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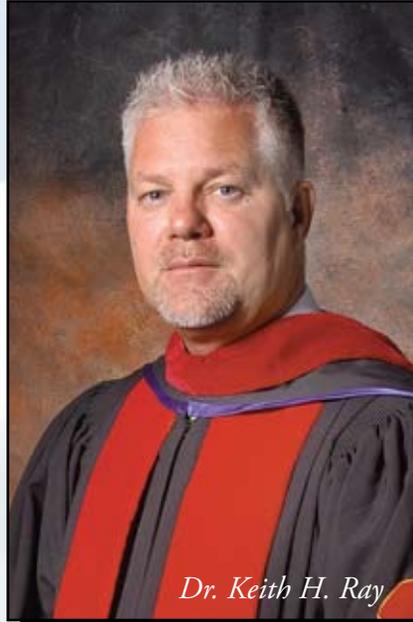
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A Message from the President



Dr. Keith H. Ray

The President’s report has always been a banner issue for me. Nearly every year for ten years I have reported back to you a myriad of stories regarding benchmarks and milestones. I have been eager to report the ministry of excellence for our faculty and staff and convey the thrill of seeing our students take the mantle of leadership. It is no secret that our God has been the impetus behind such a decade of progress and jubilation. I would also be remiss were I not to mention you, our alumni, friends, and supporters. You have played a key role in this decade of great blessing.

“The times they are a changing,” so they say. You will quickly notice the changes as you peruse this issue. We are currently facing enrollment challenges of historic proportion. The combination of the poor economic condition of our nation, the narrow niche of our educational mission, and the decline in high school graduates places our enrollment and finances in peril. No doubt most, if not all of you, have received our latest appeal letter. It clearly marks out our progress, informs you of our current challenges, and seeks your unparalleled partnership. I will not reiterate the content of that letter but repeat some of the critical components.

As we approach the College’s 65th anniversary, we have virtually collected the finest faculty and staff in the history of our College and Seminary. Our facilities and campus reflect unprecedented quality and beauty. Our programs are as strong and vibrant as ever. The great mystery persists: where have all the

About the Cover:
*Chicago skyline speaks to the enormity
of people who need the Lord.
Photo courtesy of Paul Anderson*

students gone? This has become a national concern in higher education, with a particular acuity among the Restoration Movement schools.

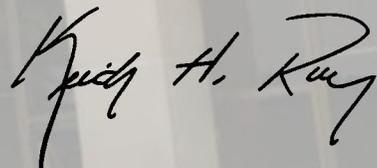
By the time you finish reading this *Restorer* issue, you will see why I am writing with such concern. We appear to be entering a trend that warrants our choice to act with a sense of urgency.

Our mission is urgent. It is predicated on the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, the development of leaders to carry that message, and the call to be salt and light in this troubled nation. We are inviting you to join our sense of urgency. You can do that by making every conscious effort to send students our way. You can be our advocate of Christian higher education where leaders are shaped by the mission of Christ. The times in which we are living call for an all-out effort to speak, lead, and live on behalf of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for what I hope to be a whole new level of urgency in attending to the mission of the Kingdom of God.

“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ.” – Philippians 3:14

A matter of urgency,



Dr. Keith H. Ray, President



Mission Statement:

Lincoln Christian College and Seminary is a Christian higher education community whose mission is to nurture and equip Christians with a Biblical worldview to serve and lead in the church and the world.

Core Values:

We believe our highest privilege is to glorify God, serve His Son, and rely upon His Holy Spirit. To that end we pledge ourselves to these core values:

1. Authentic community that fosters Christian character, conduct, accountability, and unity amidst growing diversity.
2. Holistic development of students in and out of the classroom as spiritually mature and academically prepared lifelong learners.
3. Servant leadership and its focus on leading and learning through serving, based on one's gifts, passion, and sense of calling.
4. Responsible stewardship of the abilities and resources that God provides for and through His people.
5. Our Restoration heritage and its plea for Christian unity and Biblical authority in carrying out God's global mission.

A Community of Servant Leaders

EXEMPLARY STUDENTS

Highlights:

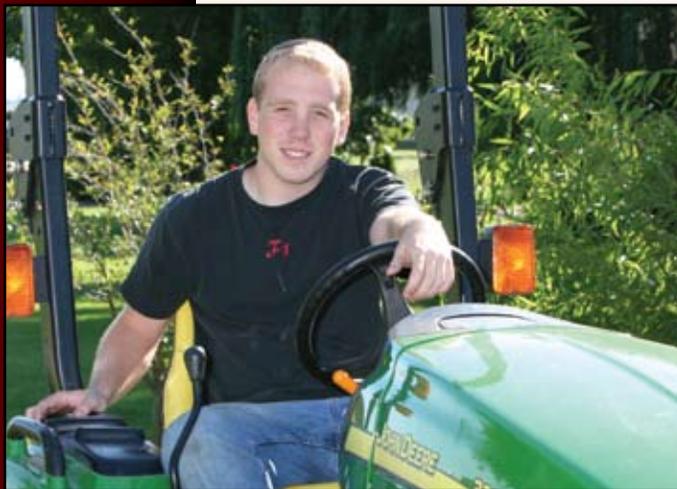
- ◆ Recruitment down 47 in the College (see page 14 of this issue)
- ◆ Placement following graduation is strong at more than 95%
- ◆ ACT average of 23 is highest in decades
- ◆ iServe enhances student growth opportunities

ACT SCORING

The ACT is America's most widely accepted college entrance exam. Like its counterpart, the SAT, the ACT exam helps colleges determine the academic abilities of incoming students. The ACT is typically taken by students in their junior or senior year in high school. It has a high score of 36, a median score of 20, and measures students' knowledge and skills in reading, writing, math, and science. For decades Lincoln has required the ACT of its incoming freshmen as one means among many of better evaluating new students. This past fall, Lincoln's freshman class scored an average of 23 on the ACT, which puts that class in the upper one third nationally on that test. That is the highest average score of any freshman class at Lincoln in recent memory.

iSERVE PROVIDES OUT-OF-CLASSROOM LEARNING

One stone . . . two birds. Or, in this case one opportunity and a plethora of benefits. That is what iServe has provided for 190 of our students, beginning with last fall's semester. On a campus of this size, there are many jobs that students who need employment can assume. But, while we are at it, we have brought another dimension to this program. While students are busy in their campus jobs, faculty and staff bring their work opportunity to another level, as they mentor them to be responsible and accountable workers, exercising personal discipline, time management, and increased skills. The outcome is a double blessing for the student, while we have the privilege of preparing them for real life experiences in the working world.



