

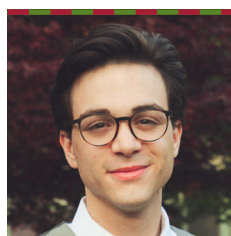


McMaster Divinity
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NEWS LETTER

WINTER 2017

Just as each snowflake is unique, so is the reason for each of our students to come to MDC to study with us. We asked several alumni where they are currently serving and how God used us to help them prepare for their ministry.

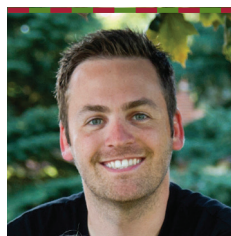


Lucas Burton

Missionary on university campus in Copenhagen, Denmark

(estimated 4% of Danes are believing Christians)

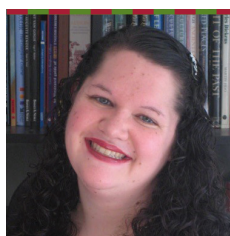
"My years at MDC helped shape my conception and practice of ministry in ways that have proven very helpful in a cross-cultural setting. By emphasizing theological reflection and deepening my understanding of the biblical narrative, my studies at MDC are helping me contextualize the gospel and more effectively engage a post-Christian culture with the person of Jesus Christ."



Kevin Birnie

Church Planter, The Well Community Church in Binbrook, ON

"Church planting is a huge endeavour; my time at MDC has equipped me to understand my calling and to minister from a place of greater depth and compassion for others. Both the academic and practical elements of MDC have equipped me for this work and I'm so excited to continue to follow God's call and help people encounter Jesus."



Beth Stovell

Associate Professor of Old Testament at Ambrose University in Calgary, AB

"As a doctoral student, I was trained extensively in the skills for academic scholarship and also encouraged to integrate these skills with my continuing spiritual development and dedication to the Church. The fantastic mentoring I received

from the faculty at MDC formed the foundations for my teaching, writing, and mentoring of others and remains a meaningful part of my continuing career."



Xiaxia "Esther" Xue

Assistant Professor of New Testament at China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong

"MDC prepared me for my consequent research in my field by teaching me how to think critically and opening my mind to other ideas and perspectives from my peers. I found great mentors who

helped me develop my personal spiritual life which was a great help when faced with stresses from teaching and intensive research."

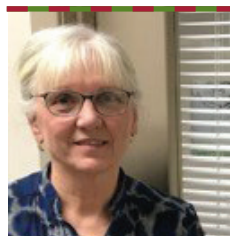


Paul Chimhungwe

Dean of Academics, African Christian College in Manzini, Swaziland, Africa

"My years at MDC equipped me academically to become a servant-leader-scholar through my godly professors who exemplified the humble spirit of Jesus Christ. Their training gave me the academic and spiritual tools to

continually propel me to participate in God's work in Southern Africa."



Deborah Arsenault

Registered Psychotherapist, return2hope counselling (for recovery from childhood sexual assault) in Welland, ON

Spiritual Care Provider, Niagara Health System

"The counselling and spiritual care program concentration stream prepared my heart, mind, and spirit for this work. I

have learned that how I feel or what I think about is not as important as being present with the client and Christ, Emmanuel, who is with us in this journey to wholeness."

A note from Dr. Stanley E. Porter

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that another year has passed and that we are getting ready to celebrate once again the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! Our students are finishing up their fall courses with the anticipation of being able to spend some time with friends and family (and get ready for the next semester!) We have had an extraordinarily busy fall semester, but a very rewarding one with many new students in the fall and the anticipation of more in the winter semester.

I am very pleased to announce that our Board has made the decision to break ground on our building expansion. We anticipate starting in July 2018, once we have all the permits and contractors in place. Please pray that the Lord would guide this project as we seek to serve Him!

Please consider an end-of-year gift to our college. You can help us prepare more students, like the alumni that you have read about, for the ministry to which God has called them—we are in desperate need of funds to continue our generous financial aid unburdened by debt.

Merry Christmas to you and your family and God's blessing on 2018!

Stanley E. Porter



Introducing **Anders Bygden**,
our new Senior Development Officer.

Please feel free to contact him to arrange a meeting to discuss how you can come alongside MDC and our students.

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Our Future is Clear

We are close to having the necessary funds to finish the additions to our building which will begin in July 2018 (stay tuned for a ceremony!) Please prayerfully consider if you can be part of this important next step for MDC!

GOAL
\$5,200,000

RAISED
\$4,000,000

SAVE-THE-DATE

**President's
Dinner**

Thursday,
April 12, 2018