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Dance is movement and rhythm, expression and technique, fitness and form.

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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

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*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.*

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## Headlines

*August 6, 2011*

# 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.

# Heat Wave 2011: Hot 'Dome' Traps Much Of U.S. In Pressure Cooker (VIDEO)

THE HUFFINGTON POST



Heat Wave Smothers Much of U.S.

TODAY TODAY.COM

NBC

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ENVIRONMENT

## Blistering heatwave paralyzes country, stresses power grid

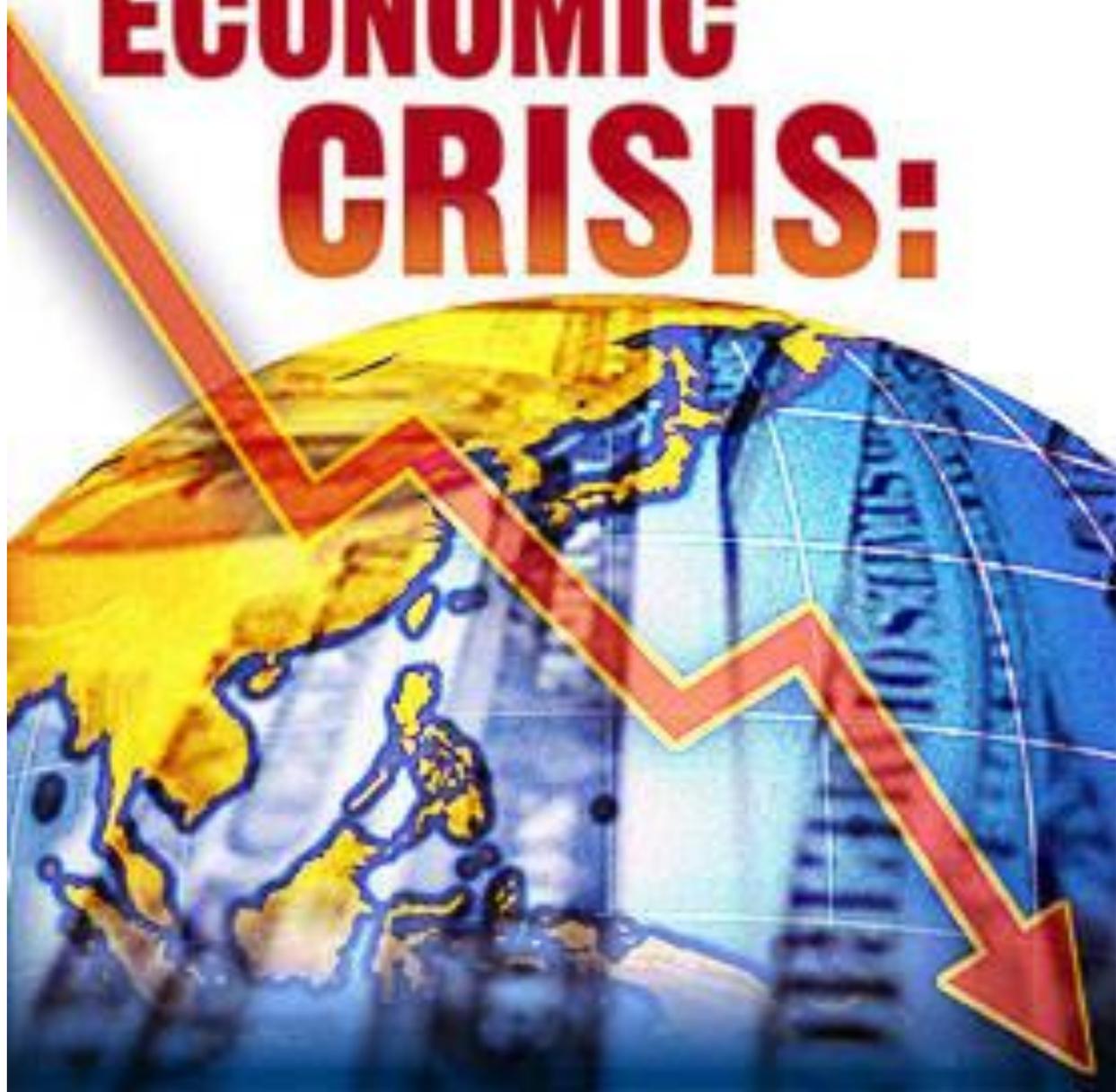
AUGUST 3, 2011 @ 2:06PM | KATHLEEN BYRNE-BARRANTES

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.



# ECONOMIC CRISIS:





## Harrisburg's infrastructure suffers amid financial crisis

Published: Friday, July 15, 2011, 8:00 AM Updated: Friday, July 15, 2011, 12:37 PM



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.

# US loses AAA credit rating from S&P

S&P downgrades US credit rating in historic move, says Congress didn't cut budget enough

**AP** Associated Press

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FILE - This Monday, Aug. 1, 2011 picture shows the U.S. Capitol just after the House voted to pass debt legislation on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Martin Crutsinger, AP Economics Writer, On Saturday August 6, 2011, 1:24 am EDT

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.