Left: Senior Nick Sheetz is reported as "one of the finest student workers we've ever had."

Below: Sophomore Elyse Dillon has become a valuable member of the Stewardship Development team.



Community of Servant Leaders

FACULTY/STAFF

Highlights:

- ◆ Diversity (in race, gender, and education) of faculty has improved
- ◆ Professional contributions from faculty are up: 41 papers presented and 13 cross-cultural trips taken
- ◆ Student/Faculty ratio in the College is 13:1; in the Seminary it is 12:1
- ◆ Developed initiatives such as monthly continuing education workshops in which 50% of staff participated
- ◆ Staff support for our mission continues to be strong with staff viewing their roles here as a ministry
- ◆ In light of budget/staff reductions (from 79 to 68), many have shouldered additional responsibilities

THE PILGRIMAGE OF AN EDUCATOR: DR. MARIANA HWANG ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

By Candra Landers, Lincoln Christian College

The homeland of Mariana Hwang's memories bears little resemblance to South Korea today. In Mariana's childhood, tensions between South and North Korea were a part of daily life, and families lived frugally in an unstable economy. As one of six children raised by a widowed father, and as a girl, Mariana's options for pursuing higher education and a professional career seemed dimly limited. When Mariana's father moved his family to Brazil to give his children new opportunities, they had to work hard to settle down in Brazil. After a few years of hard labor, her family was able to establish a garment business. But Mariana wanted to fulfill her dream of continuing her education in America and finally made her way to the States by herself without much money in her pocket.

During her studies, she often prayed to God, promising Him that she would go anywhere He called her in return for His providence. That call came shortly after graduation from Talbot Theological Seminary in 2003. Mariana was offered a teaching position in the Philippines and readily accepted. Living most of her life in cities left her unprepared for the heat, humidity, and tropical pests that were a part of daily life in the Philippines. Neighbors taught her to cover her entire house with a net to keep the snakes out. Being outside with food brought thick, black trails of ants from all directions. Life in the mission field was a critical shaping experience that Mariana recommends to everyone. "Meeting other people in the world, living in different contexts, who live with suffering, this changes your perceptions about yourself and your place in this world," she said.

Mariana had a four-year contract with the seminary in the Philippines and had to decide whether to stay in the Philippines to teach or to move on to a different ministry location. While Mariana was praying to God for His guidance, she learned of a teaching opportunity at LCC. Wanting to do her part in pursuing God's will, she sent her resume and a letter of interest. When LCC responded and invited her to teach, she sensed God's calling and followed willingly. Her decision was affirmed by many events that assured her God was bringing her back to the States.

Today Mariana considers America home, a country blessed by abundance and rich, beautiful natural scenery. Teaching here gives her an opportunity to give back to her students out of all that God has done in her life. Mariana's favorite Korean proverb states, "Beginning is halfway through." Mariana uses this to motivate herself in all new challenges she faces, to remind herself that getting started is the biggest hurdle. She's made a strong start in the Christian Spiritual Formation field at LCC. The study of small groups ministry, Spiritual Formation is a program well-suited to students passionate about discipleship and ministry who don't see themselves preaching from the pulpit. "This is the opportunity to serve in the church without standing in front of the congregation every week, while still contributing a very vital ministry for the church growth both qualitatively and quantitatively," she said. "Churches need experts in small groups to help their members grow stronger."



Culture of Learning

COLLEGE

**JOHN M. WEBB
LECTURESHIP
25TH ANNIVERSARY
MARCH 17-18, 2009**

**Lectureship Title:
"The Thrill of Preaching:
The Lasting Legacy of
John M. Webb"**



Dr. Joseph M. Webb



Dr. John D. Webb

**Featuring:
John Webb's sons:
Dr. Joseph M. Webb and
Dr. John D. Webb**

**Schedule:
Tuesday, March 17: 9:30 a.m.
"His Life and Ministry: The Lessons
that Endure," with Dr. Joseph M. Webb**

**Tuesday, March 17: 12:00 noon
Q & A (Brown Bag Lunch)**

**Wednesday, March 18: 9:30 a.m.
"How He Preached: Homiletical
Lessons that Endure," with
Dr. John D. Webb**

The John M. Webb Lectureship on Preaching was established to honor the contributions of John M. Webb (1916-1982), who served the College as Professor of Preaching and Academic Dean from 1956-1975, and was later named Academic Dean Emeritus by the Board of Trustees. This spring's Lectureship marks the 25th anniversary of this distinguished Lectureship.

This Lectureship is open to the public at no cost. For more information, contact Becky Boggs at 217.732.3168, ext. 2354 or e-mail bboggs@lccs.edu.

