



# MISSION STATEMENT

Developing effective evangelical Christian leaders for the 21st century through university-level education, professional training and on-going support.

- acquiring excellence in academic studies
- achieving competence in leadership
- developing essential disciplines of worship and devotion
- growing towards spiritual maturity
- growing in authenticity and sensitivity in relationships with God and others
- developing a zeal for the presentation of the Gospel

Sometimes, it's hard to see how everything connects. You cannot always see how one person's contribution is impacting the lives around them. It's only when you take a look at the bigger picture that you see the impact of being vitally connected to seminary education at MacDiv.



 **macdiv** the **Impacting World**  
for **Christ**  
together  
with Dale Rose

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*"Being involved at MacDiv in the theological education of our future leaders keeps me on the cutting edge of ministry."*

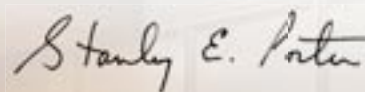
Dale Rose, senior pastor at Lorne Park Baptist Church in Mississauga reflects on the importance of the local church being involved in seminary education, particularly at McMaster Divinity College.

"Since coming to Lorne Park nine years ago, I have been privileged to be a part of the field education program at MacDiv, either by being a supervisor or by being a Ministry Reflection Seminar advisor. As I listen to students week after week wrestle with the problems and dilemmas of ministry, I am awed by the transformative power of their educational experience at MacDiv. Being involved in this way has helped me keep in touch with the real issues in ministry today and to be refreshed and encouraged by this new generation of leaders. It is a wonderful way to invest in the future leadership of the Church."

"I also know that our church has benefited from this connection to the College. From the students who come to us for their field education experience, those from the College who enter ministry here, to those who grow up in the church and go into ministry – all have given of themselves to Lorne Park for our benefit. And I know that the students who come to us become better leaders as a result of the investment in them through our counsel, hospitality, and members' financial support of the College. If you ask me how the local church can have the most impact on future leaders for the Church, it's this – being **vitaly connected** to the formative process of preparing students for ministry through seminary education. In our case, this is through McMaster Divinity College. At Lorne Park, we are confident that we have had a part to play in ensuring good leadership for the future Church. In the process, we continue to be blessed and grow ourselves as we work together to impact our community for Christ. I highly recommend it if you haven't tried it!"

Over the years, MacDiv has been blessed by the active participation of local churches in the lives of our students through their field education experiences. Often it means a future ministry connection for that student, and the church has the blessing of knowing it has been an important part of the student's seminary training. And there are many other ways your church can be involved in the education and training of our future Christian leaders. Let us know how we can work together with you to impact the world for Jesus Christ through our students.

In His Service,



Stanley E. Porter  
President and Dean



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