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NEW FACES AT MCC





The Year Ahead

by Richard Jones
Chief Operating Officer

This edition of The Messenger highlights several new courses that Maritime Christian College launched in 2020, and some of the students who took those new courses. It also highlights a few of our valued partners MCC is working with in developing and delivering the higher education classes.

Maritime Christian College was truly blessed in 2020 by being able to develop and launch these new online classes despite having to do it while a global pandemic swept the world. As I write this, the advice we are getting from our political leaders and health care professionals is that we should be prepared to endure some form of public health restrictions until the fall of 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic has put incredible strain on our society in Canada, and no doubt Maritime Christian College will be affected in some way from the fallout from this pandemic in our future.

Despite these circumstances surrounding us, the update I want to give you about Maritime Christian College is not one of despair, but one of hope.

Earlier this year our Board of Directors met (virtually) to review and discuss the plans the MCC team has been developing for 2021 and beyond. We were able to reflect on both the successes we experienced and the lessons we learned in 2020, and to use last year to continue to forge ahead with what we believe are Holy Spirit-led plans for 2021 and beyond.

The Board approved a plan and budget for 2021 that is founded on continuing the work we started in 2020. There are four strategic areas we will be focusing on this year:

1. Strengthen Our Online Disciple-Making Programming
2. Deepen and Broaden Our Engagement with Stakeholders
3. Revitalize Our On-Campus Four Year Degree
4. Transform Our Financial Stewardship Model

One of the things I continually emphasize with our staff, our Board members, past and present students, and our exceptional base of donors and supporters is that MCC is continuing to follow the mandate that it was given when it was founded over 60 years ago, namely:

- To educate and equip men and women for Christian service;
- To make the Bible its chief textbook, arrange all its courses of study, and conduct its work in harmony with the spirit and letter of the Word of God;
- To so educate and inspire its students as to make of them effective servants of Christ;
- Be independent...but seeking the friendship and co-operation of all in proportion that like aims are cherished, the Maritime Christian College shall press on to train Christian workers to preach, teach and live Christ.

The key message I want to leave with you is that MCC's mandate hasn't changed – but many of our methods will change. Looking again at those four strategic initiatives for 2021, you can see that one of the major efforts will be continuing to expand our online learning programming we started in 2020. We are launching a new program this May, the Disciple Making Church Leadership Certificate, and the first class is almost full. At the same time, we are going to do a deep dive review on our four-year degree program offered in-person at our 503 University Avenue campus to make sure it aligns with the needs of our Restoration churches and the directive Jesus left us in Matthew 28 to “Go and make disciples”.

We will be sharing more details in coming months as these initiatives are worked on by MCC faculty and staff. We are confident that we will have some exciting news to share on several fronts as our plans progress. We ask for your continued support in prayer, in financially contributing to our mission, and in becoming a student of MCC through taking one of our classes!✦

New Church Relations Role



I started working with MCC on a part time basis over a year ago. I had no idea it would grow into the church relations role that I am blessed to fulfill today.

It is a privilege working with the local church on how MCC can best serve the church to help equip local disciple makers. One way we do this is by seeking a coach for the student from within the student's home church. This helps us to be aligned as we help disciples to become disciple makers using a reproducible process that multiplies. In our P17: Becoming a Disciple Maker course each student is encouraged to be part of a same gender group of three to five people. In my church relations role, I work with the coach from the church to help coordinate the discipling groups, to provide the resources required and to liaise between the professor and the coach. Our desire is that the student will be well equipped to start their own discipling group after taking part in a group throughout P17. These disciple making groups are encouraged to split off and start their own groups after a season together; thus creating a multiplication effect.

Another part of my role is to act as an advisor to each student. I help the student to map out the courses they would like to take and to use the online

learning management system. In some cases, MCC may have bursaries that I can help them apply for or we can work with the church to help overcome any financial hurdles the student may have.

