

# *Lincoln Leaders*

## *Answering the call...*



*Financial challenges in a tough economy make your Lincoln Leadership Gift more vital than ever.*

The *Lincoln Leaders – Answering the Call* emphasis is a challenge to every partner church to prayerfully consider increasing their gifts to Lincoln Christian University (LCU) by 10% this year. This will result in an increase of \$150,000.

Current and future *Lincoln Leaders* depend on generous and faithful gifts from churches like yours who believe in, and benefit from, the mission and ministry of Lincoln Christian University.



### *What is the Lincoln Leadership Gift?*

Sometimes called the “Annual Fund,” the *Lincoln Leadership Gift* is the unrestricted, sustaining, repeatable gift that makes up the difference between all other sources of income and the true cost of educating *Lincoln Leaders* at Lincoln Christian University (LCU).

This gift benefits every leader preparing at LCU. Currently, that amounts to \$1,500,000 annually (June 1-May 31).

Thank you for joining us in making sure there will be future generations of *Lincoln Leaders* answering the call.



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When founding president Earl Hargrove issued the promise, "The preachers are coming," in 1944, **Lincoln Leaders** answered the call.

A *Lincoln Leader* is someone who has spent part or all of their higher education experience in one of Lincoln Christian University's three schools. You very likely know and have been influenced by a *Lincoln Leader*.

*Lincoln Leaders* distinguish themselves through their

- **Biblical worldview**
- **Love for Christ and His Church**
- **Servant heart**
- **Kingdom perspective**

Today, *Lincoln Leaders* are still answering the call. LCU alumni have reached more than 160 countries around the world and all 50 of the United States.



**Darryl Bolen** (LCC '75)  
**Senior Minister**  
First Christian Church,  
Greenville, IL

"I'll be forever grateful for my LCU experience. It was there that I received invaluable education, met my wife, kindled lifelong friendships, and was

afforded the opportunity to begin a ministry that continues to this day. To say the least, attending LCU was life-mapping for me."



**Matt Fogle** (LCC '07)  
**High School Pastor**

Compass Christian Church, Colleyville, TX

"LCU was definitely instrumental in preparing me to be the youth pastor I am today. They were a catalyst for helping me be a lifelong learner as I seek to have a strong heart, humble mind, and a sustainable and willing spirit. I believe LCU is a rare and dying breed amongst other colleges and universities when it comes to caring as much about teaching students not only what to think, but how to think and engage the world with a Biblical foundation. What formed me the most at LCU and what I miss the most is the community of students and professors who impacted my life beyond the classroom and, still today, are a huge resource and blessing to me."



**Melissa Buche** (LCC '93)  
**Children's Minister**  
Christian Church of  
Clarendon Hills, IL

"Lincoln Christian prepared me for ministry in so many ways. Spiritually it gave me a greater understanding of the God we serve, the love He has for His church and His people, and the tools to assist me in

deepening my own personal relationship with Him. Relationally, it allowed me to create not only lifelong friendships, but a circle of networking that has been invaluable as we all encourage and learn from one another. And last but not least, it prepared me practically by allowing me to test my wings, learn from failures and successes, discover and hone my gifts. Thank you Lincoln!"



**Craig Zastrow** (LCC '72)  
**Executive Pastor**

Central Christian Church  
Beloit, WI

"To have a fulfilling life we need to have a good foundation. My educational foundation was made strong during my time at Lincoln Christian. After graduation from LCU, I continued my studies at Illinois State University graduate school and found I was very, very well prepared to move to the next level. I have used lessons learned at LCU on a regular basis as the Executive Pastor of a large church."

We'd like to answer the call and join Lincoln Christian University in their mission to train and equip *Lincoln Leaders* by increasing our commitment.

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  annually  One time gift

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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