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Celebrating Partnerships

This issue of the Restorer is a celebration of partnership. The stories of graduates and alumni and the accomplishments achieved by LCU this past year would not be possible without your partnership with us. Nearly 1300 faithful friends and alumni, and 273 churches gave nearly $2.5 million to see that LCU’s mission of equipping the next generation of Lincoln Leaders is fulfilled. So we celebrate you!

The words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 1:3-5 are certainly true—“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” One tangible way that your partnership in the Gospel is expressed is through giving. In this same letter, Paul wrote “Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared [partnered] with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only” (Philippians 4:15, NIV).

So without apology, this annual report of what God has done and is doing through Lincoln Christian University comes with a not-so-subtle request. I ask you—after you read the following pages—to let God lead you in declaring your intent to partner with us for the advancement of God’s Kingdom and for His glory in the coming year. We’ve enclosed a postage-paid envelope for your convenience.

Our partnership of praying for you is equally vital. Paul understood this reciprocal relationship of partnership in terms of both spiritual and material blessings—“For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews’ spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings.” (Romans 15:27, NIV)

With gratitude to God for His partnership and yours,

Don Green, DMin
President

About the cover:
Our undergraduate chapel theme this year is Celebrate Covenant to underscore the importance of celebrating partnerships of various kinds and in numerous ways. Special guest speakers are helping us to celebrate our partnership with God, our partnership with churches, our partnership in worldwide missions, and our partnership with Christians and churches in China.

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October 1, 2016 was a great day in Manchester, New Hampshire. Restoration House Ministries (RHM) celebrated their 20th anniversary. Partners came from as far as California, Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, and many states in between. Among them, was LCU President Don Green.

“It was a wonderful day and great to see so many familiar faces again,” said President Green. “When someone asked if everyone associated with RHM was from LCU, I said, ‘not everyone, but there are quite a few alumni who are living their mission here in New England.’”

There is a special connection between RHM and LCU that began in 1996, when then Professor of New Testament Dan Clymer moved his family to Manchester to serve as Executive Director of Restoration House Ministries. He followed in the footsteps of preachers like Dick Thayer (Manchester Christian Church) and Glen Barton (Bedford Christian Church) who struggled to develop partnerships in the 1960s when New England was not yet viewed as a mission field in the U.S.

According to Dan, “New England is the least churched and most secular region of the United States. What is obvious to believers in Christ, here, is that God is seeking to reclaim this region for His purpose.”

Since 2000, Restoration House Ministries has been privileged to assist in the birth of 16 new churches. The four most recent church plants in the state of Rhode Island (where there were none before) have had LCU alumni in key leadership positions. Dan, his staff, and the church plants in and around Manchester are making great strides in realizing their vision of changing the spiritual landscape of New England.

The closing message by Chairman of the RHM Board of Directors and LCU Professor of Preaching Chuck Sackett provided clarity for what God was doing in the sixties and what He is doing now and into the future. The same message God provided the apostles in Matthew 28 and later the Apostle Paul is the message for our present and future, “I am with you.”

The journey began in August 2014 for the first cohort of Lincoln Christian University’s brand new MA in Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) that approaches the discipline from a Christian worldview. Under the leadership of Program Director Dr. Marj Buchholz-Castronova, seven students completed their degree requirements and became the first graduates of the Las Vegas-based program in August 2016.

The graduates celebrated their achievements on October 6, 2016, at the Relational Wellness Institute’s (RWI) Celebration of the Clinical Experience graduation. RWI serves as LCU’s clinical partner for the practicum requirements throughout the two years.

Though not able to attend the celebration, President Don Green, DMIn, sent greetings and congratulations through Las Vegas Extension Site Director, Paul Trainor. On behalf of the University, Don wrote, “Celebrating the partnership of RWI and LCU is one indication of what it means to be the body of Christ with each part doing its work. It is our prayer that God will continue to raise up from among us a new generation of Christian leaders, including marriage and family therapists, who will carry on His work of reconciling His world to Himself.”

