



IMPACT REPORT

Two Thousand and Twenty Five

Partnering to **Change Lives** in Canada and Beyond

One of the most meaningful Bible verses for me could go on a tombstone.

Reflecting on the life and leadership of King Josiah, the author of 2 Kings 23:25 says, *"Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did - with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses."*

How would you like to be known as someone who followed the Lord with all of your heart, soul, and strength?

I am blessed to teach a number of courses through our Teaching Churches across the country. The best part is being able to come alongside students as they dive deep into the Bible, absorb its truths into their spiritual lives, and immediately apply them in their lives and leadership.

That is the value of the deep partnership between the seminary and the local church.

For those who have supported the seminary through praying, giving, sending, or partnering - thank you!

For those who have a longing to see more and more people across Canada follow the Lord with their heart, soul, and strength, would you consider praying, giving, sending, or partnering?

It is so exciting to be part of what God continues to do in and through MB Seminary as we educate men and women to serve the church in Canada and beyond!

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FLEXIBLE

- Modular, online & hybrid classes
- Access some classes through our **Teaching Church Partners** across Canada
- Contextualized learning to impact your ministry in real time

RELEVANT

MA Transformational Leadership

Master of Divinity

MA Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care

Post Masters Certificate in Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care

Clinical Psychospiritual Education (CPE)

AFFORDABLE

- Competitive tuition rates
- Financial aid and awards including the Leadership Development Partnership Grant
- BOGO in 2026-27

Milestone Achieved

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

One of the biggest milestones you made possible this past year was having our first six students graduate with their **Master of Arts in Transformational Leadership!** What makes this even more special, is that these students completed their entire degree through courses offered at **Willington Church in Burnaby, BC**. This model of remote course delivery, integrated with practical ministry, equips leaders in healthy and meaningful ways for the local church!



"I love how this program is all about practicality. There's not a single course that feels unnecessary – every subject is thoughtfully picked to genuinely help and equip us in our ministry. It's like they've thought of everything we need."

—Roman Bondartchouk, MATL '25

Your support is giving students the help they need to thrive in ministry so they can bring the hope of Jesus to those in their communities and beyond. Thank you for making it possible for students to learn in a way that helps them and their church change lives in Canada and beyond.



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L to R: Danny Lee, Sudianto Wijaya, Blair Staples, Roman Bondartchouk, Ruben Heyn, Ernie Kashima

Shaping Leaders, Changing Lives

Your support gives students the ability to grow in their faith, deepen their biblical understanding and become better leaders. This impact is being made across Canada as students engage in courses at Teaching Churches. Here are some of the ways you are helping to change lives:

—JN from the **Yukon Territory**



"I was consistently reminded that substantial leadership growth rarely happens in ideal conditions, and that God is continuing to form me, even when the season feels heavy."

—HG from **British Columbia**



"Ultimately, this project was not just an academic exercise, but it became a personal journey of growth and connection—one that I hope will continue to ripple outward in the lives of those around me."

—MB from **Manitoba**



"From a leadership perspective, this course helped me loosen my grip on outcome-driven validation and re-engage with obedience, humility, and attentiveness as primary metrics."

Becoming Known

With your support, the first year of **The Centre for Education and Advancement of Spiritual Care** has been a year of becoming known. Students in our inaugural CPE (Clinical Psychospiritual Education) unit are nearing completion, and a new cohort is set to begin. And there is a wait list of applicants for future offerings! You are making it possible for those gifted in spiritual care to be better equipped for ministry and for quality spiritual care to be available in a variety of contexts across the country.

Educating and advancing spiritual care is happening in both faith-based and public settings. Church-based training sessions are helping leaders care for their congregations and the community. Presentations on spiritual care and MAiD have been given to public sector associations. The Centre is also becoming known as a resource for pastors and ministry leaders so they can know how to best handle specific spiritual/pastoral care issues in their own context.

Thank you for making life-long learning possible through workshops, courses, resources and networking opportunities that enhance knowledge and spiritual care competencies. **You are changing lives all across Canada because of your support!**



The Centre's Inaugural CPE Class!

New Locations, New Opportunities

This past October marked the first teaching intensive at **Cariboo Bethel Church in Williams Lake, BC**. With 8 graduate students and 20 learners taking in the content as a workshop, this was a great kick-off for our newest Teaching Church location. **Your support makes it possible for students in rural areas to have access to theological education**—all while staying engaged in their current ministry.

This is a big win for churches as they identify emerging and second career leaders who need further training to serve their community well. Thank you for your commitment to the education and equipping of leaders who will serve churches in Canada and beyond.

In the coming year, we're excited to see what doors God might open for additional Teaching Church locations. Our goal is to continue to reach more areas of Canada with local access to quality graduate theological education.

CPE has been an incredible opportunity to grow personally. Although it is intended to help develop a good Spiritual Care Practitioner, it is growing me as a person and consequently a better husband and father. No doubt it is also helping me become a better Chaplain as well.

I wish CPE was included in my pastoral training as I pursued Master of Divinity studies many decades ago.

*So glad it is a part of the MB Seminary and spiritual care studies. **What a privilege to pursue this program at my Alma Mater.***

—DC from Alberta



"I've felt called to pursue seminary for almost ten years, but life circumstances always seemed to delay taking that next step. Beautifully, God brought the opportunity to me through the Teaching Church program.

*As a young mom, this pathway has **made it possible to pursue theological education while still being fully present with my family.** I've been blown away by how much I've learned already—every new insight reminds me of how much more there is to discover, and it's only increased my excitement for the journey ahead.*

*I'm incredibly grateful for the way **this program has opened the door** for me to walk into a calling I've carried for so long."*





EQUIPPED FOR IMPACT

Something for Everyone

GRADUATE HOURS TAUGHT

756

"This course had a profound impact on my life and ministry. It reshaped how I communicate, understand, and relate to people—especially those from diverse cultural backgrounds. It broadened my perspective, heightened my awareness, and taught me to stay open to interruptions and attentive to divine appointments. Most importantly, it deepened my love for God and people, strengthened my desire to keep growing, and fueled my passion to help others walk the same path."

—ND from British Columbia

MB STUDENTS TRAINED

106

"This course helped me to appreciate the humanity of Jesus, as well as the many other characters in the Gospel stories in a new and refreshing way. Gaining greater insight into the historical and cultural context surrounding the Gospels confronted many of the ways I read the text through modern, North American eyes. As a result, I feel better equipped and inspired to bring more context into teaching into our church's youth ministry."

—TH from British Columbia

ONLINE STUDENTS REACHED

126

"This is one of the best courses I have ever taken in my whole seminary training career. Love both of the instructors to design such a superb course and giving positive and constructive feedback. So practical and can't wait to share the content in my ministry settings."

DEVOTIONAL READERS ENCOURAGED

2500

"Today's reading captured the most beautiful description of Mary anointing Jesus. Thank you!"

—PP from Alberta

"Thank you for providing this wonderful resource with the daily Advent readings. For years now, I have enjoyed both the Christmas and Easter devotionals."

—HK from British Columbia

"Today was such a good devotional. I had never thought about it this way before. Thank you."

—EG from Manitoba

"As I read, make notes, and meditate, I feel God's presence, increasing my trust and faith! Thanks be to God for these thought-provoking reminders that God is with us during these trying times!"

—ED from British Columbia

LEARNERS EQUIPPED

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"I appreciated the ability to integrate Theology into the life of a Christian and the accessibility of [the speaker's] teachings. It was a great style of teaching that was easy to listen to and grasp."

—Learner from Ontario

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