

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT CMU

**I would absolutely recommend CMU without hesitation. It's given me a place to belong, it's strengthened my faith and given me a solid academic grounding for the career I want in the future.**

*Dorothea Toews, Winnipeg*

**CMU is a place where you can get a holistic education, where spiritually you are nurtured. It's a safe environment to speak about your faith, where you will be challenged academically.**

*Dylan Tarnowsky, Calgary*

## Love the Lord Your God: Canadian Mennonite University

**Chemistry teaches that when you mix together the right elements and provide the necessary conditions, a chemical reaction generating tremendous energy can be produced. That aptly describes what happens at CMU. Take energetic, enthusiastic students, mix with committed, competent faculty and staff and add important and relevant subject matter—and the result is an explosion of life changing character.**

This past fall nearly 1,700 students are registered at CMU's undergraduate program, Outtatown (our discipleship school), Menno Simons College (our campus at the University of Winnipeg) or in our seminary studies program. These students represent a full-time equivalent of well over 800.

We are pleased that 259, or 56 percent, of our full-time students are from Mennonite churches, including 76 from Canadian Mennonite Brethren churches (three from MB churches in Saskatchewan). But we are also pleased that more than 200 students from other denominations, or no denomination at all, decided that CMU was a place where they could pursue university studies and ask faith questions at the same time. This is a wonderful thing—not only does it enrich us as a university, but it shows how CMU is a university for all of the church.

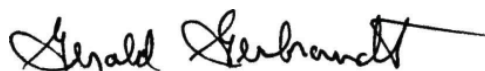
I am delighted that Dr. Earl Davey, presently Vice President Academic at Tyndale University College and Seminary in Toronto, formerly at Brandon University, will be the new Vice President Academic here at CMU. Earl has a solid reputation as a professor, choral conductor and academic administrator, and is strongly committed to the church. He has the experience and skills that CMU needs at this point in its history.

### **Selected highlights:**

- In October 65 staff, board members and friends of CMU gathered for a weekend to imagine where CMU should be by 2020. It was an exciting and energizing experience. Our winter issue of the Blazer will give further information on where we believe God is leading us as a university.
- Nearly 200 students, or more than 40%, have traveled from outside of Manitoba to study at CMU full-time (Main Campus and Outtatown), including 35 from Saskatchewan.
- Well over 200 students are majoring in Conflict Resolution or International Development Studies at Menno Simons College.
- The Outtatown program has a record number of students heading for South Africa.
- After Bible/Theology and Music, the largest course enrolments are in Psychology and Biology.
- Our first graduate program—a Masters of Arts degree in theological studies—began in fall. Our Communications & Media program is now a major, a Disaster Recovery Studies program, created in partnership with Mennonite Disaster Service, will begin next fall, as will our new Business and Organizational Administration program.

Our chapel theme for the year is taken from Luke 10:27: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and all your strength and all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." At CMU, we invite students to think consciously about training to love God and neighbours, through their courses, friendships and extra-curricular activities. Our goal is to help them find ways to more intelligently love the world and every person in it. I believe that as they seek truth and train for love, their lives will be changed.

Thank you for your contributions to CMU. I pray that God will bless the Mennonite Brethren Conference in Saskatchewan as you seek to serve Him.



**Gerald Gerbrandt, President**