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“...Present yourself to God as one approved by him ...handling accurately the Word of Truth.” II Timothy 2:15

So says Sherri, one of some 80 new students at MacDiv this year. Sometimes, however, we lose sight of this powerful reason why MacDiv is here. Students like Sherri have come to be prepared for the ministry to which God has called them – whether that be pastoring in a local church, going overseas as a missionary, or being an effective lay Christian in the marketplace. This is the reason why new students come to us each year and continuing students return – they believe that this College will prepare them for God’s work in the world and help them make a difference for the Kingdom.

*“By pursuing my education at MacDiv, I will gain the necessary knowledge and experience to make a contribution to the Church and to society. By better understanding my faith, I will be a more effective witness for Christ in the world.”*

And MacDiv is committed to developing our programs and recruiting faculty who will provide the kind of education students need to minister effectively in the 21st century. We are committed to excellence – not only in our academic programs, but in our facilities and educational resources. However, the costs of providing this excellence are rising at a greater rate than the student tuition fees cover on a yearly basis. A full-time student pays tuition fees of \$4,182. We receive grants from the Baptist Convention and from the provincial government which contribute approximately \$3,000 per student. Yet the real cost to the College for each student is over \$18,000!

This is why we are coming to you today – we are asking you to become a Friend of MacDiv. By giving \$1000 or more per year, you will help to ensure that one more student receives the quality education and training he or she will need to make a difference in the world. This College was raised up by faithful men and women who believed that theological education was paramount in the preparation of ministers of the Gospel. Now we

need you to help us carry on this tradition for a new generation of students studying ‘to present themselves to God as one approved by him.’

Join with a growing number of Friends of MacDiv who are investing in the future of the Church by helping to provide the resources needed to raise up another generation of men and women prepared to serve Christ in the world.

With a grateful heart,

Stanley E. Porter  
President

P.S. We want to say thank you! As a Friend of MacDiv, we invite you to join us for one of our College conferences. Included in your receipt letter will be an invitation to one of three conferences throughout the year at MacDiv.

