

ENROLLMENT

662 Undergraduates on campus

Representing **33** states and **8** countries

MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Part-time and full-time students

EDUCATION

Includes Staff Ministry

121 First-year
123 Sophomore
112 Junior
102 Senior
25 Fifth-year
4 Other

487 Total

PRESEMINARY

Year of graduation

43 2024-25
47 2023-24
37 2022-23
48 2021-22

175 Total

CALL DAY 2021 GRADUATES

110 Education
34 Preseminary
8 Educational/Theological Studies
2 Staff Ministry
16 Graduate Studies

158 Teaching assignments
2 Staff ministry assignments



CONGREGATIONAL PARTNER GRANT PROGRAM

607 Students supported
280 Congregations participating

\$545,638 Given by congregations

2020-2021 statistics to demonstrate our need to match about \$500,000 in CPGP congregational gifts every year.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

78 ECE program students

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

79 Children
4 Lead teachers
9 Student teachers
5 Student workers
4 Full-time staff
5 Part-time staff



CONTINUING ED / GRADUATE STUDIES

435 Continuing Education students

140 Graduate Studies students

13 MA Theological Studies

51 MS Educational Admin

12 Principal

37 ECE Director

2 Technology Director

76 MS Education
28 Instruction
18 Leadership
17 Special Ed
13 Ed Tech



NEW TEACHER INDUCTION

221 Beginning Teachers

152 Schools

152 Mentors



ECW CAMPAIGN GIVING UPDATE

\$7,872,857 Donated or Pledged to ECW

5,623 Total Gifts

2,718 Donors



EQUIPPING
CHRISTIAN
 WITNESSES



NEW INSTRUCTORS INSTALLED

The 2021 opening worship service for MLC was held August 23, in Chapel of the Christ. MLC President Rich Gurgel presided, and Rev. Daniel Schroeder, father of new faculty member Philip Schroeder, presented the sermon, "Prepare the Way for Him," based on Luke 1:76-79. The service included rites of ordination and installation of the five new faculty members.

Pictured L-R: **Rev. Daniel Waldschmidt** – professor of foreign languages, **Rev. Luke Thompson** – professor of history/social sciences and theology, **Rev. Philip Schroeder** – dormitory supervisor and theology instructor, **Rev. Orie Thomford** – dormitory supervisor and theology instructor, **Rev. Aaron Robinson** – professor of English and cultural diversity coordinator.

SUPPORT FOR THE BETTY KOHN FIELDHOUSE



Construction underway!

Plans are for students to be able to use the new athletic center by the beginning of 2022.

Jake Unke, Divine Savior Academy, Missouri City TX



"Athletics train men and women to be leaders, and this facility will improve that training. It will also allow students to become more active and healthy."

Ruth Buchholz, Kingdom Prep LHS, Wauwatosa WI



"I'm really excited for this facility because it will allow the students in spring sports to have productive practices five days a week."

Jon Bilitz, Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel, Madison WI



"We want to do all things well, and one way to do that is to build facilities at MLC that will allow students to train for the public ministry in the best way possible."

Michael Seifert, Living Hope, Midlothian VA



"Where we teach the next generation how to teach, and what to proclaim, that's the beating heart of our Synod. To demonstrate that through the campus facilities is a great thing!"

FROM THE PRESIDENT

With many prayers for God's blessing, we have embarked on the 2021-2022 school year at MLC!



The greatest joy so far has been just seeing our entire campus family together in Chapel of the Christ for the opening service. It had been sixteen months (March 2020) since our campus family last had the opportunity to all be together for worship.

While we are down about 7% compared to last year's opening enrollment, we remain thankful for all those whom the Lord has brought to campus. I am looking forward to meeting individually with each first-year student (and transfer student). One of my favorite things to ask is this: "What got you thinking about pursuing the ministry?" The answers are many and varied, but it is always interesting to see in what ways God has been at work in their lives to get them to be willing to consider ministry as their life's vocation.

And that is where you enter the picture! Again and again last year, as I made about 190 visits, I heard stories of parents, grandparents, teachers, staff ministers, pastors, and members of congregations speaking words of encouragement about studying for public ministry—sometimes almost in passing—that those students remembered years later.

As much as I thank God for our admissions counselors at MLC, our front-line admissions counselors are those of you reading this report. It is you who plant the idea of ministry in the minds and hearts of our future students. Your conversations with the young men and women (and the not-so-young considering a second career) in your families and church families, in your classrooms and on your athletic teams, are bearing fruit years later as these same young people arrive at MLC's new-student orientation.

Training the next generation of staff ministers, teachers, and pastors—filling the vacancies we hear about so often and being prepared for the new harvest fields yet to be pursued—takes the prayers and words and efforts of all of us. Such is the importance of having a well-trained corps of Christian witnesses for our churches and schools and for mission fields across our country and around the world.

How will you partner with us this year? We thank God for you in advance. And we trust God will use those efforts in ways far beyond what we will know until heaven!

In Him,
President Rich Gurgel

If you have any questions related to this report or other matters related to our ministry, contact us at mlcinfo@mlc-wels.edu.

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