We are connecting with local churches and coming alongside them in helping to make disciples that make disciples. We have a learning community of lead pastors who meet over Zoom every second month. We provide resources through our partners at Renew.org who help us to teach on topics that disciple making pastors are most interested in. During our Zoom calls, there are breakout sessions that I have the privilege of hosting. The ten of us discuss the material together as Maritime leaders. It is turning into a great time for these local leaders to connect and enjoy time together, sharing experiences and supporting each other.

We will continue to connect virtually through technology until it is safe and legal to gather again across our borders. We are especially looking forward to an event called "Friends of MCC" where we can celebrate all the Lord is doing through His disciples.

If you are a disciple maker in your church and you have some ideas about how we can better serve you to help equip your disciples, please contact me so we can set up a time to discuss.

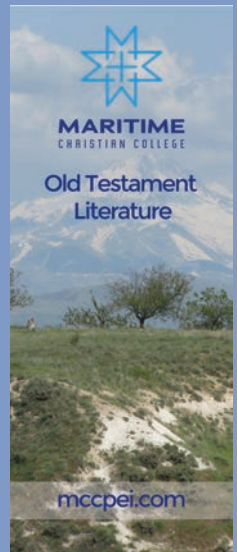


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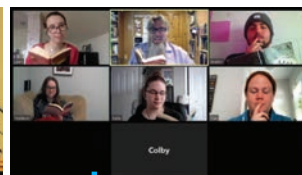
"I picked a doozy of a course for my first time back to higher ed courses in 40 years, but the Old Testament Literature course was fabulous! I learned a lot and the most interesting thing was how the laws and rituals and history of the OT brought the NT into a clearer perspective for me. I highly recommend!"

Nancy Jones
Saint John, NB



"This was a great learning experience, I really enjoyed the content and interacting online with my classmates. The most interesting outcome is that both my fear and love for the Lord increased as we studied through the Old Testament together. And I surprised myself by reading/listening through the entire thing! Highly recommended for anyone seeking a better understanding of God's nature and plan for His creation."

Bonnie Eadle
Saint John, NB



January 2020

10 on campus students

Richard Jones appointed as Chief Operating Officer

Tim Cook began working with MCC in fundraising, recruitment and advancement

RENEW.org partnership established

MCC Public Forum Meetings held in PEI, NS, and NB

February 2020

Exponential Conference - Florida

Search begins for a Director of Online Learning

March 2020

KT Norris Lectures

Campus closed due to Covid-19: classes move to online and staff begin working from home

May 2020

Dr. Jerry Scripture hired as Director of Online Learning

Richard Jones begins working full-time as Chief Operating Officer

Graduation service postponed due to Covid-19

MCC & REAL LIFE MINISTRIES

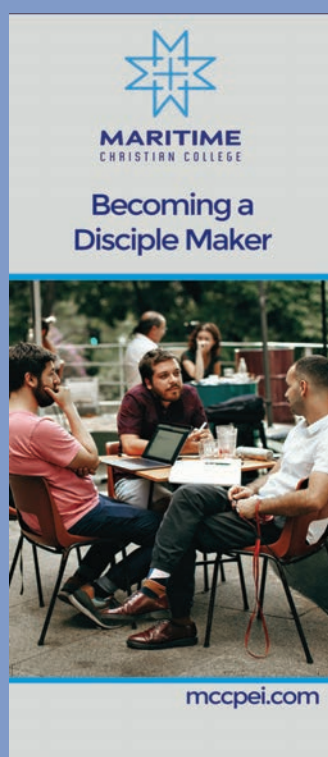


Brandon Guindon developed and instructs P19: Disciple Making in the Local Church. This course develops the student's depth and practical application of biblical disciple making. Students are challenged to personally disciple another while also growing in their understanding of how discipleship is lived out in the larger church context. Students will also evaluate the current culture and strategies used in their church to lead an effective ministry that fulfills the Great Commission as stated in Matthew 28: 18-20.

Brandon has over 20 years' experience leading churches worldwide to become healthy and effective in making disciples of Jesus Christ. He has been an executive team member at Real Life Ministries in Post Falls, ID and at The MET Church in Houston, TX. He has authored and co-authored several publications on biblical discipleship, including the Real Life Discipleship Training Manual, Stay the Course and Disciple Making Culture.

