
At the close of the 2015-2016 academic year at Bethel College, we have much for which to be grateful. We thank God for the following (and much more):

- An increase in enrollment, with an exceptionally enthusiastic Freshman class.
- A dramatic increase in Chapel attendance and spiritual life involvement.
- A strategic plan that is beginning to unfold.
- *Daily* campus ministries opportunities for students, including:
 - Bible Studies
 - Centering prayer
 - Tough Talks and Tasty Treats (discussing faith questions)
 - Navigator Bible Study
 - Weekly Chapel Services
 - Bedtime Prayers
 - Fellowship of Christian Athletes with vastly increased participation
 - Local church tour group
 - Special events, like 24-hour prayer and packaging 25,000 food packs.
- Eight wonderful student chaplains who help monitor and lead spiritual life activities on campus. Two of these students participated in the Ministry Inquiry Program this past year, in Salem, OR, and in North Newton, KS.
- A beautiful campus with well-maintained facilities.
- The women and men of our excellent faculty and staff, who give of themselves tirelessly, who teach and instruct carefully, who model Christian character daily.
- The new members of our staff and faculty, including Bob Milliman, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean; and Andy Johnson, Vice President for Admissions. Both of these VPs have graduate theological degrees and have served as pastoral leaders of Anabaptist congregations.
- Providing ten seminars and two worship speakers for the Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City.
- Releases of *Mennonite Life* with major articles on Vincent Harding, John Howard Yoder, Robert Kreider, and the arts in prison, among others.
- Commissioning and hosting important research on Mennonite/s Writing, presented by Jeff Gundy of Bluffton University.
- Hosting Michelle Armster of MCC as our MLK Celebration speaker.
- Providing speakers and musicians for congregations roughly two-thirds of the Sundays while classes are in session.
- Working closely with AMBS-Kansas Center to provide courses for seminary credit and continuing education.

In gratitude for the prayers and good wishes from the Franconia Mennonite Conference and Eastern District Conference, we humbly ask for your continued support, as we seek to build, for generations to come, upon the foundation that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.