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From the President

by Ben Foreman

At Maritime Christian College we often comment on how no two days are the same. There is so much moving and changing as ministry progresses it can be hard to keep track of it all. Former president Fred Osborne used to comment, "We don't brag enough." Well, today I'm going to brag.

I want to brag about our new one year foundation program "Explore." This program will see students explore the Maritimes, the Bible and Poland! We are thrilled to be teaming up with Graceland Ministries in Poland to give our students an opportunity to experience the mission work there. European travel was a request that came up again and again as we asked young people what they were looking for in a program like this. I am happy to report we have delivered! In an age where 70 – 88% of students leave their faith by the end of their freshmen year (Pinkney, 2001), the Biblical worldview we provide is more important than ever! I encourage you to share this practical, affordable and academic program with the potential students you know.

I want to brag about our finances! Yes you read that correctly. Now, before I get too carried away, your financial support is just as important as it ever was. Still, I am pleased to report that we are gaining better control of our bottom line to a point where we can let our investments replenish. In 2016 we were at a critical point in our finances and we have worked hard to see a much better 2017. You can read more about this on page 6. It has not been easy to pull our fiscal standing back into a safer position; I am truly grateful for the skilled and supportive staff we have at the college who made this happen.

I want to brag about the access we have to brilliant ministry minds. In January we welcomed Robbie Sevilla ('10) to teach at our Leadership Advance about the Importance of Youth Ministry as well as an undergrad Youth Ministry class. I am so proud to see our very own MCC grads travelling and teaching from the education and experience they have gained. Grads like Robbie represent the high quality education MCC has been providing for the last 58 years. Furthermore, we continue to enjoy partnerships with people like Jeff Faull who will be our keynote speaker at the K. T. Norris Lectureships this year. Jeff is a capable leader and a fantastic speaker. You will want to take in as much of his presentation "Psalms: The Touchstone of Scripture" as you can.

Finally I will brag about the faithfulness of our supporters. For us to have a Bible college like we do here in PEI is a true testament to God's people in the Maritimes. It is my privilege as the President of MCC to visit and talk to so many of you as I travel from church to church. Thank you for your continual prayers and support. Please continue to send students and to partner with us as we Develop Christian Leaders Who Transform Their World.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Foreman".



We've started a new initiative in Admissions at Maritime Christian College (MCC) this year that we're excited to share with you! We now have Admissions Counsellors located throughout Atlantic Canada and Ontario, so that we can be more present in our communities, and more accessible for people to learn about the College face to face. We're pleased to welcome Robbie Sevilla in Mississauga (ON), Jim Midgett in Selkirk (ON), Giles Mullen in St. Georges (NL), and Jon Nicolle in Fredericton (NB). We're still searching for the right candidate in Nova Scotia, please keep the MCC staff in prayer as they search for the right candidate.

If there's anyone in your life that you think would benefit from coming to MCC, there's no better time to put them in contact with one of our Admissions Counsellors or contact the College at admissions@mccpei.com or call 902-628-8887. Check out our Facebook page or brochures for our Explore Program! We're always working to enhance student



experience, and aim to provide opportunities for travel, service, Biblical studies, and practical ministry training!

by Katie Stevenson
Admissions Counsellor, PE

EXPLORE HIGHLIGHTS

Poland

- Travel to Poland for 2 weeks
- Cultural and service opportunities with Graceland Ministries



Bible

- Learn through classes, group discussions, personal devotion and journaling time.

graceland
 **ministries**



Maritimes

- Experience cultural events each month with fellow students outside the class.



Tuition & Fees for the Year

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| • Tuition (32 credit hours) | \$ 5,760 |
| • Dorm Room | \$ 3,000 |
| • Student Fees (travel inc.) | \$ 4,735 |
| • Total | \$13,495 |



Apply by May 15, 2018

- Receive a \$1,000 Scholarship



Why Bible College?



In a Global News story by Marilisa Racco, “How much does it cost to raise a kid in Canada?”, she quotes MoneySense stating the yearly cost of a child born in 2011 would be \$12,824 per year.¹ This would almost amount to \$250,000 dollars over an 18 year period. The number does not include the total hours a parent will spend in waiting rooms, in parking lots, in classrooms, and at sporting or extracurricular activities.

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline” (Proverbs 1:7, NIV).

