



McMaster Divinity
College

NEWS LETTER

FALL
2016

Autumn is truly here. We see signs of this wherever we look, especially in the hallways of McMaster Divinity College. We welcomed a very diverse group of students and enjoyed getting to know each other through our Orientation Day and the Student, Staff, Faculty retreat. In total, we had 62 new program students begin in Fall 2016. We are excited about what God has in store for them and look forward to how they will bless us!



Doctor of Practical Theology Launch

On September 12, 2016, the first class of our brand new Doctor of Practical Theology took place. What an exciting group of students engaged in all forms of ministry! Some

of the research dissertation project proposals are prayer ministry/counselling, studying the Hebrew prophets with respect to prophecy, theology of work, the tools for effective

evaluation by churches of their ministry, missional community in the post-Christendom culture, the role of police leaders in holistic health care of team members, and the list goes on.



A note from Dr. Stanley E. Porter

Dear partners in Christ,

For many people, the fall season makes one think of the approaching end of the calendar year and life settling into a certain routine. However, here at MDC, it brings the excitement of a new year and new beginnings.

It seems that in today's world, one hardly wants to read a news article or watch anything on TV that shows the reality of what is going on all around us. For some, the response would be to take refuge from this world and close oneself off from the rest of society.



However, on September 9th and 10th, we welcomed a group of new and returning students eager to put themselves in our hands to be prepared to go out and proclaim the only hope that can possibly make a real difference—the hope that is Jesus Christ. Please pray for them as they seek to follow God's direction.

It was very exciting to see the group of students starting our new Doctor of Practical Theology program. This degree is the only one of its kind accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in North America, and patterns itself after practical doctoral degrees in other disciplines. On the opposite page, you heard of some the topics that these students will be researching, with the ultimate goal of educating others and making a difference in ministry.

We continue to explore and plan other areas that will benefit our students as they serve the Church, academy, and society. Please pray for us, that we will follow God's direction as we seek to clearly discern where our efforts would be best placed.

With more programs and more students, we are finding that we are financially stretched to meet the financial aid needs of our students as well as augment building needs. Any help that you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

We rely on your prayers and sacrificial giving as we continue to accomplish the work that God has called us to do in this challenging environment.

SAVE-THE-DATE

Miroslav Volf
Conference
March 9, 2017



President's Dinner
April 6, 2017