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# SPIRIT-LED TRANSFORMATION

by Richard Jones  
Chief Operating Officer

In the February 2022 edition of The Messenger, I focused my comments around the theme of "Reclaiming the innovative spirit of the New Testament church for the 21<sup>st</sup> century", and highlighted the journey that Maritime Christian College (MCC) undertook three years ago to address the challenges the College was facing. Here were my closing comments:

*"We are praying that we will experience a Spirit-led transformation of the way MCC educates and equips multiple generations of students using online courses, which in turn will catalyze a revitalization of disciple making in existing and new churches across Canada and around the world."*

In this issue of The Messenger, you will read about some of the early successes MCC has been blessed with on this journey: testimonials from new students taking online courses, leaders attending a two-day workshop on disciple making culture at their churches, the launch of our fully online four-year Bachelor of Arts (Bible) Program, and of course, the celebration of graduates receiving their degree from MCC. None of this would have been possible without the Holy Spirit leading the way.

Graduation 2022: On behalf of the MCC Board of Directors, faculty, and staff, we want to congratulate and celebrate our 2022 graduates Madison Willows and Lorranda LeDrew.

Student testimonials: Being obedient to the directive Jesus gave us in Matthew 28:18-20 to "go and make disciples of all nations" is the responsibility of every follower of Jesus. These testimonials are inspiring because they highlight people who are taking this directive from Jesus seriously and who are applying what they are learning about being a disciple maker to their lives as well as their ministries.

Celebration Dinner for MCC Supporters: I encourage you to read comments from Greg Nicholson, MCC Board Chair and Lead Pastor at Halifax Christian Church, that he made at this event held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at Canoe Cove Christian Camp. They provide another strong example about the impact that MCC and its renewed focus on teaching and applying disciple making is having in our churches.

Disciple Making Culture Experience: it was our great pleasure to host four people from Real Life Ministries Texas (RLMT) to lead 30 people from 10 different churches in this workshop on May 17/18 at MCC's campus in Charlottetown. This workshop was designed to present basic fundamentals for churches who want to better align their church culture with the mission of disciple making. The core principles the RLMT team focused on to make this culture change at a church were straightforward: *have a Biblical foundation, intentional leaders, create relational environments with non-believers, and follow a reproducible process.* The power of these fundamentals was illustrated in the personal testimonies of all the RLMT team members, which was a key part of the event. Leadership teams from the churches met frequently throughout the workshop to discuss how to apply what they learned to their current situation.

I want to thank the team – Brandon Guindon, Ron Helle, Greg Granger, and Aaron Williams – for making the journey from Houston to PEI to put on this event. Real Life Ministries Texas continues to be an important partner organization for MCC as we both work on educating and equipping the next generation of disciple makers in Canada and around the world.

Enrollment and Financial Reports for 2021-2022: This is our second year of presenting a consolidated view of Maritime Christian College's student enrollment and financial position. Please feel free to contact me or Penny Ching, Director of Finance and Administration, if you would like further details on anything in these reports.

One of the things I want to highlight about student enrollment is that the number of full-time students has been decreasing for quite a few years, but since launching our online programs in 2020, the number of part-time students has increased significantly. We have started using a method of calculating "Full-time Equivalency (FTE)" to consistently show the combination of full-time and part-time students in a common format. The diversity of our student population has also increased. During 2021-2022, twenty-nine students from Canada, two from the USA, three from India, and one each from Bahamas, Bangladesh, and Nigeria



Richard Jones, Aaron Williams, Greg Granger, Ron Helle and Brandon Guindon

took classes via on campus or online asynchronous classes.

In terms of our financial report, which is based on MCC's fiscal year that runs from January 1 to December 31, 2021, you will see that we are still running an operating deficit. In other words, the income we have coming in is not as great as our expenses. This is not a new situation for MCC, but it has meant that to meet our financial obligations, MCC has had to take more money from its investments. This situation is not sustainable in the long run. While we are very excited about the new online methods we are using to educate and equip disciple makers, the College needs to get to a more sustainable operating position. Which leads to my next comments...