How much time did you invest in your child instilling moral values, spiritual reflection, and the pursuit of wisdom? A *Christianity Today* article, “The Missing Factor in Higher Education”, by Perry L. Glanzer, summarizes how higher

education was transformed, “to produce technical experts and civil servants, not liberally educated, wise humans. It comes as no surprise . . . that 62 percent of students never had professors encourage discussions of life’s meaning and purpose.”²

Even my atheist friend is viewing 12 movies this year with his son, one per month, that highlight some particular value he wants his son to model in his life. He realized that once he drops off his son at the university dorm that would be it. His son would start making decisions for himself. As he told me over coffee, “This is the last chance I have. Once he’s gone, he’s gone.”

For private faith based institutions, like Maritime Christian College (MCC), our objective is to prepare leaders who

transform their world. A natural part of preparation would include discussions about life's meaning, how to pursue wisdom, and how to live life based upon a theistic worldview as found in God's Word. Attention is also given toward understanding how God is calling them to service.

As Academic Dean I've given countless incoming students the Bible Knowledge Exam, a multiple choice test of 150 questions covering Old and New Testaments. On average new students score between 40s-50s out of 150 points. Preacher's kids score higher on average because of parental influence. When a student leaves school they take the Bible Knowledge Exam again. In every case a student has scored higher points on the second exam, indicating they had learned something during the year. 1 year students improve on average 39% while 2-4 year students improve on average 57%.

First year students are required to memorize Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Contained in these three chapters is everything one needs to know in order to be a disciple of Jesus. Students memorize it because at some point, especially when they need it, these verses will guide them in making morally appropriate choices. Unlike public universities or trade schools, MCC values God's Word as a guide for our lives.

Parents should consider the value of having their 18 year old gain wisdom by taking a year to Explore their faith, discover Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, have a cultural experience in Europe, and make life choices that cannot

be valued by a simple paycheck at some job. Let them gain wisdom by encouraging them to enroll for a year at MCC. The price for this experience is the same as raising a kid for one year. What price would you pay for your son or daughter to gain wisdom?

by Tom Marshall, Academic Dean

1. Racco, Marilisa. "How much does it cost to raise a kid in Canada?" Global News. January 12, 2017. Accessed February 14, 2018. <https://globalnews.ca/news/3172459/how-much-does-it-cost-to-raise-a-kid-in-canada/>.

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SPONSOR A

DORM ROOM

1. By giving financially to sponsor a room.

- The cost of each double dorm room renovation is \$3,325. This covers fixing the walls and replacing the floor and furniture.
- If you are not able to sponsor a whole room, other amounts given to the project will be combined to sponsor a room.

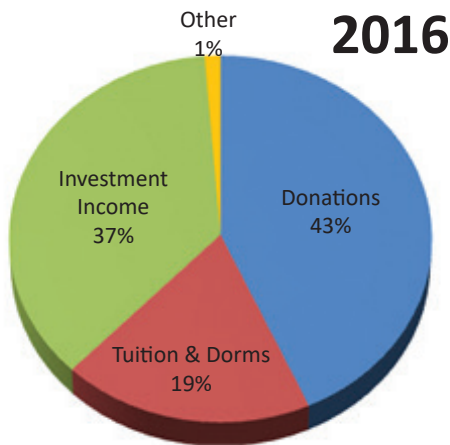
2. By giving of your time and talents

- Do you have manual labour skills (painting, installing/building furniture, cleaning, installing lighting)? Some of the work will be contracted but we need volunteers to do the finishing work.
- If you are interested in helping with manual labour please contact Josh at jstevenson@mccpei.com or call 902-628-8887.



A Fantastic STEP Forward

in our FINANCES



In 2016 MCC reached a critical point financially. Over the years costs had continued to rise and student enrollment did not, therefore we had to draw more on our investments each year. 37% of income came from investments in 2016, the most we had ever drawn.

That amount was reduced to 17% of income coming from investments in 2017. This was a **fantastic step forward** in our finances.