THE PATRIOT-NEWS

OPINION

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Kim S. Phipps | GUEST COLUMNIST

## Dialogue needs civility, gracious citizenship

**W**ith 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, but it seems as though many public conversations and debates about a variety of social and political issues can be boiled down to a catchphrase popularized by a cellphone company: "Can you hear me now?"

I began my career in higher education as a professor of rhetoric and communication frequently teaching introductory-level courses. Each semester, my students and I would study and apply the Greek word *dialogos* — defined as the flow of meaning that requires people to listen respectfully, 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 does not require individuals to surrender strongly held convictions or values, and it does not mean that we cannot 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 as they earnestly seek to discover points of shared understanding.

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, research issues and construct sound arguments rooted in fact and evidence, not hyperbole and fiction.

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 emphasizes equality and value. Individual opinions represented by the piece of the puzzle the person grasps must be both shared and respected in order to accomplish the larger goal of completing the puzzle.

In March, James Leach, former Iowa congressman and current chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, delivered the keynote address during Messiah's annual Humanities Symposium. During his lecture, Leach dared the audience to bridge ideological and political differences with more than politeness. He challenged individuals to listen, learn from and even collaborate with those with whom they disagree.

This type of gracious citizen-

ship is desperately needed in our society. In a March Harris Poll, 87 percent of respondents identified political discussions as angry and bad-tempered, and 67 percent said the political climate is the "foulest it has ever been." Seventy-two percent stated that "how American politicians treat one another influences how Americans treat one another."

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, blogs 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 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 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 through October. [president@messiah.edu](mailto:president@messiah.edu).

# Faithful Presence

## TO CHANGE THE WORLD

THE IRONY,  
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IN THE  
LATE MODERN  
WORLD

JAMES DAVISON  
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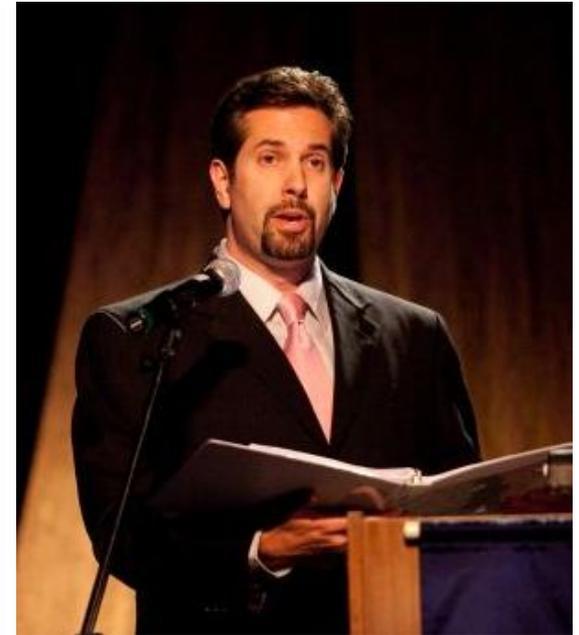
*Messiah College invites you*

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.

# Messiah College To Change the World...



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

# Messiah College To Change the World...



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...



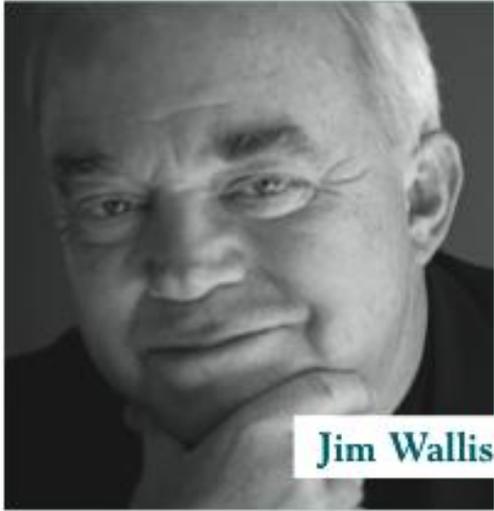
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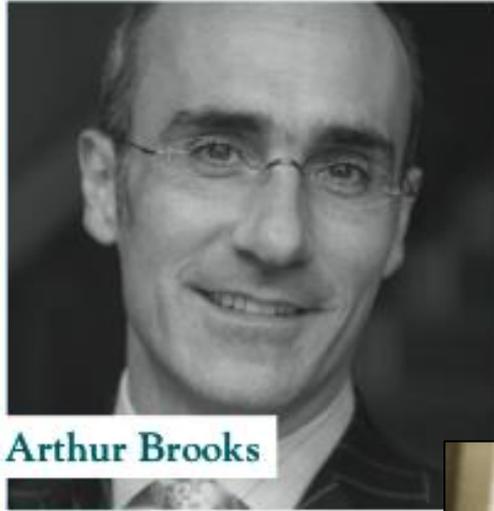
**Sherron Biddle**  
*Aughinbaugh Gallery Director*