Meeting the Challenge Campaign: in May at our Celebration Dinner, MCC introduced the "Meeting the Challenge" Campaign. Over the next three years, MCC's goal is to increase the income it receives from supporters (individuals and churches) by \$333,000 per year. The increased funding will be directed into three main areas: delivering and expanding our online programming, student bursaries, and church partnerships. The Board of Directors and the staff at MCC understand this is a very challenging goal – and at the same time we are excited by the opportunity to greatly expand the geographic and demographic reach that our online courses will have.

The Maritime Christian Fellowship 2022 theme is "A Call For Courage", and MCC graduate James Stevenson will be the main speaker at this event in July. I look forward to seeing many supporters of MCC in person that weekend.

Thank you for allowing me to highlight some of the celebration milestones during the journey Maritime Christian College has embarked on. I trust that you will be able to get a sense, as I do, of the Holy Spirit's influence in the work and direction of MCC. I want to encourage you as supporters of MCC that, despite the chaotic world around us that is unfriendly to the Christian worldview and the message of Jesus, MCC is making a difference in the world.

# APPLY NOW

# for FALL 2022

## ONLINE PART-TIME

## ONLINE FULL-TIME / PART-TIME



*"What I enjoyed the most was the opportunity for real-life, immediate application of what I learned in class. The content was extremely valuable, and practical in helping me to build a strong foundation of discipleship in both youth ministry, and also as a way of living."*

Claire Camba  
Youth Disciple Making Ministry Certificate

*"If you're looking for a solid biblical foundation in respect to Discipleship then this is a course you must take."*

Larry MacLaren  
Disciple Maker Certificate



### Disciple Making Church Leadership Certificate

5 Courses

Enhance your leadership team with a single-minded focus on making disciple makers



### Biblical Studies Certificate

10 Courses / 1 Year

Start your career journey with a Christian world-view of disciple making



### Bachelor of Arts (Bible)

40 Courses / 4 Years

Develop the full range of skills necessary for leading a church or ministry



### Youth Disciple Making Ministry Certificate

5 Courses

Guide youth in how to be disciples of Jesus Christ



### Disciple Maker Certificate

5 Courses

Raise your game as a mature believer who makes disciples who make disciples



*"I am so grateful to be able to experience this learning process provided in T23: Biblical Theology to Fuel Disciple Making. It is pointing me in the right direction to be a more effective Disciple maker. This joy that I feel needs to be experienced by others."*

Carlos Medrano  
Disciple Maker Certificate

*"I did indeed enjoy very much the course T25 World Religions. It was a great pleasure and an enlightening learning experience. I have learned that this world is full of people seeking to understand this life and it's afterlife. I also felt challenged in understanding what I believe and how come I believe that! In conclusion I am very grateful to be a Christian and follower of the Lord Jesus Christ."*



Ineke denBroeder  
Bachelor of Bible & Ministry



### Bachelor of Bible & Ministry

20 Courses / 2 years

Leverage your existing university degree to train for a leadership role in a disciple making ministry

# Graduation 2022

On May 7, 2022, Maritime Christian College boldly stepped into the future by granting its first certificate to Lorranda LeDrew who completed a Ministry Certificate online. Lorranda began taking online courses while she lived in Halifax because of the encouragement of her pastor Tim Cook, who now serves in Church Relations for the College.

Lorranda thanked Tim in her remarks on April 24, 2022, during the morning service at Bonnyville Community Church, Alberta when Pastor Ken Jagessar presented



her certificate on behalf of MCC. She also said, "I want to say thank you to everyone who supported me . . . I want to thank Pastor Ken who gave me the title a couple days ago as Youth Pastor here at the Church which was my goal . . . I want to say a big thank you to Tom Marshall . . . and the many instructors . . . as they worked with me...to complete the certificate."



Not to downplay the traditional path of education, Madison Willows completed her Biblical Studies Certificate in May of 2019 and completed her four-year Bachelor of Arts (Bible) Degree this year. She also received \$2,100 in awards because of the generosity of the College's many donors. Madison's graduation marks another mile marker in MCC's history. She will be the last on campus degree graduate. Now that the College has moved to an online format, future graduates will participate in a virtual graduation.

The College will continue to equip individuals for leadership, but the delivery has changed from an in-person to an online asynchronous format. Twenty seven students participated in classes in January from six Canadian provinces [PE, NS, NB, QC, ON, and AB], and four other countries [India, Bahamas, Nigeria, and the USA].