Highlights:

- ◆ Service learning: hiring more student workers (see page 4)
- ◆ Lifelong learning: enrollment growth is among adult learners
- ◆ Learning through academic programs
- ◆ NSSE (survey) measures Lincoln as exceptional

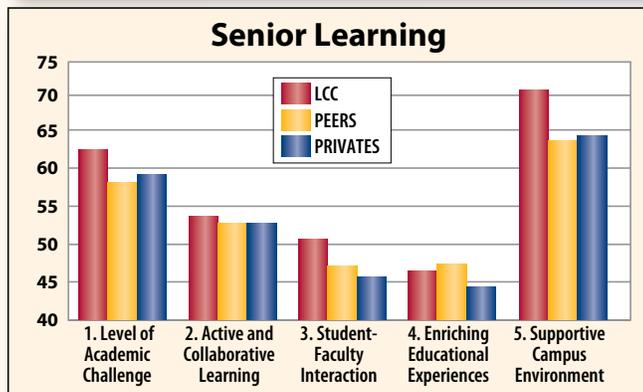
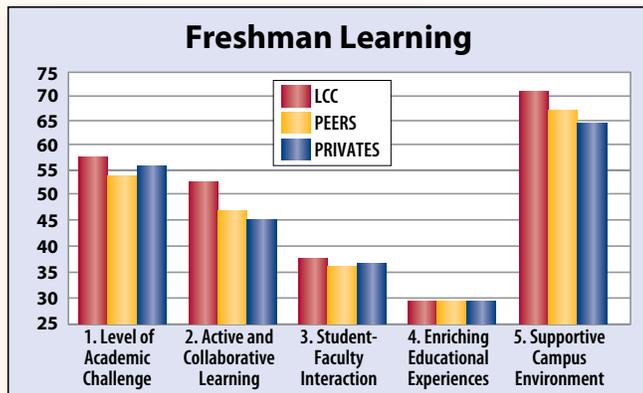
LEARNING EXPERIENCES MEASURED BY NATIONAL SURVEY

By Dr. Tom Tanner

One of the most widely used and highly regarded measures of student learning in this country is Indiana University's "National Survey of Student Engagement" (fondly known as NSSE, pronounced Nessie). The NSSE measures student learning using the latest and most time-tested criteria for assessing actual learning. It is administered to freshmen and to seniors so schools can measure the difference that four years makes. We are also allowed to choose customized comparison groups against which we can benchmark. We chose as our "peers" 17 schools very much like us (other sister Christian schools as well as Christian liberal arts schools). We also compared ourselves to all 413 private colleges and universities that took the NSSE, including such well-known and well-regarded schools as Amherst, Bradley, Bryn Mawr, DePauw, Earlham, Eckerd, Palm Beach Atlantic, Pepperdine, Regent, Samford, Swarthmore, Taylor, Vassar, and Wheaton.

Our students took this "test" back in 2004 and did very well, but they tested even better this time—not only compared to four years ago but also compared to both comparison groups. The NSSE asks students to respond to 85 items, grouped under five major categories (with 100 being the highest score).

Finally, the NSSE asks two summative questions: 1) How would you rate your overall educational experience here? And 2) If you could start over again, would you come here again? Our freshmen and our seniors rated both of these questions well above both comparison groups. So, our students are very affirming of their learning here, but the most highly rated items on the NSSE by LCC students dealt with spiritual growth, service learning, and relating to faculty/staff and to other students. All in all, we can be proud of (and humbled by) what our students are learning here.



Culture of Learning

SEMINARY

Highlights:

- ◆ Conducting feasibility study to reorganize with a third school focused on adult learners, with a new online MA in leadership
- ◆ Received \$25,000 gift to establish “research award” for faculty who contribute a publication that colleagues deem especially noteworthy
- ◆ Three Seminary faculty recently release new books
- ◆ Exploring recruitment of Chinese students, with first recruit now in our Seminary
- ◆ Doctorates increase among faculty

RECENT FACULTY PUBLICATIONS



Dr. Robert Douglas, Professor of Intercultural Studies in the Seminary,* took on in-depth study and research, resulting in *The Exercise of Informal Power within the Church of Christ: Black Civil Rights, Muted Justice, and Denominational Politics*. Dr. Douglas explains, “This material, a kind of case study, is offered in the hope that revisiting the past will aid in spotting future landmines before stepping on them, while searching for new ways of dealing with tough new questions (social and otherwise) without as much pain and loss as has been the case in the not too distant past. In view of our faith in the resurrected Christ who transforms the dead into new living beings, it is legitimate to believe that social and corporate DNA does not have the last word.” - Dr. Douglas (*Note: After 14 years at LCS, Dr. Douglas will be moving to Texas to join the Pioneer Bible Translators staff.)



Dr. Dinelle Frankland is Professor of Worship at Lincoln Christian Seminary. Her book just released is titled *What the Bible Says about Worship: His Story, Our Response*. “Responding to God has been a basic definition of Christian worship. God’s miraculous story elicits infinite reasons to respond and numerous ways in which to do so. It is the only story worthy of such an all-encompassing response. The responses described in these pages are biblical; they offer a glimpse into worship that pleases God, enabling us to discover appropriate and meaningful responses to the God who never changes.” – Dr. Frankland



Dr. James Estep, Professor of Christian Education at Lincoln Christian Seminary, has authored *A Theology for Christian Education*, having written the introduction, conclusion, and five of its eleven chapters. “What is Christian about education? When we say “Christian education,” what makes education Christian? Some immediately respond that we are teaching the Bible or theology, subjects from a Christian perspective, or in teaching in a Christian institution, such as a church or seminary. However, this relegates theology to the place of content only. Education that is Christian is one that intentionally integrates theological insights into the underlying assumptions of education. We intentionally raise educational issues and endeavor to respond to them through a theological lens.” – Dr. Estep

OTHER FACULTY PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN OUR CAMPUS BOOKSTORE INCLUDE:

Christians Caught in the Divorce Trap – Dr. Bruce Parmenter
Coming King and the Rejected Shepherd – Dr. Clay Ham
Commentary on Deuteronomy – Dr. Gary Hall
Esther & Daniel – Dr. Mark Mangano
The Heritage of Christian Education – Dr. James Estep
The Image of God – Dr. Mark Mangano
Joki – When Elephants Fight – Dr. Njeri Mbugua
Leading through Change – Dr. Barney Wells
Management Essentials for Christian Ministries – Dr. James Estep (with Michael Anthony)
Minor Prophets, Vol. 1 – Dr. Clay Ham
New Testament Greek for Preachers – Dr. Neal Windham
Old Testament Introduction, edited by Dr. Gary Hall with contributions by Dr. Gary Hall, Dr. Mark Mangano, and Dr. Walter Zorn
The Preachers’ Teacher – Danny Clymer, Editor
Psalms, Vol. 1 – S. E. Tesh, edited by Dr. Walter Zorn
Psalms, Vol. 2 – Dr. Walter Zorn
Reading with God in Mind – Dr. J. K. Jones
Revelation’s Rhapsody – Dr. Robert Lowery
Strength for the Journey – Dr. Jeff Snell
What the Monks Can Teach Us – Dr. J. K. Jones

TWO FACULTY AND ONE ADMINISTRATOR EARN DOCTORATES

Pictured below are three new recipients of doctoral degrees, bringing a total of 13 doctorates among the College faculty and 12 among the Seminary faculty. Serving as our Vice President of Church Development and adjunct faculty, Dr. Don Green received his degree in the field of Leadership and Ministry Management from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Dr. Chris Keith, who serves as Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins, received his Ph.D. in the field of New Testament from the University of Edinburgh. Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Interdisciplinary Studies, Dr. Christopher Ben Simpson received his Ph.D. in Philosophical Theology from the University of Nottingham.



