CHANGING THE WORLD THROUGH OUR FAITHFUL PRESENCE

Community Day 2011

President Kim S. Phipps
Grantham Community Garden at Messiah College
New Undergraduate Majors
Chinese Business
Chinese Studies
Computer and Information Science
Dance
Digital Media
Ethnic and Area Studies

New Graduate Programs
Education
Higher Education
Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Dance @ Messiah

Dance is movement and rhythm, expression and technique, fitness and form.
And at Messiah College, it's also worship.
If you desire to major in dance and pursue a career on stage, or you want to dance publicly as an expression of worship, or you wish to continue honing your skills, Messiah can accommodate your goals.
Dance performance and ministry
In the classroom you can take dance classes to work towards a dance major or degree.

Pursue your goals. Live your life.
Messiah College graduate programs make it possible.

Messiah College's Master of Arts in higher education—offering three specialized tracks in college athletics management, institutional advancement and student affairs—prepares you to be a transformative, visionary leader for a variety of higher education settings. As a nationally ranked Christian college, Messiah is uniquely equipped to help you successfully reflect your own faith-rooted identity and values into all aspects of your professional practice.
Heat wave continues as Oklahoma death toll hits 15

By Sean Murphy
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The number of heat-related deaths climbed to 15 so far this summer, and the brutal heat is suspected as a cause in 11 others, state officials said Friday.
There’s an enormous heat wave stretching across the rest of the country as this is written. Some form of heat advisory, heat warning, or heat watch has been issued for the nearly 2000-mile stretch from Massachusetts to Oklahoma. CNN reported that there were 200 records broken across the country as 32 states held heat advisories.
Harrisburg's infrastructure suffers amid financial crisis

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By

ERIC VERONIKIS, The Patriot-News

Busted sawhorses barely cordon off a pothole at North Second and Boas streets big enough to dent a car's plates cover sinkholes. In uptown Harrisburg, neighbors took matters into their own hands and filled a pothole.

Blocks of streetlights are out. Sewer drains are blocked.

The city's fiscal crisis has spilled into the streets.
WASHINGTON (AP) -- The lowering of America's sterling credit rating was the punctuation mark on a tumultuous week in financial markets.

Standard & Poor's, the credit rating agency, said Friday it was dissatisfied with the plan Congress came up with earlier in the week to reduce the country's debt.

This is the first time the nation's credit rating has fallen below the highest level, AAA. The U.S. had held that rating since 1917. The move came just days after a gridlocked Congress finally agreed to spending cuts that would reduce the debt by more than $2 trillion.

The drop in the rating by one notch to AA-plus was telegraphed as a possibility back in April. The three main credit agencies, which also include Moody's Investor Service and Fitch, had warned during the budget fight that if Congress did not cut spending far enough, the country faced a downgrade. Moody's said it was keeping its AAA rating on the nation's debt, but that it might still lower it.
Our community has the privilege of demonstrating an alternate way of learning, serving and communicating.

Dialogue needs civility, gracious citizenship

With so many traditional and social media outlets vying for our attention 24 hours a day, it has become increasingly difficult for Americans to cut through the noise and clutter to engage in civil conversation or authentic dialogue.

It is unfortunate that we seem to have lost the ability to listen and to communicate clearly and thoughtfully.

In an age of contentious presidential debates, pundit panels and polarizing conversations taking place among state and federal government leaders, the process of citizens engaging in constructive listening, articulating carefully considered positions and determining appropriate actions should be at the very heart of who we are as a nation and a regional community.

Teaching and practicing this type of ethical communication is also at the heart of a liberal-arts education. The kind of education that equips students to listen well, to listen respectfully and to suspend judgment, offer a full hearing and seek common ground and mutual understanding — to a variety of interpersonal and public communication forums.

Together, we learned that common ground is the path to relationship and with it comes a desire to engage in debate with people with whom we disagree. But it does mean that both the speaker and the listener commit to articulating their positions in a respectful and thoughtful manner in order to discover points of shared understanding.