Brandon holds a Bachelor of Science in Health Science from Linfield College and a Master of Arts in Church Leadership and New Testament Theology from Hope International University. He sits on the Board of Directors for the Relational Discipleship Network. Brandon is a bow hunter and avid outdoorsman. He and his wife, Amber, have four children: Emma, Olivia, Grady and Garrett. ✨

Brandon is the lead pastor of Real Life Ministries Texas, a non-denominational Christian church in Tomball, TX, 30 miles north of Houston.



"Being part of the MCC online course P17 Becoming a Disciple Maker I was nervous not being in college for some time. I want to share; I highly recommend this course to any church leaders looking for church revival. The online learning is very good and the primary Matt Dabbs provided regular connection, giving encouragement and support. One of the highlights from the connection that was made, was doing the online group Trust and Follow Jesus with people I didn't even know, in a small group setting. The three guys I am in small group with now where I live, have

shared that they have listened to Scripture for some time but are finding out what it really means. This developed through disciple making and intentional relationships. God blessed me to be able to take P17, and I am now taking P19."

Mark Ketch
Saint John, NB



"It was an eye-opener experience to realize that many of us are not doing enough to follow God's GREAT COMMISSION."

Carlos Medrano
Halifax, NS



"Putting Jesus at the center of our discipleship journey makes following Him easy. Using Jesus' model as our guide for making disciples provides a repeatable template for new converts to follow and the process goes on and on."

Tosin Omodayo
Halifax, NS



June 2020

Microsoft 365 subscription and data transferred to the cloud-based solution

Populi Learning Management System set up to accept student applications and enrollment 100% online for the fall

July 2020

New branding & website launched

Public Forum Meetings via Zoom

August 2020

Online course promotional videos on Social Media

Five (of 12) online courses developed and ready to launch for the Disciple Maker and CoVocational Certificates

September 2020

Campus reopens with Covid-19 restrictions

1st semester 9 on-campus students and 21 online students

Graduation/Convocation Service - in person (limited) and via Zoom

Wifi network on campus replaced to support residents and students working on online classes

MCC & ALBERTA BIBLE COLLEGE

Alberta Bible College (ABC) and Maritime Christian College (MCC) have joined forces to offer the course H21: History of the Restoration Movement in Canada and the US. MCC provides the delivery and ABC the professor, their president, Dr. Stan Helton. Stan is weaving the Canadian layer into a story often told from an American perspective.

Besides college students, a number of auditors are taking the course. The diversity of the auditors includes pastors from various segments of the Restoration Movement in Canada, including the Churches of Christ (a cappella), Independent Christian Churches, the Disciples of Christ, and the International Churches of Christ. This diversity makes for interesting learning, discovery, and conversation.

One added feature to the course is the guest speakers. When we come to an area of study where the expert in that area is available, they join our class and speak to that focus. Already, Jamey Gorman from Johnson University lead the class in gaining a greater appreciation for the transatlantic missions movement that shaped Thomas and Alexander Campbell. Next up is Doug Foster from Abilene Christian University who has written the most recent critical biography of Alexander Campbell. Other guest speakers in the lineup so far include Ed Broadus (early Disciples in

Ontario), Shelley Jacobs (Early Disciples in Saskatchewan and Pacifism); Marnie Hoetmer (Early Disciples in Alberta), and Mike Luzine (the International Churches of Christ in Canada). Other speakers are yet to confirm but students learning from the people who have done the actual research is a rare opportunity.



Additionally, students have the opportunity to prepare some articles for publication in an upcoming collection of Dr. Thomas H. Olbricht's writings on the Restoration Movement. Another research project in which students can participate is gathering the names and locations of all Restoration Movement Churches in Canada.

ABC is grateful to MCC for making the cooperative venture possible. The course offers a rich learning opportunity for students, auditors, and the professor. ✨

Dr. Stanley Helton
President
Alberta Bible College



"A fascinating dive into the roots of our church movement and the influence history still has on us today."