Pictured left to right are Dr. Chris Simpson, Dr. Don Green, and Dr. Chris Keith

A Campus of Quality

FINANCIAL REPORT

Highlights:

- ◆ Gross tuition/fees declined this past year due to decreased enrollment, but net tuition/fee revenues improved by \$727,000 due to reduced tuition discounting.
- ◆ Tuition discounting through unfunded grants reduced from 2006-07 peak of 27% to this past year's 18%.
- ◆ Cash flow position improved from negative (\$421,395) a year ago to positive \$305,955 this past year.
- ◆ Short-term credit line as of May 31 increased from \$630,000 a year ago to \$800,000 this past year.
- ◆ The long-term operating debt decreased by \$138,000 from \$2.08 million in FY07 to \$1.95 million in FY08.
- ◆ The long-term capital debt increased from \$10.55 million in FY07 to \$11.975 million as women's residence hall was completed.
- ◆ Endowments and investments stayed fairly stable at \$4.6 million (helped by strong return on investments, but hurt by use of \$400,000 Eury Estate to remodel library).
- ◆ Change in Net Assets of \$25,128.
- ◆ Overall financial health as measured by the U.S. Department of Education's Composite Financial Index score improved from 1.55 a year ago (which is borderline: 3.0 is highest and -1.0 is lowest) to 1.87 this past year.
- ◆ Distributed a record amount of \$10.4 million in student aid.

ENHANCED STEWARDSHIP OF OUR PEOPLE AND FACILITIES

■ Spent \$30,000 to finish south end of the Timothy Center for Global Ministry, including offices for Academic Resource Center, Student Counseling Center, Office of International Students, TESOL Office, Missionary-in-Residence Office, and Writing Lab Office, as well as the new Preaching Lab.

■ Upgraded 30-year-old boilers in Alumni Hall, new men's residence.

■ Closed Titus Hall this fall due to low enrollment. Have 354 in men's (Alumni) and women's (Ruth) residence halls this fall (down from last fall's 426). Have 51 of 55 apartments occupied this fall.

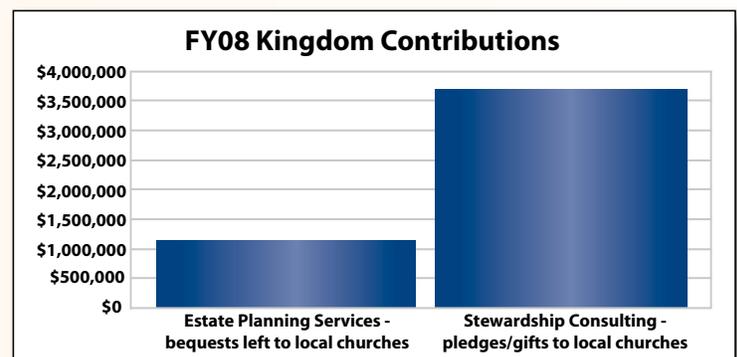
■ Added new parking lot on south end of Ruth Hall (new women's residence). The main campus lots are at capacity.

■ Have invested since 2000 over \$15 million to enhance our campus facilities. Of this amount, \$7.4 million was for student housing, \$3.7 million for athletics, \$1.1 million for student services, \$616,000 for the chapel, \$475,000 for academics, \$401,000 for facilities management, \$400,000 for the library, and \$1.1 million for land improvement and other projects.

THE MINISTRY OF FUNDRAISING

Henri Nouwen says the ministry of fundraising is when "Those who need money and those who can give money meet on the common ground of God's love."

Part of the ministry of Stewardship Development is to increase the capacity of ministries to fund their worthy causes. In addition to providing pro bono counsel to several churches, we worked intensively with three in fiscal year 2008: Central Christian Church, Henderson, NV, Richwoods Christian Church, Peoria, IL and Central Christian Church, Mt. Vernon, IL.