Exhibit September 12 – October 16, 2011

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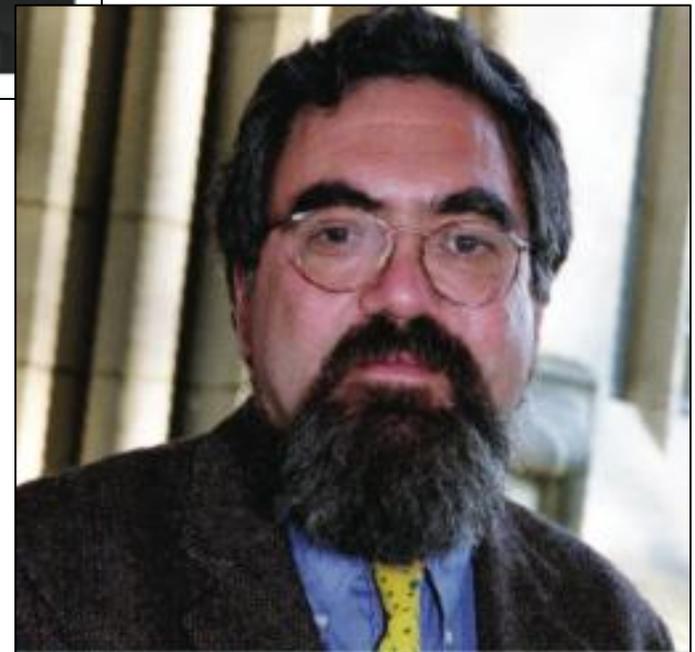
Jim Wallis



Arthur Brooks

Jim Wallis and  
Arthur Brooks  
Debate: “Is  
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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.



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# Messiah College Identity

A photograph of a large wooden structure under construction, likely a stadium or arena, with a sign for 'STARRY ATHLETIC FIELD' visible. A yellow lift truck is in the foreground. The structure has a dark brown wooden exterior and a complex internal framework of beams and supports. The sign on the left reads 'STARRY ATHLETIC FIELD' and 'OF DAVID R. STARRY'. The lift truck in the foreground has 'JLG LIFT' and 'CITYTRAILS HEAVY TIMBER' written on it. There is also a sign that says 'NO DOGS ALLOWED'. The background shows green trees and a clear sky.

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.

# Messiah College Mission

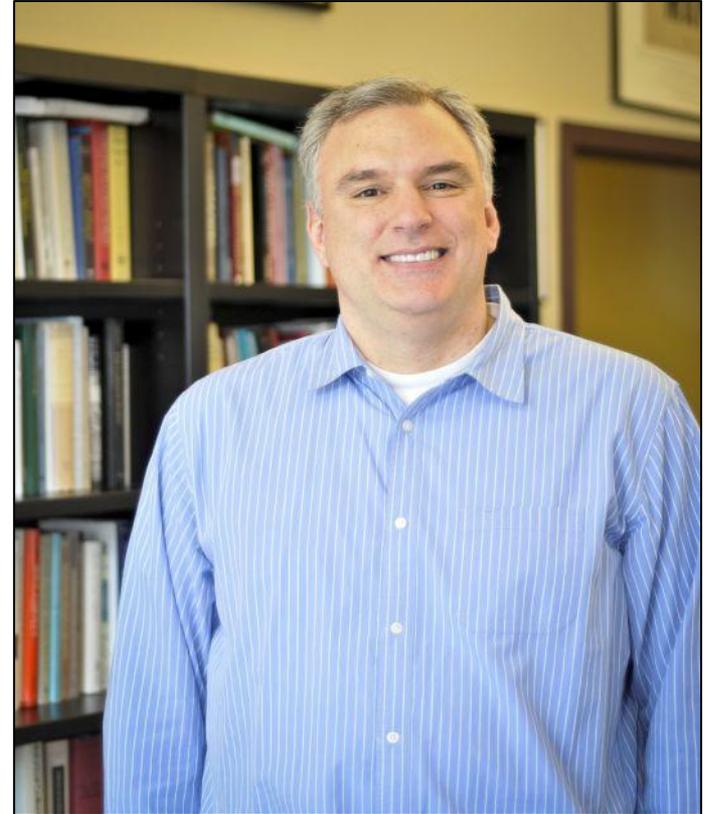
Our mission is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character and Christian faith in preparation for lives of service, leadership, and reconciliation in Church and society.



Progress of the Worship and Performing Arts Center

# AFFIRMING THE GIFT OF OUR INSTITUTIONAL MISSION

*“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

# AFFIRMING THE GIFT OF OUR INSTITUTIONAL MISSION

*“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



David Weaver-Zercher  
Professor of American Religious History

*[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.”*

# AFFIRMING THE GIFT OF OUR INSTITUTIONAL MISSION

## “Orthodox”

**A** \_\_\_\_\_ **B** \_\_\_\_\_ **D**

**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

<b>At Messiah College, what is the status of the following beliefs?</b>	<b>AB – Core</b> (The College affirms and all educators must affirm)	<b>BC – Privileged</b> (The College affirms and some, but not all, will agree)	<b>CD – Neutral</b> (The College neutral; all can agree to disagree)
God exists.			
Jesus is the Son of God.			
It is proper for women to be ordained to pastoral ministry.			
Participation in war is inconsistent with the teachings of Jesus.			
God is the Creator of heaven and earth.			
It is possible to affirm both divine creation & forms of evolution.			



