



SOLA News



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By Grace . . . A Scholarship Makes All the Difference

Adam Lambrecht and Brad Price have some similarities. Each is a husband and father. Each had a career for several years and then decided, after much prayer and soul-searching, to prepare for pastoral ministry. Each is now enrolled in MLC's seminary certification program. Each found the move back to college challenging—for their families and for their finances.

And each received a special blessing: financial assistance from the 'By Grace' Scholarship established by SOLA member Marilyn Miller.

Marilyn Miller MLC '06, deaconess at Abiding Word-Houston, established the 'By Grace' Scholarship in 2006 to assist staff ministry and preseminary students with dependent children.

Ms. Miller (pictured above) herself graduated from MLC as a staff ministry major after a successful business career. "God has blessed me beyond belief," she says. "I wish to share my material blessings with those who desire to dedicate their lives to the work of the kingdom but who, at the same time, have responsibilities to provide for their children."

Adam Lambrecht and Brad Price fit the bill. See their scholarship stories on page 2!

SOLA Members, we would
love to see you at the SOLA
Appreciation Dinner November 7.



SOLA Appreciation Dinner

Friday, November 7, 2014, 5:30 pm
Cafeteria Conference Center

- Full Buffet Dinner • Music by MLC students
- Address by President Mark Zarling
- Complimentary tickets to *The Music Man* at 7:30

RSVP to Michelle Gartner by October 24, 2014
877.MLC.1995 /gartneml@mlc-wels.edu

All events are free, except for the musical (November 7-9) and Readers' Theater (December 5-6). SOLA members may request complimentary tickets to the musical and Readers' Theater by contacting Michelle Gartner at gartneml@mlc-wels.edu or 877.MLC.1995. Go to mlc-wels.edu for additional events.

Oct 25	8:30 am	Ladies' Auxiliary Annual Meeting (auditorium)
Nov 1	7:00 pm	College Choir Concert (Chapel)
Nov 2	3:00 pm	Joint Reformation Service (Chapel)
Nov 7	5:30 pm	SOLA Appreciation Dinner
Nov 7	7:30 pm	Musical: <i>The Music Man</i> (auditorium)
Nov 8	7:30 pm	Musical: <i>The Music Man</i> (auditorium)
Nov 9	2:00 pm	Musical: <i>The Music Man</i> (auditorium)
Nov 23	3:00 pm	Wind Symphony Concert (auditorium)
Dec 5	7:30 pm	Readers' Theater (auditorium)
Dec 6	2:00 pm	Readers' Theater (auditorium)
Dec 6	7:30 pm	Christmas Concert (Chapel)
Dec 7	4:00 pm	Christmas Concert (Chapel)

You Are Invited!

If you don't have these, we can help. Contact Kate Tohal at 1-877-MLC-1995 or tohalkj@mlc-wels.edu to request the forms be mailed or emailed to you.

- **Health Care Agent Form** (also known as **Health Care Proxy**) allows you to appoint another person (agent) to make your health care decisions for you if you are unable to communicate them yourself.
 - **Durable Power of Attorney** gives someone the right to make financial decisions on your behalf if you are unable to do so.
 - **Advance Health Care Directive** (also known as **living will, personal directive, advance directive, advance medical directive or advance decision**) is a legal document in which you specify what actions should be taken for your health if you are no longer able to make decisions for yourself because of illness or incapacity.
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- Every estate plan needs three health care-related legal documents:

Is Your Estate Plan Complete?

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By Grace . . .

A Scholarship Makes All the Difference to Two Seminary Certification Students



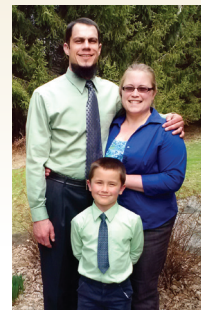
Adam and Sarah Lambrecht, Simeon (9), Ada (6), Leo (3)

MLC student Adam Lambrecht already has college degrees in English and speech and communication. A volunteer position at Rocky Mountain Christian Camp in Colorado led to staff ministry positions at

one New Mexico and three Colorado congregations.

Adam distinctly remembers Confirmation Sunday in May 2013 at Crown of Life-Pueblo West, Colorado. Due to a pastoral vacancy, Staff Minister Lambrecht had been asked to preach. "Four students were confirmed. These were the first students I taught at Crown of Life," he recalls. "I had the privilege of leading them through their classes for two years. And along the way, I heard their stories. I found out about their broken families. I discovered what they loved and hated about school. I witnessed their emotional peaks and valleys. I learned what they did for fun, and I learned that they were often unaware of the gifts and abilities God had given them. But most importantly, I witnessed firsthand the work of the Holy Spirit. I watched as God grew their faith. I saw broken children transformed by grace, and it was beautiful.

"This is why I want to be a pastor."