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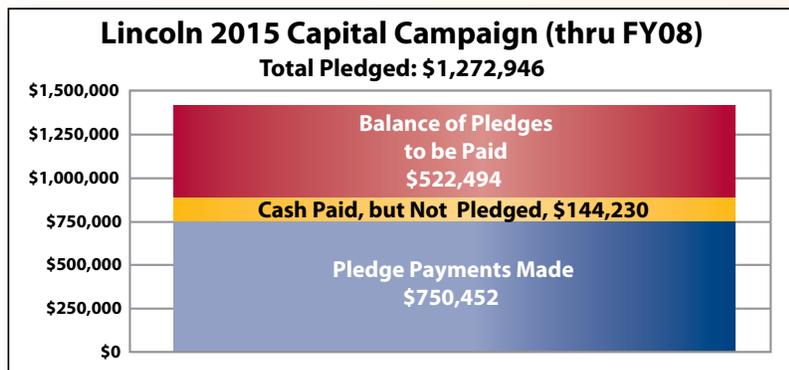
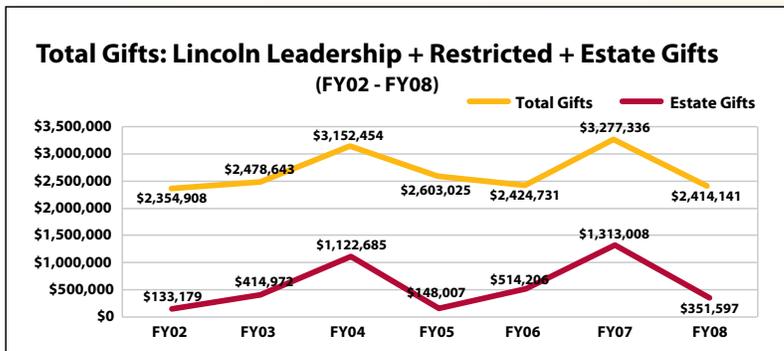
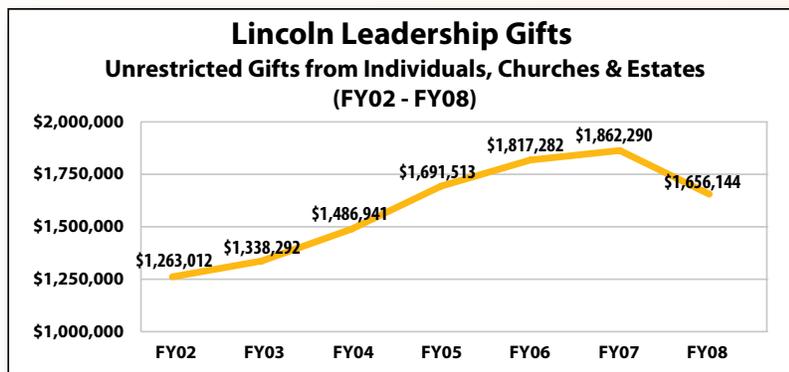
THE LINCOLN LEADERSHIP GIFT

FINANCIAL REPORT

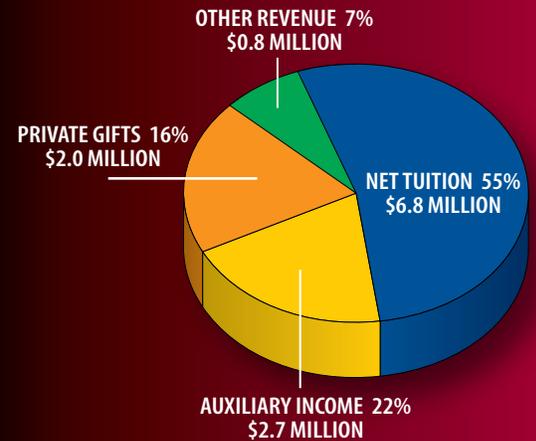
This is the unrestricted, sustaining, repeatable gift that makes up the difference between all other sources of income and the true cost of educating Lincoln Leaders.

This gift benefits every leader preparing at LCCS. For fiscal year 2008 that amounted to \$1,656,144.

Current and future Lincoln Leaders depend on generous and faithful gifts from individuals and churches who believe in the mission and ministry of LCCS.

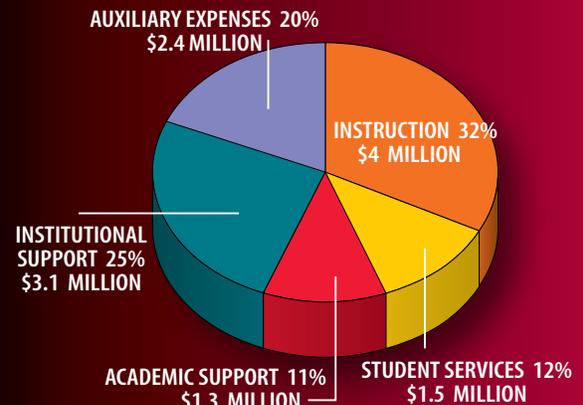


REVENUE FOR 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR



TOTAL REVENUE: 12.3 MILLION

EXPENSES FOR 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR



TOTAL EXPENSES: 12.3 MILLION

Connectivity with Others

MY KIND OF TOWN

By Gordon D. Venturella, CFRE
Vice President of Stewardship
Development

■ Just over 150 miles north of Lincoln lies *Chicago Nation*. Almost 9 million people call Chicagoland home, but its size is actually exceeded by its global influence.

■ MasterCard recently named Chicago the 5th best financial city in the world, second only to New York City in North America. The Global Cities Index ranks Chicago 8th in its list of top ten global cities.

■ More millionaires in Cook County than any other county in the U.S. except L.A. County.

■ Chicago is clearly not just another big Midwestern city. It's a culture-shaping, global-influencing city on the international stage.

■ Chicago is also home to nearly 450 *Lincoln Leaders*. Though only a small percentage of *Chicago Nation*, their impact far exceeds their number. We could fill this entire magazine with their exploits. We've room to highlight only three.

Highlights:

- ◆ Lincoln in Chicago
- ◆ Conferences benefit church leaders and members at large
- ◆ LincUp in Danville, Illinois
- ◆ Alumni engaged in recruitment efforts
- ◆ Alumni take their annual fund giving to new level
- ◆ Restoration Awards continue to demonstrate Alumni excellence

DR. ARLOA SUTTER, LCS '98

Title: Executive Director, Breakthrough Urban Ministries, Chicago, IL

On her Lincoln education:

I have a doctorate of ministry and attended five different schools since high school, and I can tell you, unequivocally, that my experience in the Lincoln Christian Seminary's urban extension program was my richest educational experience. I was challenged to develop a theological perspective on the city and read a wide variety of formative books and articles during my Masters of Urban Mission program that have shaped my philosophy of ministry and impacted me personally. The mentoring and supervision of the professors in the program was immeasurably helpful.



About her current ministry: Breakthrough Urban Ministries reaches out in compassion to people on the margins of our society, those who are struggling with homelessness, mental illness, addiction and other complicated issues. We offer food, clothing and shelter along with wrap-around services such as addictions counseling, medical treatment, employment services and housing assistance. Breakthrough also operates a thriving program for youth and their families in one of Chicago's most impoverished communities, providing sports and arts programs, academic assistance and Bible studies. Breakthrough seeks to build a network of support and access to opportunities through the involvement of more than 1,000 volunteers.

