

## Messiah College Post-Graduation Survey

### **BACKGROUND**

The Career Center Post-Graduation Report includes survey results of the Messiah College Class of 2008, six to eight months after graduation. Both narrative and statistical information are included to reflect the status of our '08 graduates.

### **METHODOLOGY**

- ◆ A self mailer survey was sent to all 2008 bachelor's degree graduates in late November 2008.
- ◆ The survey was also available to complete on-line from the Career Center home page and Alumni Center home page.
- ◆ In addition to gathering information from Facebook and LinkedIn, a phone survey was conducted December through January to grads who remained "unreported."
- ◆ One request was distributed during December to the Messiah College Community of Educators to obtain their input on remaining grads.
- ◆ Information was, then, processed for the report.
- ◆ For graduates with two majors, the report classifies them in a primary major and does not include a secondary listing.

### **NOTES OF DEFINITION: Statistical Report**

#### **Professional Employment**

- ▶ A baccalaureate degree is the minimal education requirement for employment or post-graduate internships.

#### **Non-Professional Employment**

- ▶ A baccalaureate degree is not required for employment. May include alumni who are in transition, e.g., working interim jobs to finance graduate school or missions work.

#### **Advanced Degree**

- ▶ Alums currently pursuing postgraduate training, typically a master's or doctorate degree in a specialized area of study.

#### **Volunteer/Missions Service**

- ▶ Graduates involved in serving at least half-time in a volunteer capacity or through a domestic or international service or missions organization.

#### **Seeking Employment**

- ▶ Graduates who (at the time of the survey) were in transition or seeking employment.

#### **Status Unknown**

- ▶ Alumni that were not reached through the methodology described above or for whom the College did not have current contact information.