Ben Simms
Westerville, OH
President
Lifeline Christian Mission Canada and Lifeline Christian Mission US



to transform people, communities, churches and nations! THANKS STAN and the other presenters for making it a great 'audit' experience."

'Coop' Harold Cooper, Team Leader
Central Church of Christ, Lethbridge, AB

"As a Pastor in COVID's strange and unusual world, the course has been a refresher, to keep me focused on where we are going; a reminder, of where we have been, and an opportunity to reflect and appreciate those who pioneered a renewed passion for the authority of God's Word and the power it has

"I am taking the Restoration Movement History class through Maritime Bible College and really enjoying it. The teaching is very thorough and it's been really great connecting with a group of various age groups spread out from Alaska to Alberta to PEI."

Mike Luzine
Calgary, AB



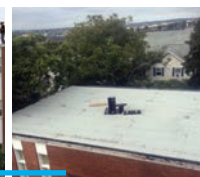
October 2020

Roof on campus building replaced



November 2020

MCC Booth at Renew Conference in Nashville, TN



December 2020

Six more online courses developed (11 of 12) and ready to launch for the Disciple Maker and CoVocational Certificates



January 2021

2nd semester 13 on campus/Zoom students & 21 online students

Partnership with ABC to teach History of the Restoration Movement course by Zoom

Board approves two new programs to be developed




MCC & KONTAKT APOLOGETICS


My name is Brett Seybold and I am honored to be leading several very gifted students through our Christian Apologetics course this semester. Every aspect of what we learn is ultimately geared towards making disciples who can articulate reasons for their faith as they make further disciples. My wife Heather and I served as missionaries in Germany for approximately a decade, I have served as an adjunct professor at both the former Cincinnati Christian University and Colegio Biblico. We have two lovely daughters;

Fiona-15 & Noelle-11. I am currently writing my dissertation in Liberty University's PhD program of Theology & Apologetics. I have also been blessed to found an international Apologetics ministry known as KAPOL (Kontakt Apologetics) with Kontaktmission (one word). <https://www.youtube.com/c/KAPOLvideo/videos>. Among other things we create short apologetic videos in multiple languages.✳

Brett Seybold
Kontaktmission

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"I am greatly enjoying Apologetics and have been applying the same diligence as university studies because truly, God deserves excellence. It has been refreshing to learn truth with intention."


Clarice Bautista
Toronto, ON

"The V41 class was a new experience for me. I was encouraged to take it and was very hesitant as I don't think of myself as a business person. I was surprised by how much I enjoyed it. I have a new perspective on my ministry at the food bank and am currently still working on the plan developed in V41 in the V43 class. It was truly a blessing to be able to learn with others who share a desire to minister to the community. Having the feedback of both the professor and classmates as we seek to develop our co-vocational ministries was very helpful."




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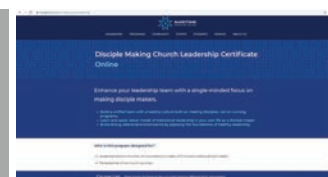
March 2021

New Program - Disciple Making Church Leadership Certificate announced and development contract signed



April 2021

Students to participate in Graceland Ministries work in Poland via Zoom
Last online course developed (12 of 12) and ready to launch for the Disciple Maker and CoVocational Certificates



May 2021

1st Disciple Making Church Leadership course to be offered
Closing service postponed due to Covid-19
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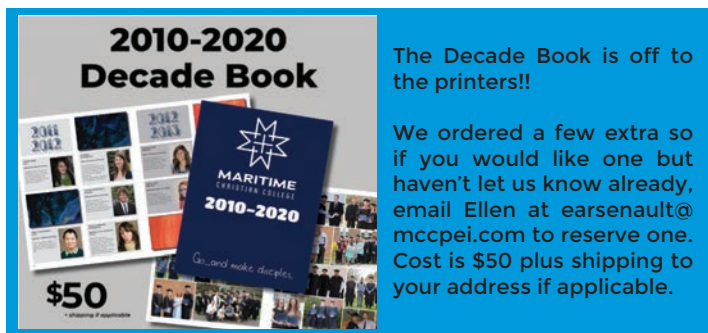
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