For more information go to:
www.breakthroughministries.com

Connectivity with Others

MATTHEW ROGERS, LCC '90, LCS

Title: Senior Minister, Christian Church of Clarendon Hills, Clarendon Hills, IL



On his Lincoln education:

Lincoln took a small-town, farm-kid like me and opened me up to a God-sized vision of impacting the city of Chicago for Christ.

About his current ministry:

The Christian Church of Clarendon Hills seeks to be a place where no one stands alone. In the midst of our highly polished and very affluent suburban surroundings, we want people to know, "It's OK to be broken here."

For more information go to www.ccch.org

ROB DANIELS, LCC '87, LCS

Title: Executive Pastor, Westbrook Christian Church, Bolingbrook, IL



On his Lincoln education:

Lincoln Christian College provided me an excellent opportunity to learn what it meant to think with a biblical worldview.

About his current ministry:

Our desire at Westbrook is to create a vibrant and healthy multi-ethnic church and ministry that will continually reach out to touch our surrounding community with the transformative power of the good news of Jesus Christ. My specific role is to provide leadership to the various aspects of Spiritual Formation and to provide day-to-day oversight of the entire ministry and several of our ministry staff.

For more information go to www.westbrookchurch.org

CHICAGOLAND PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

A group of business people and educators in Chicagoland is already formed and advising President Ray about effective strategies for LCCS to engage Chicago. This group meets on an occasional basis and provides important perspectives for Lincoln's future in Chicago.

LINCOLN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE TO OFFER NEW CLASS IN CHICAGO

As yet another step in reconnecting Chicago, LCC will soon be offering a one-week intensive class in Chicago entitled, *Exegeting the City*.



Connectivity with Others

CHURCH CONFERENCES:

There is probably no greater mutual ministry than that which we share with our churches. Our annual calendar includes several conferences that are designed to help ministers, leaders, and members of our churches. Nearly 2,000 guests were welcomed to campus for several events, including:

- The Elders' and Church Leaders' Conference in February, 2008, wherein we hosted over 600 guests representing 127 different churches from within a 250-mile radius of campus.
- The Christian Women's Conference in April, 2008, bringing nearly 1,000 guests from 229 different churches in Illinois, Indiana, and other neighboring states.
- The Smaller Church Conference hosted on our campus in September, 2008, that examined the theme "Small Church – Big Potential."
- Our first-ever simulcast training event, the "Truth Project" by Focus on the Family, held in September, 2008.
- The Illinois State Ministers' Retreat in October, 2008, featuring David Clark, lead pastor of Central Christian Church, Beloit, Wisconsin.



Michael Gowin interviews a student for the Inside LCCS podcast

PODCASTS PROVIDE INSIDE VIEW

Visitors to the Lincoln Christian College and Seminary website have a new way to experience campus life. "Inside LCCS" podcasts (www.insidelccs.com) feature our faculty, staff, and students talking about their lives, specialties, and experiences. This "insider's guide to Lincoln Christian College and Seminary" was created by Business Professor Michael Gowin, whose mission is to tell the story of LCCS through our community's voices. The podcasts, accompanied by Gowin's stunning photography, give a face and a voice to the campus of LCCS. New episodes are posted every Monday throughout the semester, and all episodes may be accessed by clicking on the play icon below each episode. Since the launch of Inside LCCS in June, the site has received over 4,600 hits by more than 2,700 visitors.

ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT GIVES BACK IN TWO-WAY MINISTRY

Summer Camps

An Alumni Director's ambition? It has to be hosting alumni children on campus. In fiscal year 2008 seventy-four alumni children came to LCC for one of our summer camps as recipients of free tuition with a total "gift equivalency" of nearly \$12,000. They were drawn to WorldView Eyes Week, Girls' Basketball, Volleyball, and Soccer; Boys' Basketball and Soccer. The experience was rich as these junior high and senior high school students experienced Christian mentoring, dorm life, Christian fellowship and "friend-making," and worked with our faculty/coaches and college athletes to "rev up" their skills and spiritual lives. The air-conditioned dorms, gym, and classrooms and big hearty meals added to a very positive camp experience. Campers came from several states, including Illinois, Texas, Missouri, Indiana, Iowa, Colorado, West Virginia, and Kansas. This very successful program will be repeated again this coming summer. The next dream? In a few years, seeing these young people in our classrooms and for some . . . wearing our LCC jerseys!

Connectivity with Others

ALUMNI SHARE RECRUITMENT CHALLENGES

It was surely a first when alumni across the country opened an envelope from their Alumni Office and found in it the equivalency of a \$500 bill. But indeed they did, as part of an alumni effort to share in the recruitment of those who will come behind them as new students and future alumni. Funded by the Alumni Association, alumni were able to personally choose the recipient of a \$500 scholarship gift to be used by a prospective student to help with their first semester's expenses. We expect to see a number of these gifts claimed for the spring 2009 and fall 2009 semester.

THREE RECEIVE HIGHEST ALUMNI HONOR

Vice President of Alumni Lynn Laughlin surprised three alumni during the July, 2008, Alumni Reunion held in conjunction with the North American Christian Convention in Cincinnati. Mark Gallagher, LCC '73, LCS '84, of Terre Haute, Indiana, was presented the 2008 Restoration Award in the field of Campus Ministry, a field where he has served since 1978. Scott Payne, LCC '83, received the 2008 Restoration Award in the field of Homeless Missions. Scott has served as Executive Director of Inner City Mission in Springfield, Illinois, since 1993. Wing Wong, LCS '79, of Manchester, New Hampshire, was presented the 2008 Restoration Award in the field of Kingdom Service. His ministries have included church planting, starting a Bible college, radio broadcasting in China, and leadership training for the underground church.