In Donald Miller, an author who many Messiah College students find thought-provoking, recalls in a May 2010 blog post how he and his classmates searched for truth during their undergraduate years: "Discussing a philosophical or even scientific idea around a conference table did not look like a debate. Rather, it looked like a group of students attempting to put together a jigsaw puzzle. If a piece didn’t happen to fit, that was par for the course. You simply set it aside and worked together to make progress."

I like Miller’s jigsaw-puzzle analogy because it emphasized equality and value. Individual opinions represented by the piece of the puzzle the person grasped must be both shared and respected in order to accomplish the larger goal of completing the puzzle.

And, to be frank, we are not treating each other well. According to a poll commissioned by the public relations firm Weber Shandwick, more than half of Americans surveyed identified the presence of incivility in politics, traffic, talk radio, high schools, professional sports, television and more. Incivility is nearly unavoidable in today’s popular culture.

What we tell our students and what Americans need to embrace is an individual willingness and ability to question and filter the vitriol and frequent media inaccuracies where misinformation is all too common, anonymity is the norm and accountability is nonexistent. We must commit to avoiding the political or social arguments where lines of respect are crossed. And we must hold ourselves to a higher standard by refusing to be personal conduits for ad hominem attacks on individuals, including political candidates and elected officials.

It takes time, effort, courage and humility to create and nurture spaces for civil conversation. With another presidential election season looming in the near future, we must become intentional about practicing civil discourse. The responsibility begins with each of us in the classrooms of our academic buildings, in the halls of our churches and synagogues, in our homes around the dinner table and in every corner of our professional lives.

We need to hold each other accountable for our rhetoric and be less concerned with “can you hear me now?” and more concerned with the tone and content of our communication.

Kim S. Phipps is president of Messiah College. She is writing a guest column for The Patriot-News this October.
Faithful Presence

To Change the World

The Irony, Tragedy, & Possibility of Christianity in the Late Modern World

James Davison Hunter
Messiah College invites you to **CHANGE the WORLD**

A series of public events at Messiah College exploring the promise and challenge of being a faithful presence in contemporary society.
The Susquehanna Chorale, Tim Warfield and Damian Savarino join The Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Mozart’s Requiem Sept. 11, 2011: A Community Remembers
James McBride
“The Color of Water”
Sept. 12, 2011

James Davison Hunter
“To Change the World: The Irony, Tragedy and Possibility of Christianity in the Late Modern World”
Oct. 26, 2011
Messiah College
To Change the World...

Exhibit September 12 – October 16, 2011
Jim Wallis and Arthur Brooks
Debate: “Is Capitalism Moral?”
Nov. 9, 2011

Anthony Grafton
Lecture: “The Past and Future of the Book”
Feb. 23, 2012
Messiah College
To Change the World…

Amir Hussain
“Building Faith Neighbors: Christians and Muslims Together”
March 26, 2012

Tony Dungy
“Motivating the Spirit”
April 24, 2012
“When the Word of all flourishing—defined by the love of Christ—becomes flesh in us, in our relationships with others, within the tasks we are given, and within our sphere of influence—absence gives way to presence, and the word we speak to each other and to the world becomes authentic and trustworthy.”

James Davison Hunter
As a community, we invite the “Word of shalom to become flesh in us” by:

- **affirming** the gift of our institutional mission
- **incarnating** the gift of our mission in service to others
AFFIRMING THE GIFT OF OUR INSTITUTIONAL MISSION

We can be fully present to one another as we engage the world through the lens of our distinct mission.
Messiah College is a Christian college of the liberal and applied arts and sciences. The College is committed to an embracing evangelical spirit rooted in the Anabaptist, Pietist, and Wesleyan traditions of the Christian Church.
Our mission is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character and Christian faith in preparation for lives of service, leadership, and reconciliation in Church and society.

Progress of the Worship and Performing Arts Center
“What if we participated in the world from the context of where we are situated, whether that is a geographical place, a religious tradition or an understanding of ambition rooted in Christian vocation?”

John Fea
Associate Professor of American History
“There is a level of intellectual engagement that I’m not sure I would find at a non-church-related school.”

