

## MLC Report - 2024-2025 Semester One Speaking Points

### 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

### ENROLLMENTS ARE STEADY

We are thankful that our on-campus and online enrollments have held steady from last year. 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 for "mutual conversations" on the first page of the MLC Report.

### NONTRADITIONAL EDUCATION

MLC's Competency-Based Education program is specifically designed to support returning adult learners who have completed some college courses and may even have a degree but do not have a baccalaureate degree in education. On the MLC Report, you will see that 13 students are now enrolled in the first component of this program. Visit the MLC website or read the article in our most recent InFocus magazine for more details.

### STUDENT EDUCATIONAL DEBT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

For the sixth 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 (CPGP). **Students participating in the CPGP program can reduce their college debt by \$2,900 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 CONTINUE

Thanks to your financial gifts, and a significant contribution from a generous donor, our major renovation in the lower level of the Chapel of the Christ will be completed this year. This area will become spaces for large- and small-group music rehearsals, recitals, and composition activities. In addition, the Summit Training Hall has been completely updated, and our Centennial Social Space construction is underway.

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