Pictured are (left to right):
Lynn Laughlin, Mark Gallagher, Scott Payne, and Wing Wong

LINCUP (ADULT EDUCATION) EXTENDS ITS BORDERS:

LinUp has completed its first semester in Danville, Illinois. Eleven students are meeting at both the LCC campus and the CrossRoads Christian Church in a hybrid program. These students are involved in a program in which 55% of their classes are held at the CrossRoads church and the remainder are taken on campus. CrossRoads Christian Church is led by alumni Miles Clark, Doug Hargrave, and Dan Huffine. A new cohort is being formed for the spring semester which begins in late February. Interested future students can contact either Jim Nash (jnash@lccs.edu) or Jes Hanson (jhanson@lccs.edu) for additional information. LinUp director Bob Monts indicates that plans are to seek authorization from our accreditation organizations (The Higher Learning Commission and Association of Biblical Higher Education) to make Danville a permanent extension site. This will raise the number of extension sites to two, the other being in Las Vegas, NV.



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*Check us out on a regular basis
for up-to-date developments*

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR CHURCH TO RAISE UP KINGDOM LEADERS

1. **Send a personal letter to all juniors and their parents about LCC/Bible college as a viable option** both for those who want to seek ministry as a vocation or those who want a foundation to help them be kingdom leaders in other areas.
2. **Develop a page on your church website that lists reasons why Lincoln Christian College is a great option**, for example, where they will:
 - Mature in a spiritual environment to develop a first-hand faith and grow closer to Christ.
 - Develop a sound Biblical worldview that will influence whatever they do with their lives.
 - Prepare to be a current and future kingdom leader.
 - Study and live on a safe campus where God's Word is the basis for viewing reality and is the foundation and context for all curricula.
 - Develop lasting Christian friendships and possibly find a Christian spouse.
3. **Include a challenge in your small group lessons that you write, your preaching, and one-on-one times** how Bible college can help them to partner with God using their gifts/talents/energies for the kingdom.
4. **Hang a poster from LCC with contact information in a prominent location in your church building.**
5. **Add a link to LCC on your youth ministry home page (www.lccs.edu)**
6. **Send us the names of your junior and senior students so that we can make personal contact with them.**
7. **Be a part of establishing church scholarship funds for students to attend Bible college.**
8. **Offer to bring your upperclassmen to LCC for a college visit or other campus events.**
9. **Invite LCC personnel to speak for retreats or services.**
10. **Have your former Bible college students give personal testimony to your current students.**

INTENTIONAL STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPING KINGDOM SERVANT LEADERS FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

By Rondel Ramsey, Faculty,
Lincoln Christian College



I recently asked a group of youth ministers what their intentional strategy was for promoting ministry preparation. Their response? Silence. Not one of these Bible-college trained youth ministers indicated that they had an *intentional* strategy to raise up a new generation of leaders. Granted, there are plenty of other worthy goals that youth leaders must focus on in mentoring young disciples, but this area appears not even to be on the radar screen for many of these dedicated leaders. *Why is there so often no intentional strategy to challenge young people to leadership ministry?*

One reason may be that youth ministers' efforts are often focused on the immediate and urgent issues that their young people face every day. That is understandable given the short time that most young people are in their charge, typically their high school years. *But "four years" can impact a young person's "forever" as well.* What can youth leaders do to help students prepare not only for their four years of high school, but for their "forever?"

After more than 20 years in youth ministry, the last eight in a Bible college setting, *I believe we need a new focus on challenging our young people to consider leadership ministry.* I believe the church is losing an opportunity to challenge some sharp, devoted students to consider church leadership positions in churches across the world. The concern is for the future of graying missionaries, preachers to fill pulpits, discipleship pastors to equip adults, worship leaders to lead the body to the throne of God, and youth ministers to connect with and impact an adolescent world that desperately needs hope and healing. We simply do not have enough students to meet the growing demand.

I am calling on churches and youth ministers to reclaim an intentional strategy for raising up future kingdom leaders. Make it your legacy goal. Focus on high schoolers and junior highers who will soon be making college decisions. Plant the seeds. In your disciple-making strategy, focus on what these students should look like when they graduate. Think beyond the "four years" when they are in youth group; think "forever." Think Kingdom of God, global impact.

As a youth minister, I simply talked to our young people about a Christian college education as a viable way to develop a biblical worldview, to be transformed into the kind of kingdom leader who could not only affect the world, but also better influence his/her own family, church, and community. One year, the church I served sent 16 students to study at Lincoln Christian College. Some of those are currently serving as church ministers, some are teaching, others are simply awesome moms and dads in other vocational roles who are impacting the kingdom. Some went on from LCC to other schools to get other degrees, but they transferred with a Biblical foundation. However, it is traditionally through the Bible colleges where we get the church leaders who are fulfilling the Ephesians 4 mandate of preparing "God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up." God calls. However, often God calls through intentional conversations.

The time is critical. It is not just that LCC needs more students. It is that the kingdom of God needs more workers. Jesus said to pray for workers for the ripe harvest. I ask that you join me in doing that. I also ask that you put your prayers into an intentional action and implement two or three of the ideas suggested in the list on the left of this page. Send us your growing disciples, your potential equipper leaders, your diamonds in the rough. Through prayer and partnership with God, and with our intentional focus to raise up servant leaders of the kingdom of God, we can impact the world.

April 29, 2009

HEAVEN: Crossing The Threshold

Live on the Eastside of the mountain ...
it is the side to see the day that is coming,
not to see the day that has gone. – Max Lucado

Schedule

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| 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. | Registration in Chapel Foyer |
| 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. | Session I – Melody Rossi – Group A – Chapel Auditorium Session I – Ellie Lofaro – Group B – Laughlin Center |
| 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. | Session II – Ellie Lofaro – Group A – Chapel Auditorium Session II – Dinelle Frankland – Group B – Laughlin Center |
| 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. | Session III – Lunch (provided) Session III – see “Noon Hour Elective” descriptions below |
| 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. | Session IV – Dinelle Frankland – Group A – Laughlin Center Session IV – Melody Rossi – Group B – Chapel Auditorium |
| 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. | Session V – Ellie Lofaro, Groups A & B – Chapel Auditorium (Combined closing session) |

Lunch & Noon Hour Electives



“HEAVEN” – An interactive large-screen musical and dramatic Gaither presentation. You'll applaud, weep, come to your feet in worshipful expression, sing along, recall your loved ones who have gone on, and find yourself claiming the fullness of the joy of Heaven. This is for everyone! An amazing experience! Don't miss this!

or:

Free Time: Campus Bookstore, Campus Starbucks Coffee Shop, and Speakers' Book Tables

Special Offering Goal

\$20,000 to help fund Lincoln's iServe Program designed to provide campus employment for our students. It brings together a solution for our students' need for work along with a level of mentoring and oversight that produces responsible workers through accountability, personal discipline, time management, and increased skills. This offering will help fund a portion of the overall \$400,000 budget item.

