

## MLC Report - 2024-2025 Semester Two

### 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 STEADY, APPLICATION NUMBERS ENCOURAGING

We are thankful our on-campus and online enrollments have held steady and our applications for next year have increased! (260+ active applications with 215+ accepted students) 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.

#### 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. Visit the MLC website or read the article in our 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. Mark your calendars for MLC Day on May 7, 2025, when we will offer opportunities to increase the support provided by CPGP.

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPPORT

An encouraging number of early childhood personnel have expressed interest in MLC's four tiers of early childhood support. So far, 12 nontraditional adult learners currently serving in WELS early childhood ministries have been accepted into the online Associate of Science in Early Childhood program, seven are preparing for their CDA credentials, and about 75 are seeking WELS teaching ministry certification for early childhood. Visit MLC's website for more information.

#### CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE

Thanks to your financial gifts and significant contributions from generous donors, our major renovations in the lower level of the Chapel of the Christ as well as major upgrades to Centennial and Summit Hall restrooms/showers are moving forward. In addition, the funding goal for our Old Main renovation to replace the entrance stairway and repair the foundation along the front of the building has been exceeded! Construction will begin on the Old Main stairway in the summer of 2025.