# AFFIRMING THE GIFT OF OUR INSTITUTIONAL MISSION

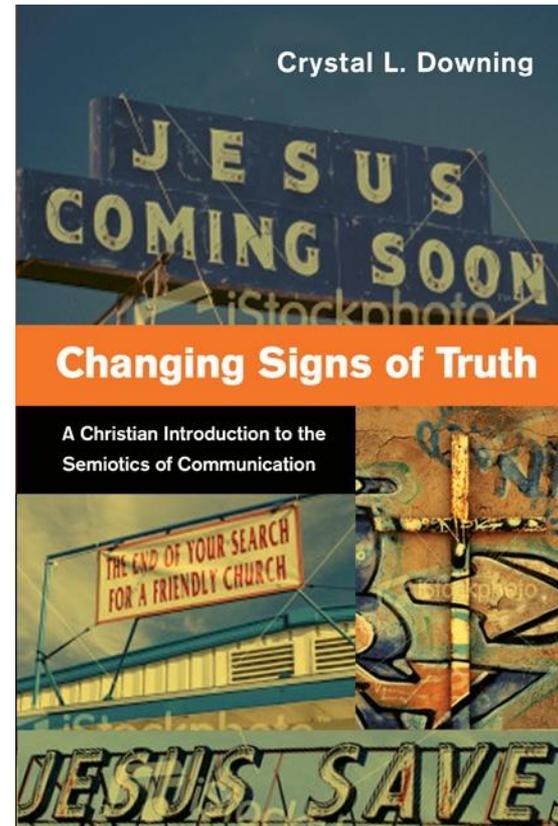
- Messiah seniors scored above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of all participating institutions
- Messiah's total score was higher than 88% of all participating institutions
- One area in which we want to strengthen our performance is on the task labeled "critique-an-argument."

Messiah College

2010-2011 CLIA INSTITUTIONAL REPORT

2010 Collegiate Learning Assessment

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Crystal Downing  
Professor of English and Film Studies

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*“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

# AFFIRMING THE GIFT OF OUR INSTITUTIONAL MISSION

*“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](#).

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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

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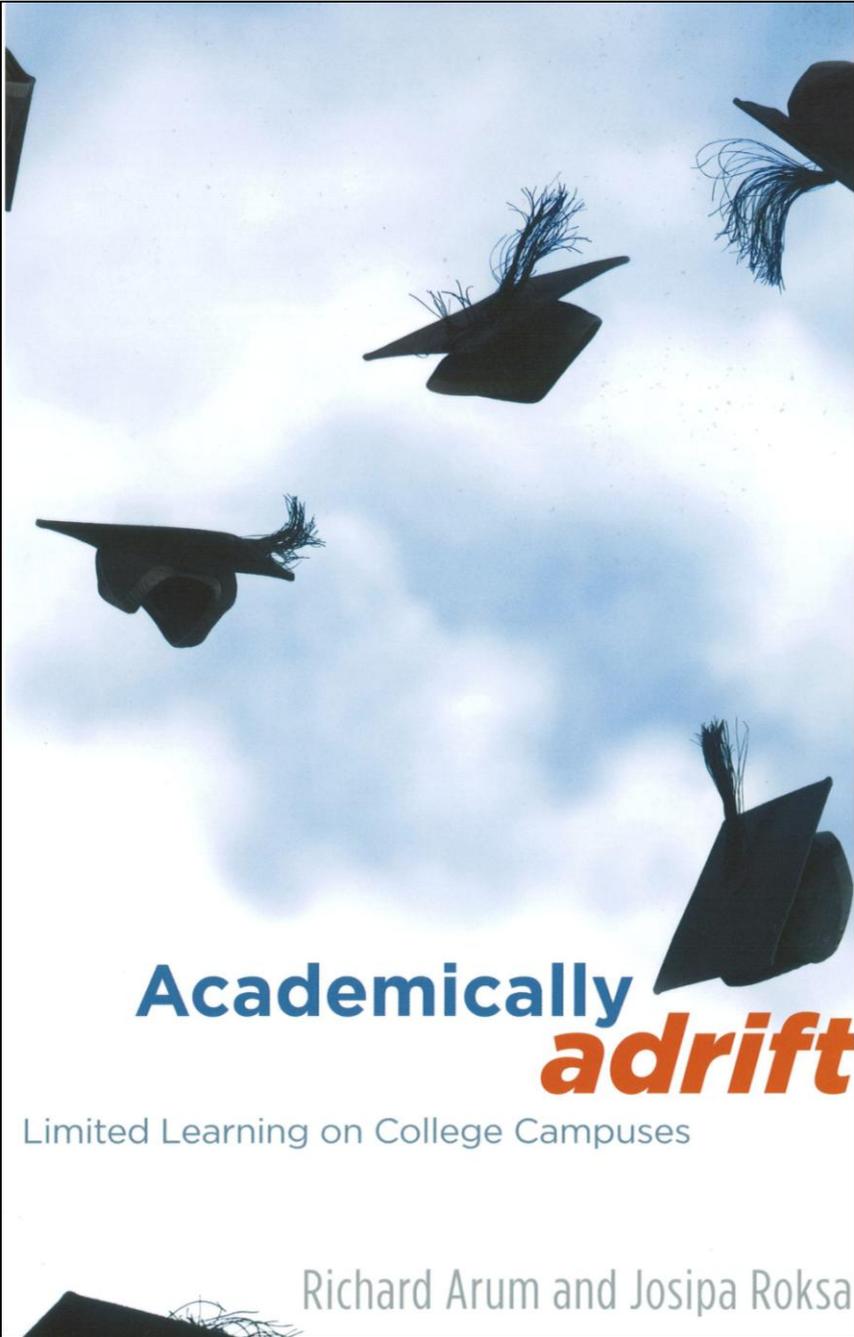
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The image features a low-angle shot of several graduation caps (mortarboards) with tassels, appearing to be tossed into the air. They are silhouetted against a bright, overcast sky with soft, white clouds. The caps are scattered across the frame, with some near the top and others lower down, creating a sense of upward motion and dispersal.