Registration

Registrations received by Wednesday, April 22, are \$30. Registrations after that are \$35. Sorry, no refunds.

Registrations may be mailed to Christian Women's Conference, Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, 100 Campus View Dr., Lincoln, IL 62656 or by phoning 217-732-3168; or by registering and paying online at <http://lccs.edu/WomensConf>.

Key Messengers:



Ellie Lofaro

As Founder of *Heart, Mind, & Soul Ministries*, Ellie has appeared on Focus on the Family, Life Today, the 700 Club, and has been a guest on Moody, Salem, and LeSEA Broadcasting Networks, and has authored a number of books that will be available during the conference.

Ellie's Morning Message:

On Earth as It Is in Heaven

Human history began in paradise in the Garden of Eden and it will end there—in the New Jerusalem. But how about all the days in between? More specifically, are we truly “living epistles” to a world in dire need of the Savior? Are we maturing to our full potential? Are we answering His call? Are we growing into strong disciples? Many Christians speak regularly of their desire to hear “Well done, my good and faithful servant,” but do our lives warrant such a compliment from the Lord? Pew warmers, spectators, murmurers and pedestrians; beware!

Afternoon Keynote:

When The Saints Go Marching In

Oh, how we ALL want to be in that number! Those who believe in Jesus Christ will go from “life to life.” Heaven is our final destination and we should be fully joyful and anticipatory about the first-class, one-way ticket Jesus has purchased for each of us. No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what the Lord has in store for those who love Him. (1 Corinthians 2:9) It will be the final and ultimate Homecoming Day and the parade will be utterly indescribable. Get ready to be amazed!



Melody Rossi

May I Walk You Home?

Melody's message will touch each person present, for, in one way or another, we each will experience grief over a loved one dying. Her message will teach us how to walk through this process, addressing the spiritual, emotional, and practical problems that surround the reality of facing death. She will teach the keys for sharing your faith with those closest to you. She is a master communicator and the author of *May I Walk you Home?* In addition to her speaking gift, she has sung at the Vatican, the Crystal Cathedral, and the Kennedy Center, all the way to the inner city barrios, youth prisons, and hospitals. Melody is a powerful voice for hope and healing. This will be a remarkable opportunity for our audience!



Dinelle Frankland

A New Heaven and a New Earth

The presence of Christ makes all things new – in this life and the life to come. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life, He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.” Mary and Martha experienced this power firsthand at the raising of their brother, Lazarus. We learn from their story to trust the promises of God and to live a life of worship now as we anticipate the future. Dinelle is the author of *What the Bible Says about Worship: His Story, Our Reponse.* Dr. Frankland is Professor of Worship at Lincoln Christian Seminary, a scholar of the Word, and one of our finest public speakers. She will capture your ear and your heart.

LEADING YOUR CHURCH TO BECOME A PRAYING CHURCH

February 21, 2009 • 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration

A non-refundable registration of \$30, received by February 14, 2009, covers the cost of speakers, materials, refreshments, and lunch. Registrations received after February 14 are \$35. Registrations may be submitted as follows:

- Mailed to Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, 100 Campus View Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656
- Online to www.lccs.edu, clicking on the events link. Those registering online may pay with credit card.
- Phoning ext. 2215 at 217-732-3168.
- Using registration form provided your church in an informational packet.

OFFERING GOAL

\$10,000 to help fund Lincoln's iServe effort, enabling nearly 30% of our students to participate in a "working college" program on our campus.

Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Seminar Part 1 - "The Christian Leader's Personal Prayer Life," with David Butts
10:30 a.m. Seminar Part 2 - "The Leadership of a Praying Church," with David Butts
11:45 a.m. Lunch and Forums
- "Flourish: Living Mindfully and Purposefully in a Fast-paced, Whatever World," with Dr. Gene Harker, Elder at Traders Point Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN
 - "When Elders Pray," with Neal Windham, Faculty, Lincoln Christian College
 - "What Happen When Women Pray the Word," with Kim Butts, Harvest Prayer Ministries
 - "Strategic Prayer Initiative," with Mike Jebb, Harvest Prayer Ministries
 - President Keith Ray meeting with Partnership Representatives of churches giving over \$500 per year to LCCS
- 1:00 p.m. Seminar Part 3 - "Prayer and Its Global Impact," with David Butts
2:15 p.m. Closing Session - "When God's People Pray," with Ben Merold, former minister at Harvester Christian Church, St. Charles, MO



David Butts, founder and President of Harvest Prayer Ministries in Terre Haute, Indiana, and a graduate of Lincoln Christian College and Indiana State

University, is one of our country's most respected prayer advocate leaders, having served as Chairman of America's National Prayer Committee as well as a number of other nationally-known Christian prayer-based organizations. He has authored articles for the *Christian Standard*, *Lookout*, and *Horizons* magazines and is the author of *The Devil Goes to Church*, *Pray Like the King*, and *Asleep in the Land of Nod*.



Ben Merold has been one of the most beloved leaders in Christian Churches and Churches of Christ over the past half-century. He began

preaching in 1948; and beyond leading churches in four states, he has preached the Gospel in 47 states and seven foreign countries. He received his education at Johnson Bible College, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Lincoln Christian College. Among his many roles of Restoration Movement leadership, Ben fulfilled the role as president of the North American Christian Convention. Recently retired, Ben served as senior minister for sixteen years at Harvester Christian Church, St. Charles, Missouri.

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