

From the President

(From Commencement Address, December 15, 2016:



“Your Future in Christ – Only Good All the Time”)

As people trained in the Word and in how to share the Word, all of you will be blessed by God with numerous opportunities to teach your text (Romans 8:28) to others.

You will teach using words, true. More importantly, God will use your life to teach others. How you are patient in trial, how you cling to promises even in persecution, how you rely on Jesus when nothing solid remains in your physical life, how you demonstrate that you believe Christ knows what’s best for you even more than you do—those are sermons lived that are noticed by many.

By the Spirit’s grace you know Jesus. We are forgiven. By the Spirit’s grace we believe that his birth, his life, his death, his resurrection, his ascension proves that God is good.

So your future—however long your pilgrimage and no matter where your path might wander—your future in Christ is only good, all the time.

Graduate Studies/Continuing Ed Stats

The 2016-17 school year is off to a great start. We offered 29 online courses fall semester. Two of them were new courses, one graduate studies course for early childhood directors and one an addition to our Teaching That Works Series. Our seat-count enrollment was 311.

We have also added a new professional development offering, Six Highly-Effective Teaching Strategies, which has been very well received. Our Professional Development Series provides principals with monthly ready-to-go faculty inservices. We have 154 teachers participating for the 2016-17 school year.

The current number of enrolled graduate students is 124. In the two programs of study, that breaks down to 108 Master of Science in Education students (Ed Tech – 21, Instruction – 40, Leadership – 29, Special Ed – 18) and 16 Master of Science in Ed Administration students (Principal – 10, ECE Director – 6).

Daylight USA – Here We Are, Send Us!

Martin Luther College students are eager to prepare for ministry, and they are even more eager to participate in ministry experiences across the United States. The MLC Daylight program has matched hundreds of future pastors, teachers, and staff ministers with congregations who have benefited from help in reaching out to their communities.



In groups of various sizes, MLC students sign up to assist with sports camps, vacation Bible school, neighborhood canvassing, and other outreach activities during spring and summer break. After a recent short-term mission in New York, one student wrote, “Rewards of ministry are always abounding. I can confidently say my attitude for the ministry has been strengthened.” Another wrote, “Being a messenger of the gospel is such a blessing and privilege.” They are eager to help your congregation! If your congregation would benefit from one or more students assisting in outreach February 27 – March 10 or over the summer months, contact MLC campus pastor John Boeder. He will help you plan a short-term mission that will be a blessing to the students and to your gospel outreach.

Second Semester Enrollments

Unofficial enrollment numbers for the second semester on-campus students:
Total – 711, Education – 526, Preseminary – 169, Staff Min – 7, Other - 9

What is “One Mission – Endless Opportunities”?

(A message to high school students from Director of Admissions Mark Stein)

What’s unique about MLC is that although we have a single mission, it allows for *endless* opportunities—even more than you can conceive of right now. Our one mission is to produce workers for the church.

Most colleges and universities have many things to offer, many degrees and colleges on one campus. But MLC, like many of the first colleges in the United States now known as Ivy League institutions, was founded for that one mission.

Now, those ideas may seem to clash: MLC is a single-focused institution, but the opportunities are endless? Let’s look at it this way. Being a pastor, teacher, or staff minister is just a label. What we do is *ministry*, and we do it all over the world. Teaching, preaching, and serving take many forms: teaching English as a second language, coaching, counseling, leading Bible class—all are types of ministry, and there are endless opportunities to add to this list!

From Milwaukee to Asia, from California to Africa, from Michigan to Europe, this college in Minnesota, Martin Luther College, provides endless opportunities to serve while sticking to its one mission.

Come and try it for yourself!

Congregational Partner Grant Program

The success of MLC’s new Congregational Partner Grant Program (CPGP) surpassed all expectations. The God who *is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine* allowed for 54% of the 2016-2017 incoming first-year students (106) to receive their congregation’s grant (\$87,000) and MLC’s dollar-for-dollar match, for a total of \$176,000. The MLC governing board has approved expansion of the program to rising first-year and sophomore students for the 2017-2018 school year.

Congregations that wish to award a grant to one of their members entering MLC next school year as an incoming first-year or sophomore student may submit their application on the MLC website, www.mlc-wels.edu by entering CPGP in the search box. Deadline: June 1, 2017.

Congregations that do not have any members at MLC can still contribute to the scholarship program. Go to <https://mlc-wels.edu/donate/>.



Year Two of MLC Direction

MLC Direction is the financial literacy program at MLC that provides students with guidance on many financial topics to help them become better stewards of their finances now and in the future. New this year were two required group sessions: juniors focused on credit and making smart financial decisions and first-years focused on basic money management.

Approximately 100 graduating seniors, 85 first-year students, and 10 transfer students completed a personal consultation with MLC’s financial literacy coordinator first semester of 2016-2017.

MLC Day will be May 3!

Our third annual MLC Day will allow supporters across the globe to celebrate God’s blessings to MLC! With an emphasis on social media, we invite you to follow our celebration activities online—tag our world map, send in prayers to be posted on our website and on Facebook, share some fantastic videos and posts, and support students as they prepare for the public ministry.

MLC Day focuses on three actions: **PRAY** for our mission and ministry, **SHARE** our message and your prayers with friends, and **GIVE** directly to support that work.

Want more information? Want to help spread the word? Visit our website and watch for MLC Day posts on our Facebook page. Or contact us at mlcday@mlc-wels.edu.