After the ceremony, nationally known educator and author Dr. Bill Doherty spoke to the clinical graduates. Dr. Doherty is a popular speaker, has won several teaching awards, and is frequently interviewed by print, radio and TV media on family issues. Dr. Castronova shared the excitement of the occasion when she said, “It will be a night to remember!”

Join us in congratulating this first group of MA in MFT graduates and encouraging the classes and individuals to follow as they prepare and become Lincoln Leaders for the Kingdom of God.
Congratulations, Class of 2016!

Delta Epsilon Chi:
Parker Radecki, Garrett Haddock, Jordan Ryherd, Taylor Heston, Taryn Surprenant, Mykenzie Green, Jeremiah Ratliff
- not pictured is Brandon Berry

Alpha Sigma Lambda:
Samantha Nichols, Jamie Wilson, Joshua Siergey, Christina Vanderlaan
- not pictured are Phillip Jones, Phillip Rittenhouse, and Tamara Duran

Honors Program graduate
Jessica Sweeney completed her BA in Psychology under the mentorship of Dr. Nicholas Zola.

Congratulations to
Michael Jennings Frazier of Titusville, Florida, on completion of the Doctor of Ministry degree.

LCU Undergraduate Class of 2016

LCU Graduate and Seminary class of 2016

SPECIAL HONORED STUDENTS

Rebecca Reynolds
BA in Intercultural Studies
School of Arts and Sciences

Samantha Nichols
BA in Management
School of Professional Studies

Parker Radecki
BA in Worship Ministry
School of Ministry

Garrett Haddock
BA in Biblical Studies
School of Bible & Theology
Our 2016 Commencement Speaker earned her bachelor’s degree in Christian education from Lincoln Christian University. She went on to add a MS in Information Science (University of Michigan) and a PhD in Leadership Studies (Gonzaga University). Today, Dr. Alicia D. Crumpton (LCC ‘83) serves as the Director of the PhD in Leadership Studies program at Johnson University and as an adjunct faculty member for LCU’s MA in Organizational Leadership program. Dr. Crumpton is passionate about Restoration Movement ideals and serves as a board member on the Stone-Campbell International Board and as a national member representing the independent Christian Churches on the Stone-Campbell Dialogue team. She remarked, “Our forefathers’ commitment to unity as a way of orienting ourselves one to another remains essential. God’s heart for all people calls us to find ways to listen, communicate, bridge differences, and serve others.”

Dr. Crumpton shared some lessons she learned in her morning address to the undergraduate class in “Now What? Living a Called Life.” When addressing the graduate and Seminary class, she challenged them with “A Leader’s Call to Radical Hospitality.” You can hear both of these addresses – and view the Commencement ceremonies in their entirety on YouTube at www.YouTube.com/LincolnChristianUniv.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACADEMY CLASS OF 2016
A total of nine students successfully completed LCU’s English Language Academy program in December and May. Six of these students have enrolled in Lincoln Christian University to continue their undergraduate education and two are enrolled as Seminary students. Congratulations to these Chinese and Korean members of the LCU community!
Academic Program Highlights

- LCU hosted three accreditation visits and received 10-year reaffirmations from The Higher Learning Commission and The Association of Theological Schools. Results from the Association of Biblical Higher Education will be available after the ABHE’s spring meeting in 2017.

- In Fall 2015, LCU unveiled renovations in the library. The second floor received a face-lift which not only organized the physical book collection into four user-friendly sections, but also created more inviting and aesthetically pleasing study space for students with wireless internet and air conditioning. Additionally, the Rare Book Collection was expanded and enhanced.

2015-16 Total Unduplicated Headcount

Total unduplicated headcount for the 2015-2016 academic year (Fall 2015, Spring and Summer 2016) was 993.

2014-15 Placement Trends

Based on the responses of a survey of all 2014-2015 Lincoln Christian University graduates:

- 95% are employed or not seeking employment
- 76% report their employment is related to their LCU degree
- 88% report their employment is at a satisfactory level (full/part-time)
- 54% are engaged in paid ministry
- 56% are engaged in volunteer ministry
- 10% are enrolled in further higher education

2016 Fiscal Highlights

- LCU received an unmodified opinion on their financial statements from the CPA firm of CliftonLarsonAllen meaning that LCU’s financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with all applicable financial reporting requirements.

