Martin Luther College Speaking Points - Semester 2, 2024

THANK YOU

Thank you for your ongoing support of MLC

- in your **prayers**
- in your **encouragement** of youth and second-career members to consider training for the ministry
- and in your **financial gifts**

RECRUITMENT

We are thankful that our **on-campus** and **online enrollments** have held steady from last year with long-term projections showing a **gradual increase**.

Please remember that the **best recruitment for undergrad enrollment is always local: parents** and **called workers** encouraging those within their homes and church families to consider public ministry.

Please see President Gurgel's encouragement on the first page of the MLC Report.

NEW ALUMNI DIRECTOR

Please keep Michelle Markgraf's work as our new alumni director in your prayers. Watch for alumni communications as she acclimates to her new position at MLC.

STUDENT EDUCATIONAL DEBT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

For the fifth straight year, the average amount of debt incurred by MLC graduates who graduate with **debt has declined**.

One significant component of that decline is MLC's **Congregational Partner Grant Program.**

We have given each student in this program **\$2,650 in financial assistance** for this school year. You can find those details on the second page of the MLC Report.

Please consider how you or your congregation could partner with us in this essential effort.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

This semester, thanks to your financial gifts a **major renovation** will begin in the **lower level of the Chapel of the Christ.** The unfinished area will become spaces **for large and small group music rehearsal, recital, and composition activities.**

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Please note the enrollment statistics for Continuing Education and Graduate Studies on the first page of the MLC Report. These 1,100+ students are **receiving specific**, **practical support and training** while they serve our congregations.

Consider how members of your staff may benefit from these opportunities **provided by your College of Ministry**.