# 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

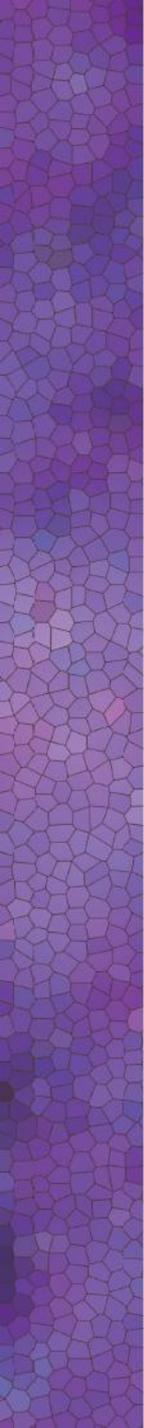
*“In many ways, the recent economic failures are educational failures to the extent that very bright and well-educated people signed off on financial instruments they neither understood nor felt obliged to understand as long as they made money.”*

Richard Katz  
Consultant



Carl Lundblad '92

*“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.”*

A vertical decorative strip on the left side of the slide, featuring a purple mosaic pattern with varying shades of purple and blue.

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

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History of Stewardship

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## 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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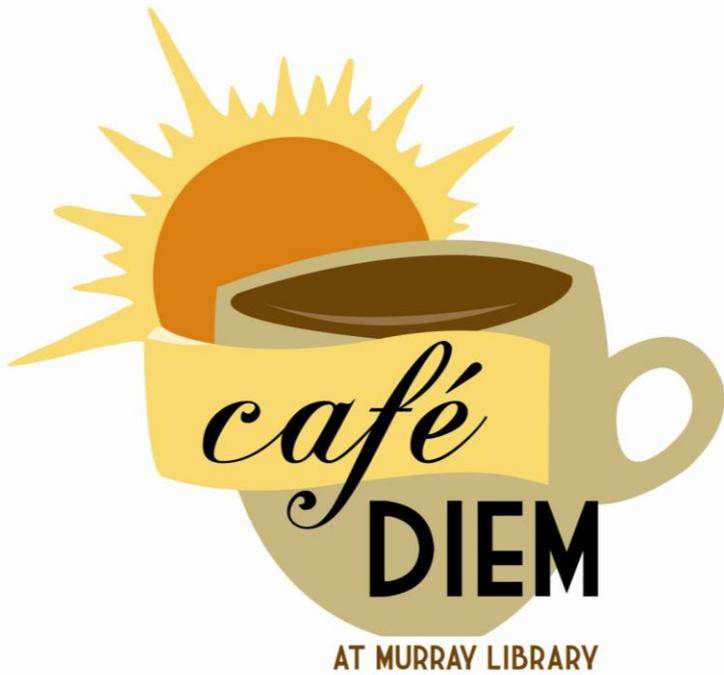


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AT MURRAY LIBRARY



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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!

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Messiah Total: 2.40%   [Participate Now](#)

ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE	MESSIAH COLLEGE
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
AS OF 08-22-11 (UPDATED MONDAYS)	AS OF 08-22-11 (UPDATED MONDAYS)
<b>2.06%</b>	<b>2.40%</b>
<a href="#">SUPPORT ELIZABETHTOWN NOW</a>	<a href="#">SUPPORT MESSIAH NOW</a>

