

**CMU's Chapel theme 2004/05:**  
When the Spirit of truth comes...  
(John 16:13)

CMU is an innovative Christian university, rooted in the Anabaptist faith tradition, moved and transformed by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Through teaching, research and service CMU inspires and equips women and men for lives of service, leadership and reconciliation in church and society. Chartered in 1998 by the Manitoba government, CMU offers programs at its main campus, through Menno Simons College at the University of Winnipeg, and through Outtatown, an international discipleship school of CMU.

**Enrolment** - CMU had another record overall enrolment in the fall of 2004.

<u>Campus</u>	<u>Enrolment</u>	<u>Growth</u>
CMU Main campus	442 students (371 study full-time)	+11%
Menno Simons College	1,200 students (mostly part-time)	+8%
Outtatown	91 students (all full-time)	-9%
Seminary	28 students	n/a

- first-year student enrolment at CMU's main campus jumped 19.4% this year
- 1 in 7 students attending the University of Winnipeg take at least one course at CMU's Menno Simons College in International Development Studies or Conflict Resolution Studies

**Campus expansion** - A brand new \$5 million residence is under construction that features an innovative geo-thermal heating system that is both environmentally friendly and energy efficient. The residence, to be ready in fall 2005, will house 101 students in dormitory and apartment-style units. It also greatly increases the percentage of students who are able to experience the rich community life that comes with residential living.

**Faculty & program changes** - Gord Zerbe has taken the role of interim Vice-President and Academic Dean in place of Harry Huebner who is on sabbatical. CMU is seeking candidates for one faculty position in Music Therapy, two in the area of Humanities and Social Sciences, and one position in Conflict Resolution Studies at Menno Simons College. CMU begins a full Music Therapy program beginning in 2005. A number of new programs are in development including Communications, and Leadership Studies. CMU's Continuing Education division offers a diverse range of courses including ethical issues seniors face, IT network security, film and book discussion groups, and watercolour painting. CMU is also offering a multi-sport camp this summer that integrates sports and Christian teaching.

#### **Campus activities**

- In January, CMU held a dynamic conference on worship and music called Refreshing Winds, featuring poet Thomas Troeger, composer Eleanor Daley and songwriter Steve Bell.
- The J.J. Thiessen Lecture series featured Dr. Peter C. Erb on Late Medieval Spirituality. The John and Margaret Friesen Lectures in Anabaptist/Mennonite Studies featured Barbara Nkala on the topic of The Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Church in Africa.

**Conclusion** – On behalf of Canadian Mennonite University, I thank Saskatchewan Mennonite Brethren churches for your interest and support. This year, one student from a Saskatchewan MB church is registered in full-time study at the CMU Main Campus. The CMU Singers, 1 45-voice mixed choir visited Saskatoon, Osler and Regina as part of a tour through Western Manitoba and Saskatchewan last month.

As part of our mission to be a resource to churches, CMU professors are available to teach and preach during weekend "CMU Portable" sessions at local churches on various topics. Visit the CMU website for details on topics that may interest your congregation.

May God be with you as together we inspire and equip people to be agents of God's reconciliation in the world. If you have any questions or feedback, we appreciate hearing from you.

**Gerald Gerbrandt, President**