*"I loved the course 'Biblical Theology to Fuel Disciple Making'. It started with discussing how the whole Bible is God's grand metanarrative. We see how important stories are and how many questions about 'life' get answered by internalizing the stories in the Bible. The whole course enabled us to look at how we disciple others, and how disciple making is more than just making converts.*

*This course offered strong biblical truths that showed the necessity of building from a solid biblical foundation. It covered many different areas that we may face in our desire to make disciples for the Lord. One of the major truths that came to the forefront was that disciple making must be an intentional, relational and purposeful formation. We make disciples who will go on making other disciples for the Lord.*

*The group discussions were helpful, and many issues were shared openly and honestly, encouraging each person to be real and authentic. The self-reflection part enables us to take a serious look at where we are in our walk with the Lord, and how we can implement what we have learned into our own lives."*

Bonita Burnham  
Disciple Maker Certificate



# Disciple Making Culture Experience

**R**eal Life Ministries Texas' Lead Pastor Brandon Guindon led the Disciple Making Culture Experience at Maritime Christian College on May 17-18, 2022. The two-day workshop was based on Brandon's book, *Disciple Making Culture*, and also included Aaron Williams, Student Pastor, Ron Helle, and Greg Granger, Pastoral Administrator.

*"Don't call yourself a Christian if you're not going to love your neighbour,"* Brandon challenged while explaining the Biblical foundation for discipleship. *"God is a relational God,"* he said. *"Genesis 2:18 reveals the first crises in the Bible. God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone.' (NIV)"* In each person there is a longing for relationship because God made us this way. The disciple's job is to love others. *"The quality is our job on how to love one another. Jesus will worry about the quantity."*

Aaron Williams, Student Pastor, covered key definitions like discipleship: the process of growing spiritually as a disciple. But more importantly, a disciple is *"One who is following Christ, is being changed by Christ and is committed to the mission of Christ."*



Matthew 4:19 (NIV) reads, *"Come, follow me,"* Jesus said, *"and I will make you fishers of men."* Aaron pointed out, *"The leadership [of a church] has to model it. You cannot do it from the bottom up."*

Ron Helle said, *"Modelling is so important . . . if the leadership does not model that [disciple making] it will not be successful."* Ron is a retired real estate agent and former US Marine. *"Relational environment will be the most important thing . . . spending time with people is a joy. When you minister to people from their point of view – that is discipleship. God is greater than any weakness you or I have."*



Brandon encourages disciple makers to listen. *"Be curious. Ask questions. Take someone with you wherever you go. Invite. Invite. Be interruptible. If you're transparent people will respond to you."*

One individual Brandon focused upon was a chef from South Africa who had moved to the States named Greg Granger, and who now serves as Pastoral Administrator at Real Life. Greg Granger shared his journey of wanting nothing to do with Church or Christians but because Brandon and others loved and listened to him there began a change in his life. He asked the attendees of the event, *"What is your greatest tool as a disciple of Jesus?"* then answered his own question, *"Your own story."* God is working in each of us, and our own story can be used to disciple others.

Ten congregations throughout the Maritimes participated in the event as each faces today's challenges of impacting their communities through disciple making.

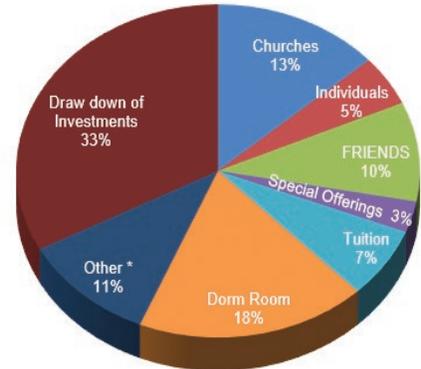
Brandon has developed several courses for the Disciple Making Church Leadership Certificate like P111: Introduction to Healthy Leadership. Aaron has instructed in the Youth Disciple Making Ministry Certificate for C113: Laying the Groundwork.