# The Elizabethtown/Messiah Challenge

August 22, 2011

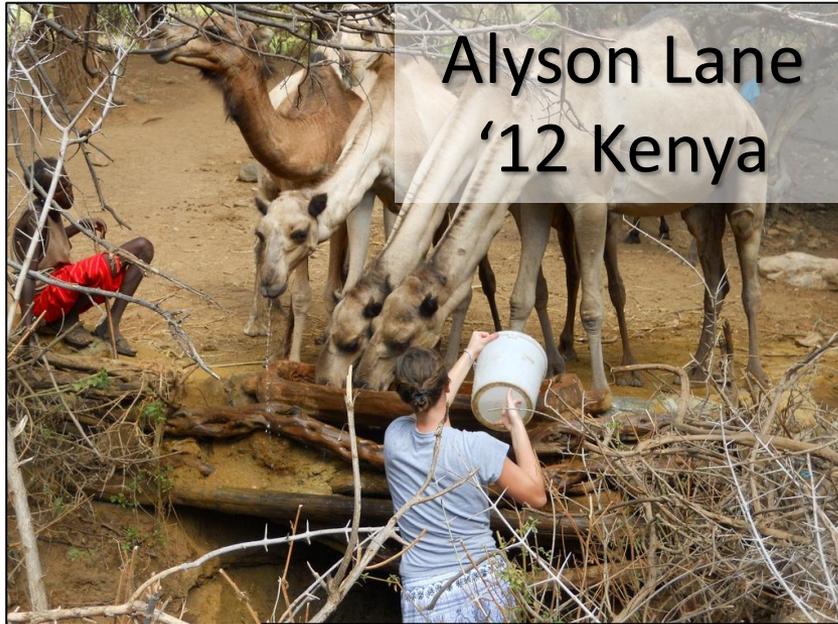
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*“Our shared responsibility is to prepare our students for all of the possibilities and challenges of the 21st century world, a century in which minorities are projected to become the majority in the United States as early as 2041.”*

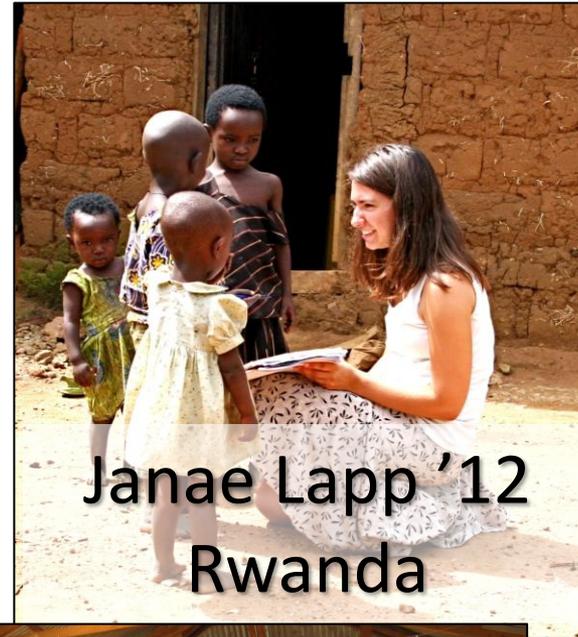


**Bernardo Michael**  
Special Assistant to the President and  
Provost for Diversity Affairs

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



Jennifer Heisey '11  
Thailand



Students add Messiah flag to  
flag monument in Bolivia

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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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COVER STORY

## 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

**W**HAT BEGAN AS 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 Sawatsky."

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, academia 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.



Dr Kim Phipps

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

children living in the inner cities. Some are active leaders in campus for our worship concerts and events while others participate in our overseas mission trips."

"Despite its relatively small student population (about 2,800 undergraduate students), big events have taken place at Messiah College," Phipps says. In 2008, it hosted the Compassion Forum which featured conversations with presidential candidates, then Senator Hillary Clinton and Senator Barack Obama, on issues related to faith and public policy. CNN covered it live. "The students who helped to organise this event were absolutely thrilled to be involved," she recalls.

"International students adjusting to US campus culture can approach our friendly staff for assistance," says Phipps. "Messiah College is located in Pennsylvania, near the capital city of Harrisburg (with Philadelphia, Washington and New York nearby). As such, students have ample opportunities for internship in fields of their choice. They may even apply for practical training in other countries."

Messiah College students have often proven themselves to be a caring, competitive and fun-loving bunch. "Take Sunrayce for example," Phipps says. "It's the annual national race to build a better solar-powered car for the good of the environment. Messiah College participated in Sunrayce from 1997-2005. Despite formidable competition, Messiah consistently placed itself ahead of teams from Ivy League universities like MIT, Stanford and Yale."

What is her parting advice for potential students and parents who are facing the tough decision of selecting a university? "As a mother myself, I tell the parents to gather as much information as possible and ask relevant questions before making decisions. As for the students, I advise them to seriously consider a Christian education in order to

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**TAKING THE PATH LESS TRAVELLED**

Is there a rationale for a Christian liberal arts education?

**By a Staff writer**

A MILLITARY, OVERSEAS BORN, who doesn't usually mean someone in a university in the UK, Australia or New Zealand. The British Isles, however, is well known for its liberal arts education which is credited for producing well-rounded graduates with good communication and critical thinking skills.

Not many Malaysians are familiar with liberal arts colleges, let alone Christian liberal arts colleges. In fact, most tend to associate 'Christian' colleges with Bible colleges, seminaries and theological training.

But first, what is a liberal arts education?

Liberal arts is a four-year academic programme that offers a broad range of subjects from the sciences to humanities (such as history, music, art and literature) designed to encourage students to read widely and acquire analytical and critical thinking skills. Students explore different courses in the first two years before focusing on a major in the third year.

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Messiah College, fell in the same category where students graduate with a BA after a four-year course.

But why consider a Christian liberal arts education?

