



McMaster Divinity  
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When we hear the word "Christmas", it is impossible not to think about gifts. Of course our most precious gift is the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, but we wanted to share other precious gifts with which we are blessed at McMaster Divinity College.



Board and Senate



President's Cabinet



Faculty



Staff



Students, Students, Students

A note from Dr. Stanley E. Porter

## Once again, it is Christmas

—the celebration of the birth of our Saviour, but also the end of another year. What a year it has been. As Christians, we cling to the hope that is in Jesus, but we can only be appalled by the violence and destruction to human lives that is taking place. What a blessing to know that God has control over everything and that we can place our trust in Him.

We have shared with you what we consider to be the greatest gifts that God has blessed us with at McMaster Divinity College. I work alongside a great group of people dedicated to preparing men and women for service in the Church, academy, and society. Their commitment to the training of those entrusted to us is exemplary.

By far, though, our greatest gift is the students that God has led to MDC. The latest events show us that our world is hurting and needs graduates trained for the complexities of life outside of these walls to leave us prepared to spread out and not only reach others for Christ, but also to care for those who are suffering and in need.

To ensure that our students leave us ready to accomplish these tasks, we need your help so that we can keep our tuition costs down and our student aid high. Our students make sacrifices every day to follow the call of God on their lives, and we want their studies to be as accessible as possible. Will you

join with us financially in helping them in following their call?

I wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas and God's blessing for the new year.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 (CEB)

### Save the Dates

**President's Dinner**  
Thursday, April 14, 2016

**Convocation**  
Tuesday, May 17, 2016

### Remember—

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**'Partners in (the) Spirit'**  
conference at  
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