches and individuals to sponsor a room financially and/or with manual labour (painting, installing/building furniture, cleaning, removing/installing flooring, general labour). The final outcome will be 21 dorm rooms with a fresh new look for our summer visitors and 2017-2018 students.

The cost per dorm room will be $1,890.

Financial contributions may be sent to:

- Maritime Christian College, 503 University Avenue, Charlottetown, PE C1A 7Z4
- E-transfers to pching@mccpei.com
- PayPal at mccpei.com/support-mcc/

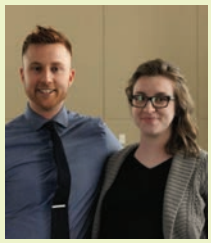
If you are interested in helping with manual labour please contact Josh Stevenson at 902-628-8887 or jstevenson@mccpei.com.

We are excited to start this project and continue making MCC an inviting place for students to live and learn.

ALUMNI NEWS

Abby McCullough ('11) married Rolando D. Sosa Jr. on January 18, 2017 in Tanza, Cavite, Philippines.

Josh ('15) & **Katie (Clarke) ('15) Stevenson** moved into MCC in February 2017. Josh has accepted the position of Building Supervisor.



Kevin ('06) & Stephanie (Connelly) ('08) Weare
Baby Boy
James Anthony Arthur Weare
March 18, 2017
7 lbs 6 oz

Josh ('15) & Katie (Clarke) ('15) Stevenson
Baby Girl
Phoebe Eleanor Stevenson
April 26, 2017
7 lbs 3 oz

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We have one regret, and that is that we didn't keep a journal of all the people we have housed and entertained, with a story about each one. It would have made an interesting read!

We could never name all the people that we have come to know and love through our work at MCC, each one with a special memory, but we do want to make a special mention of Mr. Harold Nicholson. A longtime supporter of MCC, Mr. Nicholson worked side by side with Les in numerous projects at the College. Nothing was ever too much - covered in mortar dust from cleaning bricks, helping fix the roof or out cleaning the property. Those are the times that are treasured, working together with a good friend.

It was not a coincidence that we accepted the position at the College. Les and I truly believe that God's hand was in it from the beginning. Knowing the future, he saw that it would be a perfect fit for us. With my vision loss, we could never have found a position that fitted us so perfectly. Les was able to work in the building where we lived, being available whenever I needed him. With so many doctor's appointments in Charlottetown, Halifax and Boston, getting time off was never an issue since Les could pick his own time to work. We give God thanks for blessing us so abundantly.

We leave with mixed feelings. We have reached the age when it's time to slow down and enter another stage of life. Not only us, but our family will miss this place. Our grandchildren referred to it as Nana and Poppy's big brown house.

To everyone who has influenced and been a part of our life for the past twenty years, we say a big thank you and ask God's richest blessing on your life for making our lives rich with memories.

K.T. Norris Lectures 2017

Income	
Offering/Donations after event - Individuals	7,687.13
Offering - Connection Point Christian Church	2,000.00
Offering-Sherwood Church of Christ	1,500.00
Booklet - Ads	775.00
Alumni/Student Dinners/Minister's Lunch	445.00
Recordings	180.00
	12,587.13

Expenses	
Guest Lecturer - travel, honorarium, meals	3,014.94
Venue - Sherwood Church of Christ	2,500.00
Worship Team/Sound Equipment	690.43
Promotion - bulletin inserts, posters, radio-CIOG	1,134.23
Booklet	914.60
Snacks, Free skate and Miscellaneous	609.46
Alumni/Student Dinners/Minister's Lunch	468.17
Recordings	195.44
	9,527.27
Net Income/Loss	**3,059.86**

Audio Files Now Available: mccpei.com/k-t-norris-lectures/

In Loving Memory

December 1, 2016 ~ May 5, 2017

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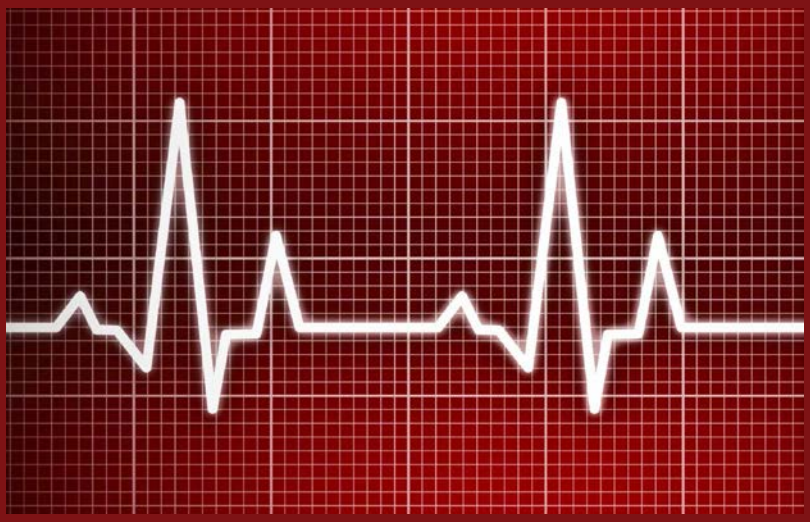

Dr. Jim Estep

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June 9-10, 2017

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- Accountability
- Pastor's Position
- Statements
- Struggles
- Leadership
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