A Christian liberal arts education is an added spiritual dimension to a non-liberal arts education. This will help the student as well as influence his character and decisions in his years of life.

Beyond the acquisition knowledge, a Christian education develops character – the he would and end of the student. Christ-centred education doesn't depend on material. It helps explore the faith and strength his work with Christ. He also has to integrate scholarship with faith by looking and interpret meaning of faith, intelligently understanding of and appreciation for Bible depictions. Having mastered, he may to consider God-called to build and reap what it means to be a Christian in what is a diverse, dynamic, recovery, recovery service God has called him to.

Christian colleges also have a rich culture of mentoring – a common Christian professors seek to be parts with their students in their spare journey. In addition, scholarships, financial and other offers, to make Christian education more affordable.

When considering a Christian liberal arts college, it is advisable to ask the Council for Christian Colleges Universities (CCCC) website for an information. Although there are 400 institutions of higher learning in US which claim "Christian" affiliation only 111 have qualified as members of CCCC, which only admit members who are intentionally Christ-centred in its field mission.

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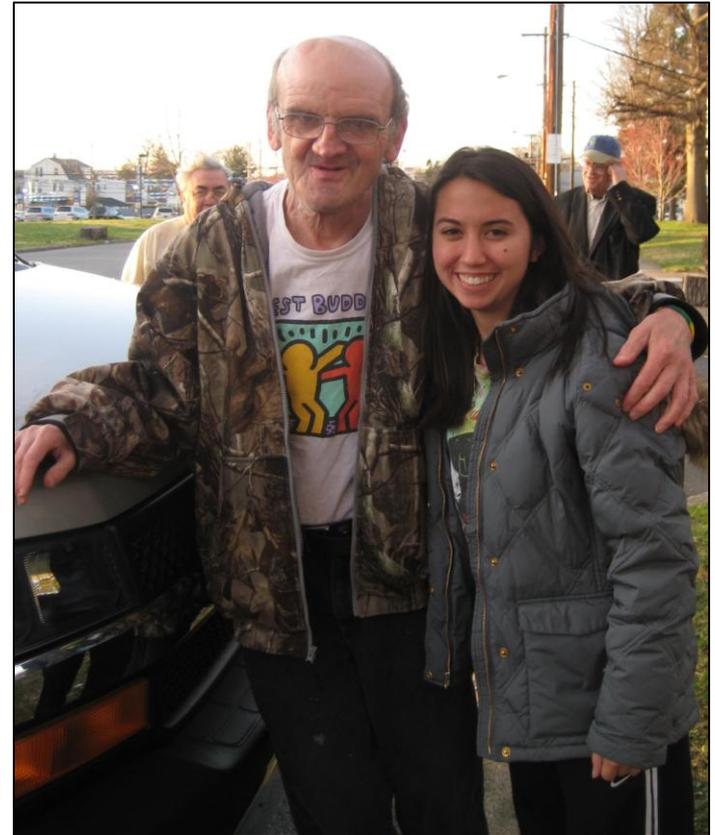