Brad and Laura Price, Benjamin (7)

MLC student Brad Price served as a scout instructor in the Texas Army National Guard, a training manager for a large security company, and a detention officer before coming to MLC. "In my previous

occupations, the Lord helped open me up to speaking more freely in front of people," he says. "I never thought I would be in front of a classroom teaching anyone. I found out that I loved it! I am here now studying to be a pastor."

Both Brad and Adam are excited about their studies, but going to school and supporting young families isn't easy. Brad and his wife, Laura, have a son who's 7. Adam and his wife, Sarah, have three children, ages 9, 6, and 3.

"It has been a difficult journey for our family," says Adam. "It will always be a challenge to go to school, to work as much as possible, to pay the bills, to try and make ends meet. That's what makes the 'By Grace' Scholarship so special. It is a wonderful blessing to have the financial help. But it's an even greater blessing to simply know that people think about us, pray for us."

"This scholarship was especially meaningful for me last year," Brad

explains. "Last summer I was diagnosed with Stage 3b colon cancer. Over the course of the school year, I had two surgeries and six months of chemo treatments. I receive some funding from the GI Bill for school, but we are paying for the rest. This scholarship provided for a large portion of the remaining sum. It was an uncertain time for our family in many ways. But God provides, and in this case he provided by means of this scholarship."

'By Grace' is the name SOLA member Marilyn Miller chose for her scholarship, and it has proven apt. By grace Ms. Miller is able to provide these financial gifts, and by grace young men like Adam Lambrecht and Brad Price are able to pursue the pastoral ministry.

Adam speaks for both families when he quotes 1 Thessalonians 3:9 in a thank-you letter to Ms. Miller: "How can we thank God enough for you?"

SOLA members, establishing an MLC scholarship allows you to lend precious assistance to our students and share in the gospel ministry. If you are interested, please call the Mission Advancement Office at 507.354.8221. Thank you!

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SOLA EXCLUSIVE

An Inside Look at MLC's New Minor in Urban Ministry

Benjamin Clemons MLC '03 has an exciting challenge on his hands. He's a new professor called to develop a new minor at MLC: urban ministry. He's hardly new to this ministry, however, and we're excited to see how the Lord of the Church will use both his passion and expertise to inform the substance of the program.

Upon his MLC graduation 11 years ago, Ben was assigned to be principal of Risen Savior-Milwaukee. "It was the school's first year," he says, "and we started with about 50 children in K-3. We added a grade each year and poured our efforts into building a loving Christian culture."

By 2008, the school offered 4K-grade 7, and the enrollment had quadrupled. Then it was time for another kind of urban ministry—in Hangzhou, China, home to six million souls. He and his wife, Karyn (nee Vik) MLC '03, spent one wonderful year there: "We encountered many people who felt something was missing in their lives, but couldn't nail down just what it was. What a joy to share the most important message with them."

The couple was then called to teach at Mt. Lebanon-Milwaukee. Karyn taught first grade for a year, and Ben taught eighth grade for five years. "Again," he says, "we committed ourselves to creating a loving Christian culture and building a strong academic program."

It's not hard to see why our Lord might wind the Clemons ministry road from

Milwaukee to MLC. The college has had an urban ministry focus for a decade or so, but Ben will take it from focus to full-fledged minor. He began this summer, meeting with urban principals to assess needs and gather ideas. "There's a need for graduates with the skills, strategies, experience, and cultural competency to work in this rich harvest field," he says. "Our schools and churches have been in need of teachers—and even pastors—who are willing, able, and excited to work in a setting drastically different from what most of us experienced growing up."

Now on campus, Professor Clemons is planning experiential opportunities—think everything from field trips to student teaching—and writing two courses, Intro to Urban Education Ministry and Advanced Teaching & Management Strategies, which will emphasize proven teaching practices undergirded by proper application of law and gospel.

The first course will be offered in 2015-16, enabling the class of 2018 to complete the minor from beginning to end.

Why is urban ministry important? "People live in cities," Ben says. "The demographic trend over the last two centuries has been movement from rural to urban. In places like Milwaukee, we have an established infrastructure of churches and schools that have shifted focus from the traditional middle-class German



Urban Ministry Professor Benjamin Clemons and his wife, Karyn (nee Vik), have three children: Olive (4), Ramona (2½), and Julius (3 months).

family to the families in their surrounding neighborhoods, be they African-American, Hispanic, Hmong; rich or poor; longtime Americans or recent immigrants.

"Since we've had a longstanding tradition of strong education, it made sense to open our schools to our neighborhoods and begin training new generations in the Word."

SOLA members, we thank you for supporting this new urban ministry minor! You've seen the gospel opportunities in this field, and many of you have offered your financial gifts in support of it. We would ask your continued prayers for Professor Clemons and this important ministerial training emphasis!

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