# ANNUAL Enrollment and Financial Reports

## Academic Program Highlights from 2021-2022

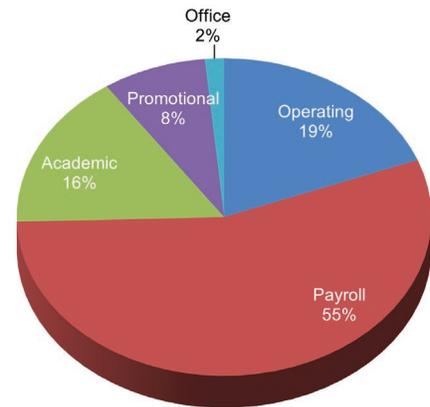
- One new online asynchronous certificate was launched in September: the Youth Disciple Making Ministry Certificate
- Thirty-seven students from Canada (AB-1, NB-8, NS-7, ON-1, PEI-11, QC-1), USA (2), Bahamas (1), Bangladesh (1), India (3), and Nigeria (1) took classes via on campus or online asynchronous classes
- Our last on campus degree student and our first fully online certificate student graduated in May 2022
- The four-year Bachelor of Arts (Bible) Degree and one-year Biblical Studies Certificate were moved to the online asynchronous format for September 2022
- The Board approved pursuing accreditation
- Our Admissions and Enrollment process was set up in our Learning Management System
- A Disciple Making Culture Experience was held in May in conjunction with one of our partners, Real Life Ministries Texas, for students and church leaders
- A Celebration Dinner was held in May where we heard from students and pastors on the impact of the new online disciple making courses and our resources for churches
- A new Blog was launched in May on disciple making, Christian higher education, and church leadership
- The "Meeting the Challenge" Campaign was launched in May to raise operating funds to support MCC's mission

## 2021 Operating Revenue \$622,807



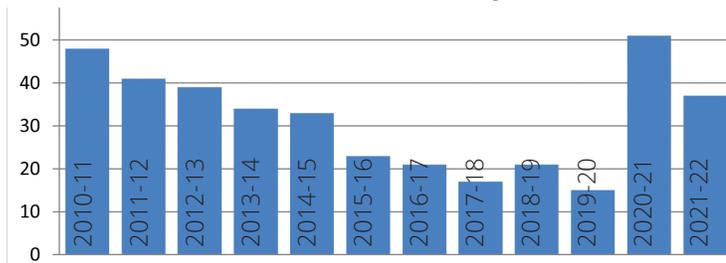
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## 2021 Expenses \$688,716

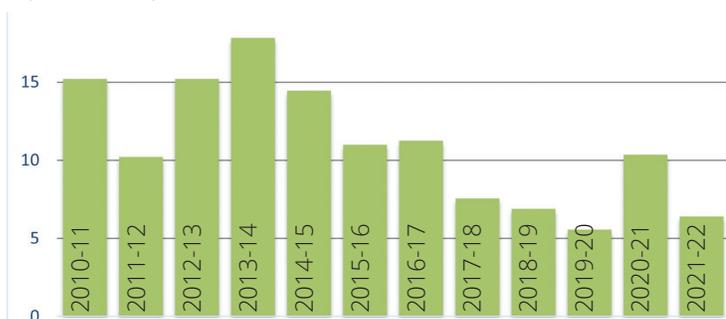


## MCC Enrollment

### Headcount – Full-time, Part-time, and Auditing Students



### Full-time Equivalency (FTE) – full-time students plus full-time equivalent of part-time student credit hours; no audit students.



## Fiscal Highlights

- An increase in enrollment due to online courses balanced out the decrease of full-time student tuition for a second year
- MCC qualified for Covid-19 funding through the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy and Canada Emergency Business Account Loan for a second year
- An increase in dorm rentals to near full capacity to help offset building costs
- Received \$122,000 for the Legacy Fund (not shown in Operating Revenue)
- An increase in payroll due to an increased number of online courses developed and taught; and a full year of the Director of Online Learning position



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# Meeting the Challenge Campaign

Jesus commanded his followers to “go and make disciples” – the three initiatives in this campaign will support MCC students in meeting this challenge.

## Online Programs

Many Bible Colleges across North America are experiencing low student enrollment in traditional programs.

MCC wants to expand our online course offerings to reach a wide demographic of students who can access courses from anywhere.

MCC wants to provide a Masters program and pursue Accreditation.

