

Beginnings...



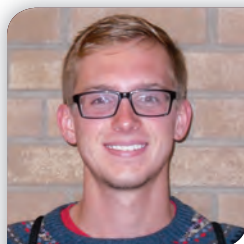
McMaster Divinity
College



It is always exciting to welcome new students, and this year is no exception! We welcomed 85 new students at Orientation Day. Our College was buzzing, as we have record enrolment this Fall. We praise God for His direction in their lives.

This Fall also marked the start of our revised M.Div. and M.T.S. programs, giving students an opportunity to choose from 7 different specializations. With the choice of Pastoral Studies, Pastoral Care and Counselling, Christian Worldview, Church

and Culture, Biblical Studies, Christian Thought and History, or Interdisciplinary Studies, there is something for everyone who feels God's call to engage in higher Christian theological education through one of our degrees.



Thaddeus Stewart
Second year M.T.S. student

"The first week of a new school term is a lot like Christmas, except there's no snow, no presents, and no turkey dinner; it's just really busy! In all seriousness, I really enjoyed the first year of the M.T.S. program, and

I'm looking forward to my classes again this year. Last year I was fortunate enough to be in Dr. Knowles' "Great Preachers" Seminar. As a young pastor myself, it really opened my eyes to the great responsibility we as Christians—not only pastors—have to represent and share the Gospel to the world."



Juliet Dhanraj
First Year M.T.S. student

"On my first day at McMaster Divinity College I had an unusual peace in my heart and a sense of belonging that I had never experienced since I came to Canada. The orientation felt like a spiritual homecoming to God's perfect will for my life and represented a crucial step in my surrender to God's call upon my life."



Michelle Daniel
Second year M.Div. student

"I am very blessed to be at McMaster Divinity College because the community I have at school is helping me become the person God created me to be."



Nicholas Sarlo
First year M.Div. student

"I came to MDC because it felt like God was doing something here that I wanted to be a part of when it came to Christian education in Ontario. I am so excited to be equipped by God here for a lifetime of ministry with the help of the faculty and fellow students."

\$5 Million... Our future is clear

In some ways at McMaster Divinity College, our year begins in September. This is the time that we welcome new students, begin the first semester of the academic year, and hold the retreat for new and returning

You have read of the growth in our College in numbers of students and faculty. We praise God for the record numbers of enrolment this Fall! It is this growth that makes us very aware of the limitations of our

Every weekday evening we host Christian student groups as they reach out to those on campus. This year, the first Mandarin Chinese outreach evening to students who just arrived from mainland China



students. It is also the time that we meet as a President's Cabinet and hold our annual Faculty Retreat to plan for the year ahead. During this time, I am struck by the awesome responsibility that God has placed on us to impact the world by training Christian leaders for today's demands and tomorrow's ministry.

current building. We are not only in need of more room, but we are also reminded of the age of our building on a regular basis. As well, every time that we step outside our building we realize what a unique position we are in—nestled within a major, multi-cultural university with students from around the world.

ran out of food because so many came, most of whom have never heard the Gospel.

After much prayer, discussion, and planning, we are excited to launch a campaign to raise \$5 million for building expansion. We want to share our confidence in the future

- Additional 8,146 sq.ft. drafted on the preliminary floor plans
- Student lounge and reception space looking onto the university campus
- Café
- 2 new foyers: one each on the east and west entrances

with those around us, at the same time preserving and improving the community at MDC. We are convinced that God has great plans for us as a seminary, here at home on our campus, extending out to

the practical and missional aspects of this project.

We ask you now, as supporters of the College, to prayerfully consider in what ways the Lord might lead you to partner with

look forward to beginning this journey towards physical, as well as spiritual, expansion with you.

It is our hope and prayer that you can join with us in stating, "Our future is clear."



the world to reach others for Christ. We cannot ignore that God has placed us here for a purpose—to be transparent ambassadors for Christ, starting at MDC, reflecting outwards, fulfilling the Great Commission. We have drafted preliminary floor plans, and in the coming months, committees will review

us in this opportunity. We will need sacrificial donors who give above and beyond our annual budget. No amount is too small to help us in this worthwhile endeavour. Be a part of continuing the legacy of Senator McMaster. Consider giving as you are able—\$100, \$1,000, \$10,000 or more. We

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stanley E. Porter".

Stanley E. Porter, Ph.D.
President and Dean

- New office space and open offices
- New reception area
- New walkways in the MDC garden
- Expanded student study spaces
- New renovations to current facilities

Spotlight on Alumni...

Beth Stovell graduated from the Ph.D. program at MDC in May 2012. She is still in the beginning years as Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at St. Thomas University. Beth is the only Protestant faculty member at St. Thomas—a Catholic University—in the School of Theology and Ministry, teaching Undergraduate, Masters, and Ph.D. level courses. This year Beth has been named the Program Coordinator for the Undergraduate Program in Religious Studies and the Director of the Contemporary Biblical Scholars Series.

Beth has also been busy with research and publication. This summer she attended the Young Scholars Summit at Tyndale House, Cambridge University. She was nominated as Society of Biblical Literature Regional Scholar for the Southeastern region. In 2012, Beth published two books and is currently working on a two-volume commentary for the Story of God Bible Commentary series (Zondervan). Beth is thankful for the ways that her time at MDC and the helpful mentoring of MDC faculty prepared her for this new stage as professor and scholar.



Beth enjoys spending time with her husband, Jon, who is working on his Ph.D. at MDC, and her two kids, Elena (6 ½) and Atticus (3 ½).

New Additions!

New students are not the only additions to our community this Fall. MDC warmly welcomes three new additions to the families of three of our staff members.



Ella Claire Fusilier

Ella Claire Fusilier was born to Admissions Counsellor Sara Fusilier and her husband Austin on Monday, May 20, 2013 (7 lbs, 13 oz)



Summer Faith Dyson

Summer Faith Dyson was born to Student Records Assistant Sabrina Dyson and her husband Chris on Saturday, June 15, 2013 (5 lbs, 10 oz)



Jude Eric Royal Perrin

Jude Eric Royal Perrin was born to Assistant to the Registrar Tanya Perrin and her husband Andy on Monday, July 8, 2013 (7 lbs, 1 oz)