



“AT SUMMER’S END, I HAD A NOTEBOOK FULL OF GOD STORIES INCLUDING 57 CAMPERS WHO MADE FAITH DECISIONS!”

Josh Mutter, 2nd Year MDiv Student

Christmas – the time of year when we reflect on the greatest God story ever told – God’s Son, born as a baby, that He might bring the gift of salvation to the world. This summer, Josh saw this story unfolding in the lives of the young campers in his care and has returned to his studies energized to complete his preparation for ministry. Josh has caught the importance of the work of passing on this gift of salvation in Jesus Christ.

There are many students at MacDiv who, like Josh, are committed to the important work of preparing for Christian leadership so they too can pass on this great gift with clarity and competence. Through classroom teaching and ministry formation, they are equipping themselves to carry out the work to which God is calling them. This is the important work to which MacDiv is called – to provide the faculty, the degree programs, the ministry formation opportunities, and the spiritual guidance which will prepare these men and women for God’s important work.

I have been reflecting recently on this work of God here at the College. Through God’s provision, many of the dreams we had for development over the past four years have come true. We have increased our faculty in critical areas of the curriculum such as Practical Theology, Biblical Studies, and Theology. We have made vital connections internationally for global educational initiatives. We have begun key renovations and enhancements to our classroom spaces, and we have added to our administrative expertise for more effective advancement of our programs. We are grateful for supporters like you who have given generously to help make these developments possible.

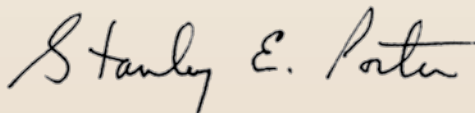
While we are excited about these accomplishments, we believe that God is calling us to go beyond this – beyond even current best practices of our educational sector. We believe at this time in God’s story we need new ways of preparing Christian leaders for the future. We need creativity and innovation – and excellence – in all areas of the College to enhance the fulfillment of our mission.

- We need forward-looking programs to better equip our students for ministry
- We need contemporary classroom spaces for a better learning environment
- We need cutting-edge technology for more effective teaching
- We need faculty and staff to support the growing demands of ministry preparation

We believe God has strategically placed MacDiv in a position to prepare the next generation of Christian leaders – but we cannot do it without your help. Your financial support is critical to our ability to move ahead with these important changes. Moving forward with these developments can only happen if we have funds over and above the normal operating costs of the College; hence, our appeal to you this Christmas.

I wish you God’s richest blessings as you meet with family and friends during this special season to celebrate God’s greatest gift, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas,



Stanley E. Porter, Ph.D.

P.S. Remember – your donation post-marked before December 31 provides you with a charitable donation receipt for this tax year.

CAN YOU CATCH THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK AND MINISTRY OF STUDENTS LIKE JOSH?

WILL YOU HELP US BUILD A BETTER PLATFORM FOR OUR STUDENTS TO PREPARE TO TELL GOD’S STORY WITH ASSURANCE AND MATURITY?

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- Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ to help educate and prepare Christian leaders for the future Church.
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