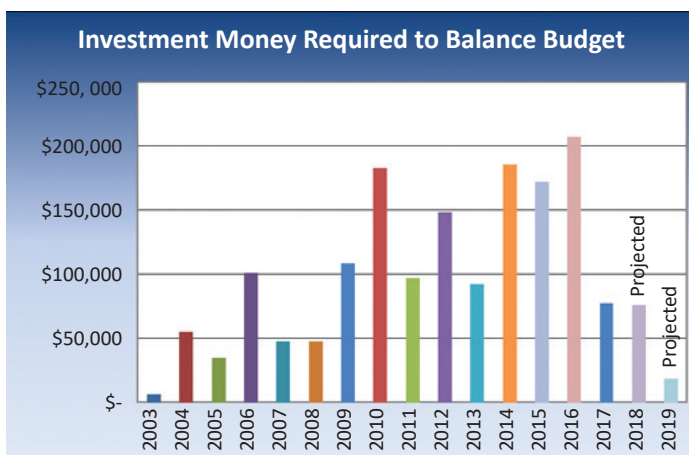
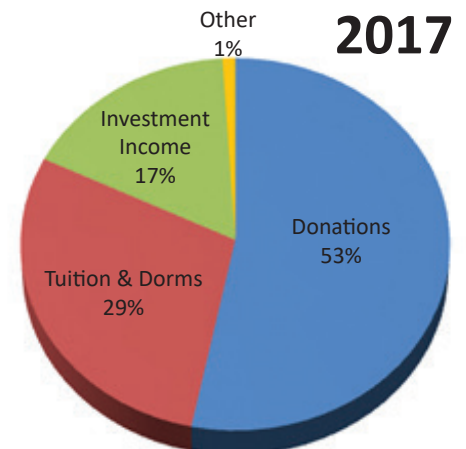
To achieve this result some hard decisions had to be made:

- We reduced 2 full-time positions to part-time during 2016
- We increased dorm rentals to non-MCC students to fill the rooms not used by MCC students
- We had the equivalent of 26 new FRIENDS giving \$1,000 per year sign up since 2016

2017 was step one in a three year plan towards supporting the operating budget without drawing on investments.

2018 is just as critical to our success moving forward. We are working on several areas to solidify more revenue that will allow MCC to continue its mission while maintaining good stewardship of resources:

- We revamped our 1 year certificate to recruit more students for 1 year – if you know anyone who might be interested please talk to them about MCC and get in touch with us
- We are working on plans to move some courses online and into different sites
- We are in our second year of having students take classes live by video conference call, and with this option it allows students to take classes from their home province
- We are working with a group coming to study on PEI who are interested in renting our excess dorm facilities – if this project goes ahead this will allow the building to generate enough income to cover building expenses so we can continue to use it
- We are asking for sponsors for dorm room renovations of \$3,325 Canadian per room – we do not have the funds in the operating budget, so this project will only be possible if we can fundraise for these one-time renovation costs
- We are looking for more people to join our FRIENDS Program giving \$1,000 per year



As you can see the list for 2018 is daunting, not possible for us to accomplish alone, we need your prayers and your continued financial support to make 2018 another successful year. MCC has been blessed for 58 years by donors in the Maritimes and throughout the world who believe in its mission of "Developing Christian leaders who transform their world." The need for God's light in the world is as urgent as ever. Please join us in this mission, together we can accomplish great things for His Kingdom.

by Penny Ching, Administrative Assistant

In Loving Memory

October 1, 2017 - February 9, 2018

In Memory of:

RILLA BARR – Weymouth, NS
Victor & Amy McCullough

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Elva Bell
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David & Sheila MacLeod

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K.T. Norris Lectures presents

PSALMS: THE TOUCHSTONE OF SCRIPTURE

March 6-9, 2018

Morning Sessions:

Tuesday

(Part 1) Introducing the Psalms
(Part 2) Leadership Psalms

Wednesday

(Part 1) Music and Poetry in the Psalms
(Part 2) Praying the Psalms

Thursday

(Part 1) Theology, Doctrine and
Apologetic Psalms
(Part 2) Messianic Psalms

Friday

(Part 1) The Psalms as Diary
(Part 2) Imprecatory Psalms

Evening Sessions:

Tuesday

What Are You Talking About?
- Psalm 71:14-19

Wednesday

Playing The Fool
- Psalm 14:1-7

Thursday

My God, My God
- Psalm 22

Friday

Use Both Hands!
- Psalm 31:1-5

Sherwood Church of Christ

9 Lilac Ave, Charlottetown, PE

Morning Sessions 9:30am - 12pm

Evening Sessions 7:30 - 9pm

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