John Fea
Associate Professor of American History
AFFIRMING THE GIFT OF OUR INSTITUTIONAL MISSION

[Messiah College is...] “An ecumenically zesty mix of Anabaptists, Wesleyans, Catholics, Evangelicals, Episcopalians, Pentecostals, and persons from the Reformed tradition who talk with one another daily about teaching, scholarship, and the purpose of Christian higher education.”

David Weaver-Zercher
Professor of American Religious History
AFFIRMING THE GIFT OF OUR INSTITUTIONAL MISSION

“Orthodox”

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**AD:** All beliefs

**AB:** The set of beliefs that **all** educators/administrators must affirm.

**BD:** Beliefs on which the institution is neutral; beliefs on which **all** educators/administrators can agree to disagree.
## Affirming the Gift of Our Institutional Mission

At Messiah College, what is the status of the following beliefs?

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Messiah seniors scored above the 75th percentile of all participating institutions.

Messiah’s total score was higher than 88% of all participating institutions.

One area in which we want to strengthen our performance is on the task labeled “critique-an-argument.”
AFFIRMING THE GIFT OF OUR INSTITUTIONAL MISSION

Crystal Downing
Professor of English and Film Studies
“It is not about employing the trendy signs of culture to make Christianity seem relevant. It is about demonstrating that Christianity always has relevance—no matter the time, no matter the culture.”

Crystal Downing
Professor of English and Film Studies
“The biggest influence Messiah College, and the Collaboratory, have had on me is to free me from the entanglements of typical academic ambition, shifting my focus to people... with souls and hurts and joys.”

Emily Howell ‘10
AFFIRMING THE GIFT OF OUR INSTITUTIONAL MISSION

Being attentive to our institutional mission also requires us to situate ourselves in the rich tradition of the liberal and applied arts and sciences.
Value of College Degree Is Growing, Study Says

By TAMAR LEWIN
Published: September 21, 2010

Despite rising tuition and student-loan debt levels, the long-term payoff from earning a college degree is growing, according to a report to be issued Tuesday by the College Board.

Workers with a college degree earned much more and were much less likely to be unemployed than those with only a high school diploma, according to the report, “Education Pays: the Benefits of Higher
Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses

Richard Arum and Josipa Roksa
Pew Research Center Study

*Is college worth it?*

May 2011

- 57% of respondents indicated that they do not believe colleges and universities provide a good value for students and families.

- 84% reported “that college has been a good value for them personally.”
Median earnings of college graduates working full-time in 2008 was $20,000 more than their peers with a high school degree.
“All higher education institutions will start to develop new metrics and new forms of proof of the value added from their degrees.”

David Stanley and Dennis Trinkle
Authors
“In many ways, the recent economic failures are educational failures to the extent that very bright and well-educated people signed off on financial instruments they neither understood nor felt obliged to understand as long as they made money.”

Richard Katz
Consultant
“It is the opportunity to positively impact the corporate culture and strategy of the organization in a manner that helps achieve the company’s objectives and benefits our employees, customers, shareholders, and communities.”

Carl Lundblad ‘92
Messiah College’s holistic approach to education is not only *valuable* for graduates in today’s competitive marketplace, it is also *invaluable* for the common good of our society.
INCARNATING THE GIFT OF OUR MISSION
BY SERVING THE WORLD

The mission we affirm will only be advanced when all the members of the Messiah College community are deeply committed to incarnating that mission.
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“Good work is our gift to the future. It is what we leave behind—our persistence, our precision, our commitment, our fidelity to the smallest...of tasks—that will change the mind of generations to come about our sacred obligation to bear our share of the holy making enterprise that is work.”

Sister Joan Chittister
Energy

- In 2008, Messiah College received a $495,000 U.S. Department of Energy grant to develop **biodiesel technology** for small-scale production in central Pennsylvania. The College plans to equip a lab for research and testing the biodiesel production processes, processors, feedstocks, and other ingredients. Through this research, the project hopes to increase local production of biodiesel, lower production costs, and improve fuel quality and reliability.