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**\$233,000/year**

## Student Bursaries

Many students find the cost of higher education a significant financial burden.

As enrollment rises, MCC wants to increase the number of bursaries available so the majority of students receive some form of financial support.

Bursary donations encourage students to pursue courses for Christian Service.

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**\$40,000/year**

## Church Partnerships

Many churches are struggling with leadership, culture, and programs to be more effective at making disciples who make disciples.

MCC wants to partner with churches and leaders committed to disciple making.

MCC provides training resources, workshops, consulting and support for new and existing ministries across Canada.

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**\$60,000/year**

**3 year goal: \$1 million in additional operating funds**

### Our purpose is

to biblically educate and equip people to become disciples of Jesus who make disciples.

Will you partner with us in meeting this challenge?

**Donate or Pledge today at**

[mccpei.com/meeting-the-challenge-campaign](http://mccpei.com/meeting-the-challenge-campaign)

# Celebration Dinner

The Celebration Dinner held in May at Canoe Cove Christian Camp was a great evening of fellowship, renewing old relationships, forming some new relationships, and of course, enjoying a fine meal. Tim Cook MC'd the evening which included videos from students and pastors on the impact of the new online courses and our resources for churches. Attendees were from NB, NS, PE and guests from Texas.

During the dinner Greg Nicholson, Lead Pastor, Halifax Christian Church (HCC) and Board Chairman at MCC, shared remarks about the impact MCC courses have made on himself and other individuals attending and serving at HCC. The following are excerpts from his remarks:



*"Back in May 1983, Maritime Christian College sent me out with a fresh new five-year Bachelor of Theology degree. And I thought to myself I don't know anything--how am I going to survive in ministry? But MCC had actually prepared me for this.*

*Over the years I was so busy doing everything that I was leading people to the Lord but most of them I wasn't discipling properly.*

*The College brought Bobby Harrington in to speak in 2014 and that's when I became aware of the Real Life Discipleship Network. The College faculty and board were seeking God's guidance, even back in 2018-2019, they were looking at how Christian education was going and how best to reach people. We started thinking online program, started thinking asynchronous, and we were just asking God how do you want us to go with this?*

*At Halifax we've had over a dozen people taking courses at MCC now. Carlos is leading worship, as well as meeting with two young men; he led one of them to the Lord, baptized him, and is continuing to study with him. Claire is our Director of Next Gen. Ministries. She is working through the Youth Disciple Making Ministry Program discipling young children and youth and leading them to the Lord. Wumi is another member who has been involved in a course every semester even though she is discipling five children, and she's studying her pharmacy exam; she led a young woman to the Lord who was a friend to one of her daughters, and she's at the door greeting with a big smile on Sunday morning. And that's the effect these courses are having on people.*

*Our full group of elders and pastors took the first offering of Introduction to Healthy Leadership with Brandon Guindon. The definition of the course is: Enhancing our leadership team with a single-minded focus of disciple making. As a result of taking the course, we have put our collective heads together and created our mission and vision.*

*Have the people from your church take these disciple making courses. It will be a tremendous benefit to your church. Since the time we started this discipleship program at MCC in September 2020, our church has grown by 150 people. And a good portion of that is through the influence of the School and those courses on our people."*



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# Alumni News



## It's a Boy

**Josh ('15) and Katie (Clarke) ('15) Stevenson** welcomed **Fletcher William Stevenson** January 21, 2022 7lbs 7.5oz



## It's A Girl

**Katelyn (Richardson) ('12) and Donald MacLean** welcomed **Ada Phyllis MacLean** April 21, 2022 6lbs 3oz



## It's a Boy

**Alex ('17) and Ashley Doiron** welcomed **Grayson Alexander Doiron** May 21, 2022 9lbs 1oz

# In Loving Memory

February 13 ~ June 10, 2022

HATTIE ARMSTRONG – Burt’s Corner, NB..... Heather Jones; Mary Jones  
MARGUERITE AYER – Weymouth, NS..... Bruce & Debbie Hankinson  
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NINA BEYEA – Hampton, NB..... Nauwigewauk Christian Church  
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## Maritime Christian Fellowship 2022

### SPEAKER



**JAMES STEVENSON**

Associate Minister  
Halifax Christian Church

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