



Saskatchewan MB Conference Convention Report 2006

The title of this report could in many ways be “Transitions”. This particular year the Board and administration led the College through numerous changes.

This year, 2006, marks the first official year in which we are no longer reporting at an Annual Convention. Our role has changed and is now **accountable to the Provincial conferences of Mennonite Brethren in Saskatchewan and Alberta** at their annual conference conventions.

Board member elections and financial accountability are now approved at this convention. We have attached an auditor’s report along with a financial overview of the 04-05 actual budget along with the current 05-06 budget for your review.

Other significant **transitions were in our staffing**. We have new faculty members in our Missions, Music and Student Development departments. Each of them brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from which Bethany is benefiting greatly.

Sherry Heidebrecht serves in the position of Director of Student Development. Sherry and her husband, Doug, have been part of the Bethany community for the last 11 years. Sherry has been an Adjunct Instructor in Caregiving and Counselling at the College since 1999.



Sherry replaces **Jerry Letkeman** who has shifted roles to focus his energies and gifts on Christian Service and Internships. He continues to manage events on campus and will also coordinate the freshmen and junior missions trips.



Also joining the Faculty is **Paul Woodburn** as Instructor in Worship and Music. Paul joins the Bethany team after having served four and a half years as Worship Pastor at Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon.

Katherine Henshaw joins the Bethany faculty team to guide the Missions program as Instructor in Intercultural Studies. Katherine has an MA in Intercultural Studies from Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary (MBBS). She has served in Thailand teaching English and as part of the Mennonite Brethren Missions Services International (MBMSI) work in Northern Thailand.



Lisa Moran, who served as a Resident Director several years ago, takes the position of Residence Director. She lives on campus year round and will have an office in residence. Lisa's energy and caring spirit will bring significant strengths to this position.



Other significant highlights for the year have been the recent **accreditation of the TESOL program by TESL Canada**. On November 15, 2005, Bethany became the third Christian college in the country to receive national program recognition for their TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) certificate program.

This recognition provides Bethany with a unique combination of top quality, recognized training in a 'small school environment' where supportive, face-to-face interaction between student and instructor can take place in a more intimate community environment.

Obtaining national credentials lends credence to the quality of Christian education offered by the College. "Our students receive excellence in education," stated Jean Campbell. "Being recognized nationally re-emphasizes that fact."

The financial progress and strength of the College as shown in the overview is a great testament to the churches, alumni and donors of the College. **Praise God for so many committed individuals who value biblical training** at a time when secular values prevail.

We are doubly encouraged to experience a **marked increase in church giving** these past six months. We thank you and are resolved to continue to work together with our supporting churches, to provide trained leaders and disciples in His kingdom.

We are blessed by a board of directors who continue to guide the affairs of the College in a direction that is focussed on quality biblical education relevant for our time. Their insight proves invaluable for the success of the College.

Current board members are Al Braun(Herbert), Marj Klassen(Glenbush), Janelle Loewen(Saskatoon), Lorraine Mau(Watrous), Erwen Siemens(Saskatoon), Dave Teigrob(Saskatoon) and Don Wiens(Regina).

Thank you to each one of you. Your encouragement, prayers, and financial assistance bless us. We look forward to sharing some of our vision when we come together in Swift Current in mid-March.

Blessings.

Together we "nurture disciples and train leaders to serve".

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Directors of
Bethany College

We have audited the statement of financial position of Bethany College as at June 30, 2005 and the statements of changes in fund balances, receipts and expenditures and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the college's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the college derives receipts from the general public in the form of donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of receipts from donations was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the college and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donation receipts, excess (deficiency) of receipts over expenditures for the year, assets and fund balances.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of receipts from donations referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the college as at June 30, 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.



CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

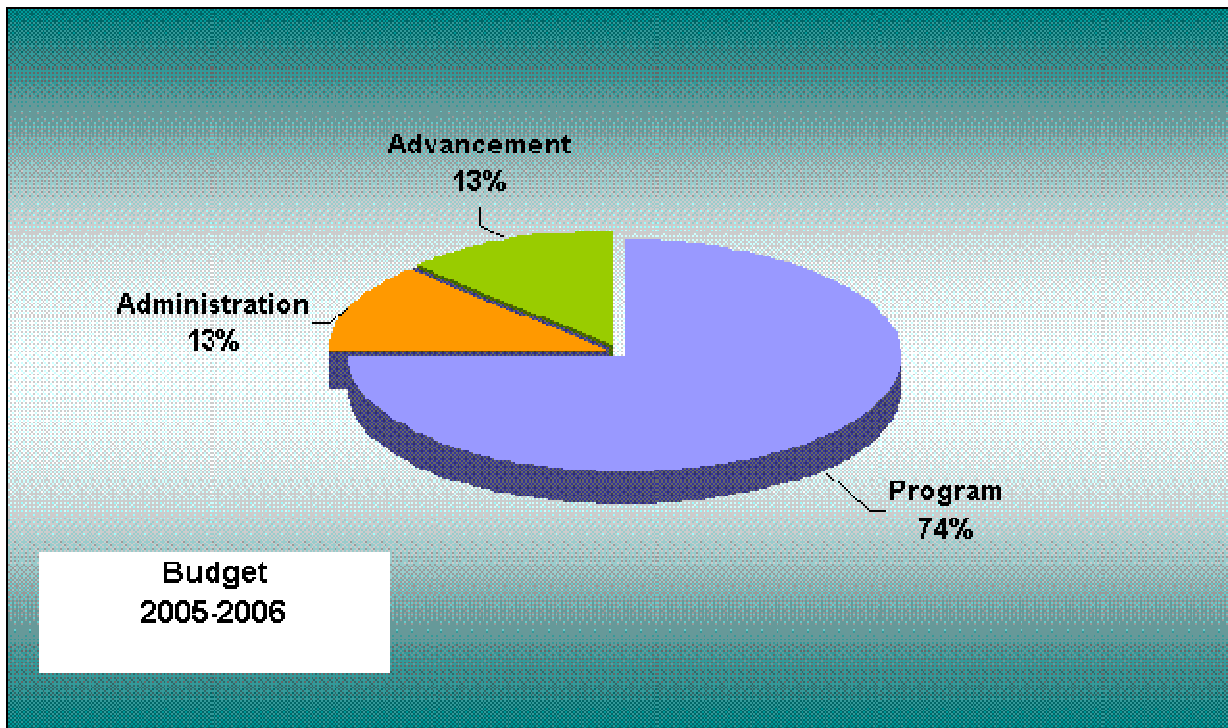
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**Bethany College
General Fund**

	Actual 04-05	Budget 05-06	% of Budget
Income			
Donations	470,000	506,000	25.7%
Student Fees	1,215,000	1,270,000	64.4%
Other	173,000	196,000	9.9%
<i>Total Income</i>	\$ 1,858,000	\$ 1,972,000	100%
Expenses			
Program	1,368,000	1,421,000	74.6%
Administration	240,000	243,000	12.8%
Advancement**	181,000	240,000	12.6%
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$ 1,789,000	\$ 1,904,000	100%
Transfers to other funds	\$ 40,000	\$ 52,000	
Net Operations	\$ 29,000	\$ 16,000	

**Praise the
Lord!**

**Budgeted
in faith**



**Advancement = promotion, student recruitment, constituency & alumni relations, fund development.