- With funding from the Sustainable Energy Fund of Southcentral Pennsylvania, a **solar electric training facility** was built on the southeast corner of Frey Academic Building in spring 2008. The structure serves as an educational lab for Messiah College students, as well as more than 7,500 elementary school children who visit the on-campus **Oakes Museum** of natural history each year. In addition to serving as an educational center, the solar structure’s four photovoltaic arrays generate three kilowatts of power, enough to offset the utility usage of a campus computer lab.

- The Energy Group of the **Collaboratory for Strategic Partnerships and Applied Research** has a long history of promoting and using renewable and sustainable energy sources in various projects. The group has installed multiple **solar-based electrical systems abroad**, mostly for educational and medical institutions in rural Africa which would otherwise rely on costly diesel generators for electricity.

- In 2009, Messiah added two **hybrid vehicles** to its fleet, including the vehicle driven by the president.
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Innovation
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FY11 was a very successful fundraising year and we are grateful to the Development team who helped us exceed our goals!
The Elizabethtown/Messiah Challenge
August 22, 2011
“Our shared responsibility is to prepare our students for all of the possibilities and challenges of the 21st century world, a century in which minorities are projected to become the majority in the United States as early as 2041.”

Bernardo Michael
Special Assistant to the President and Provost for Diversity Affairs
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Alyson Lane ’12 Kenya

Janae Lapp ’12 Rwanda

Honors Students in Bolivia
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Messiah College ranked 7th in the nation for sending students abroad!

The Institute of International Education Open Doors report
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Charlene Snader ‘11
Australia

Honors Anthropology Students in Peru

Brandyn Powers ‘13
Agape International Missions
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Students add Messiah flag to flag monument in Bolivia

RD Ben Taylor and Aloysius Okon ‘12 serving at Joshua Farm

Jennifer Heisey ’11 Thailand
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Under-Represented Racial/Ethnic Cultural Populations and International Students at Messiah College comprise nearly 11 percent of our student population and 7 percent of our employee population.

Welcome Week Theme
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A Passion for Education

Dr Kim Phipps, President of Messiah College in the US, was in Malaysia early this year to raise awareness on Christian tertiary education. She shared with Asian Beacon her love for education and students.

By Justin Ooi T Y

What began as a child’s play grew into a calling. “I’ve always loved teaching,” says Dr Kim Phipps. “I loved to play ‘school’ as a child. I’d make my friends and brothers as my ‘students’ while I ‘taught’ them using a blackboard.”

Today, Phipps has reached the pinnacle of academic success. She is a professor with a Ph.D. in Communications and is also the first female chairperson of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities in the US.

“I praise God for great mentors even when I was an undergraduate,” says Phipps. “People who encouraged me to use my gifts included my predecessor, the late Messiah College President Rodney Sawatzky.”

On the way to becoming the President of Messiah College, her responsibilities included overseeing academic programmes, and the welfare of students living in dorms and sports development. Clearly, academics and students are Kim’s passion.

Phipps, who grew up in New York, came from a non-Christian family. She accepted Christ at 14 when her friend in high school, whose father was a pastor, shared Christ with her.

When asked about the purpose of her first trip to Malaysia and Asia, Phipps shared that it was to explore possible partnerships with the local colleges and universities in the region and to raise awareness among Malaysian parents about a viable option – Christian tertiary education.

“Parents who send their kids abroad for further studies should consider Christian tertiary education,” says Phipps. “The academic quality of Christian institutions of higher learning, like Messiah College, is on par with large state universities.”

An added advantage is that the teaching mentoring students. The campus life in such colleges promotes Christian values. “Courses are not only academic in nature but also ministry-oriented. We challenge our students on how they can serve God, whether as a pastor, banker or biologist,” adds Phipps.

Like other Christian universities in the US, her institution provides more than just theological courses. You could also opt for liberal arts or other fields found in ‘ secular’ universities such as engineering, computer science or nutrition.

Messiah College, she stresses, is committed to providing Christian liberal arts and professional undergraduate education to students from all over the world. It aims to increase the number of Asian students in the college. The college provides financial aid to 100% of its international students.