- Lincoln Christian University reduced expenses from the previous year by $829,460.

- Long-term debt was reduced by $527,786 to $8,428,441.

- Investments and endowments grew by $269,618 to $10,454,389.

- According to the Christian Standard Christian Colleges 2015-2016 Report, LCU’s cost per FTE of $15,178 and cost per graduate of $52,520 is the second lowest among all the colleges reporting.

Revenue

Net Tuition $5,867,046
Private Gifts $2,435,807
Auxiliary Enterprises $2,076,390
Other Revenue $420,179
Total $10,799,422

Expenses

Instruction $3,458,463
Student Services $2,034,213
Academic Support $1,445,724
Auxiliary Enterprises $1,771,219
Institutional Support $2,422,882
Total $11,132,501

Lincoln Leaders...making a difference.

There are a variety of ways for you to make a difference in the mission of Lincoln Christian University.

Lincoln Leadership Gift

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 a Lincoln Christian University (LCU) education. Sometimes called the “Annual Fund,” the Lincoln Leadership Gift goal is $2 million annually. In FY 16 (June 1, 2015-May 31, 2016), LCU received a total of $1,269,742 in Lincoln Leadership Gifts to make it possible for future Lincoln Leaders to continue to make a difference wherever they may serve.

Endowment Growth

During the last 2 fiscal years we have received over $361,000 in additional funds to support endowed scholarships. The endowed scholarship fund has grown by over $1.2 million in the last 5 years.

Legacy Gifts

Planned and estate gifts are a way for you to leave a legacy that can continue giving in perpetuity.

Total Gifts
In Memory Of:

Jeanne Allen
Pamela Messer-Field

Pat Avery

Kenneth W. Baldwin
Jim Marjorie Baldwin and family

Bruce Barnes
Barbara Barnes
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Cecil and Lou Cochran

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Don and Margaret Green

Marian Daifenna’er’s brother
Louise Ridlen

Joyce Kelly Davis
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Peg and Carol DeMotte

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Kent Hickerson

Lynn Hieronymus
Ruth Ann Hieronymus
Marie McCorkle

Lynn Hieronymus’ 84th birthday
Ruth Ann Hieronymus

Georgia Lee Hill
Jennifer Kuhlmann

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Ann Chubb

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Jolene Kettle

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Dave and Elaine Wright

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Phil Nass

Dave Reed

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Vega Appel
Paul Boitman
Elizabeth Gildden

Claudia Boldon
Jane McDonald

Gary and Phyllis Bussmann
Kit and Linda Wilkinson

John and Marie Castelein
Roger Weyer

Class of ‘51
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Bob and Kathy Lee Taylor

David and Sylvia Corts
Rhonda Odle

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Cl fertil Church of Christ, Catlin, IL

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Christopher Harness
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Kent Hickerson
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Ruth Ann Hieronymus

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Jim and Carla Johnson

James A. Johnson, Ill
Carlena Johnson

Alan Kline
Diane Kline

Dick and Joanne Sargent

Janet Ulrich

Lynn Laughlin
Kathy and Judy Laughlin
Kevin and Victoria Mccaster

Joe and Carol Runyon

West Side Christian Church, Springfield, IL

Ruth Miller

Tom Myers’ 80th birthday
Pamela Messer-Field

Bruce and Judy Parmenter

Marly and Kay Matthew

Mark and Linda Searby

Ron and Shirley Payne

Don Woods

Louise Ridlen

First Christian Church, Morristown, TN

Roy and June Zeigler

Clayton Sanders

Brenda Sanders

Eddy and Cheryl Sanders

Edward and Joanne Sanders

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Edward and Joanne Sanders

Emma Searby’s 90th birthday

David and Linda Searby

James and Kelly Searby

Mark and Linda Searby

Tim and Lorna Searby

Keith and Beth Snyder

Wayne and Janet Shaw

Mark and Charmanne Crabb

Dean Hill

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