“Over the last decade, we have had 11 students from Malaysia. I am impressed by two important values that they live out. First, hospitality. They make others feel welcome. Second, harmony. The fact they can live peacefully with people of other races and religions makes me want to visit this country.”

“Malaysian students are among the leaders in Messiah’s College International Student Association,” Phipps says. “They participate in Service Learning, an activity in which students volunteer for community work.”

Malaysia’s contribution to the US is also significant. “Malaysia is the 21st most diverse country in the US,” Phipps added. “Our students are diverse. It is a beautiful thing.”

While in Malaysia, Phipps had the opportunity to visit and interact with the students. “I was impressed by the students’ eagerness to learn and their desire to make a difference in society.”

Looking forward, Phipps sees the potential for more collaborations between Messiah College and Malaysia. “I hope to see more students from Malaysia studying at Messiah College. It would be a great opportunity for them to experience American education and culture.”

Dr Kim Phipps
President, Messiah College

As an educator, Dr Kim Phipps has dedicated her life to teaching and mentoring students. Her passion for education has been evident throughout her career, from her work as a professor to her role as President of Messiah College. She is committed to providing a Christian education that not only prepares students academically but also instills values that guide them in their lives.

Lead the way to better things

How to Connect with Your Teens
How to Find Your Child’s Higher Education Needs
Caring for the Elderly
The Entrepreneurial Pastor
From College to College

TAKING THE PATH
Is there a role for Christian artists in society?

HILLCVILLE AGED CARE HOME

What is your advice for potential students and parents who are facing the tough decision of selecting a university? Dr Kim Phipps, President of Messiah College, offers valuable guidance.

“Look for a college that aligns with your values and goals. Consider the campus culture, academic programs, and opportunities for growth and development. It’s also important to reflect on the role of your faith in your life and how you can integrate that into your college experience.”

Dr Phipps encourages students to explore different options and to not be afraid to step outside their comfort zone. “Don’t be afraid to make mistakes. They can be learning opportunities. Remember, it’s your education, and you should make the best choices for your future.”

For parents, it’s important to listen to your child’s aspirations and support them in their decision. “Encourage them to think about their long-term goals and how a college education can help them achieve those goals.”

As an educator, Dr Phipps emphasizes the importance of the relationship between students and their professors. “Professors are not just teachers. They are also mentors who can guide you in your personal and professional development.

“I encourage students to take advantage of opportunities, whether it’s participating in extracurricular activities or attending conferences. These experiences can enrich your education and help you grow as a person.”

Dr Kim Phipps’ insights serve as a reminder that education is not just about acquiring knowledge but also about the personal growth and development of the individual. As she continues to inspire students and educators alike, her commitment to excellence in education remains unwavering.
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This is why we like the term ‘global engagement.’ We believe it includes learning/education, both curricular and co-curricular; service and action; and a sense of partnership.”

Global Engagement at Messiah
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Dedication to the practice of hospitality
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Special Olympics
Matt Hui ‘13
INCARNATING THE GIFT OF OUR MISSION BY SERVING THE WORLD

Sr. Financial Aid Counselor
Cathy Poiesz
Silence of Mary, Harrisburg

Christina Fuji ‘13 with
Best Buddies
Paxton Ministries
INCarnating the gift of our mission by serving the world

Dr. Meg Ramey and Janice Salcedo ’13
2011 Service Day
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Agaba Bisengo ‘06
The Messiah Metaphor

Students who come to Messiah College enter a Christian microcosm, coming together from many different places and many different Christian backgrounds to learn, worship and live together.

Each student brings a rich perspective—his or her own color—and, at Messiah, those colors are celebrated, appreciated and allowed to remain distinct. In the grace of our shared love of Christ and in our worship, study and service, we meld our separate colors together into a strong and vibrant stained glass window.

And the insight that is born in everyone is the light that shines through.
Messiah College invites you to CHANGE the WORLD.
President Phipps invites you to a “State of the College Talk Back”
or as they say in her hometown “Cawfee Tawk”
Friday, August 26, 2011

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Stop by with your questions, comments or just say hi and grab a cup o’ Joe!
Coffee, drinks, and snacks provided