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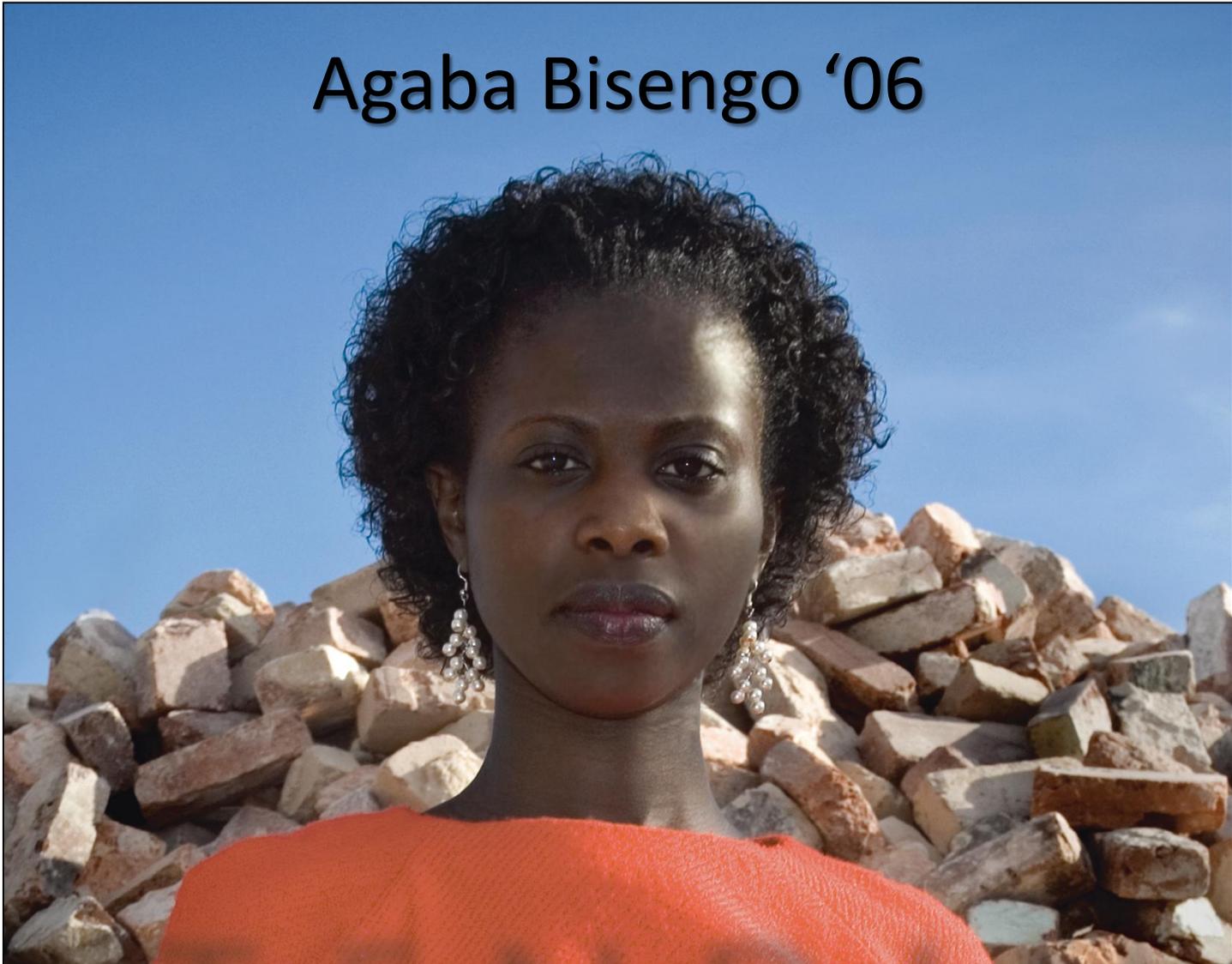
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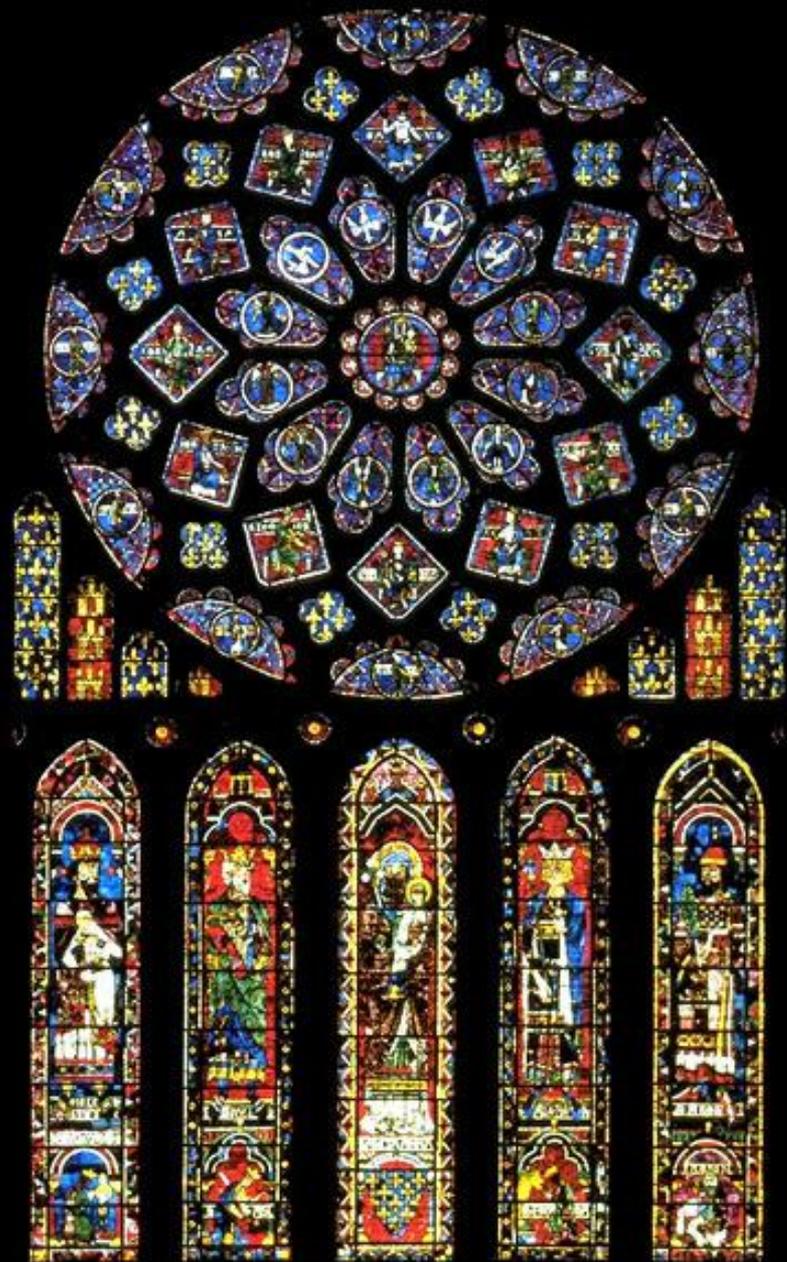


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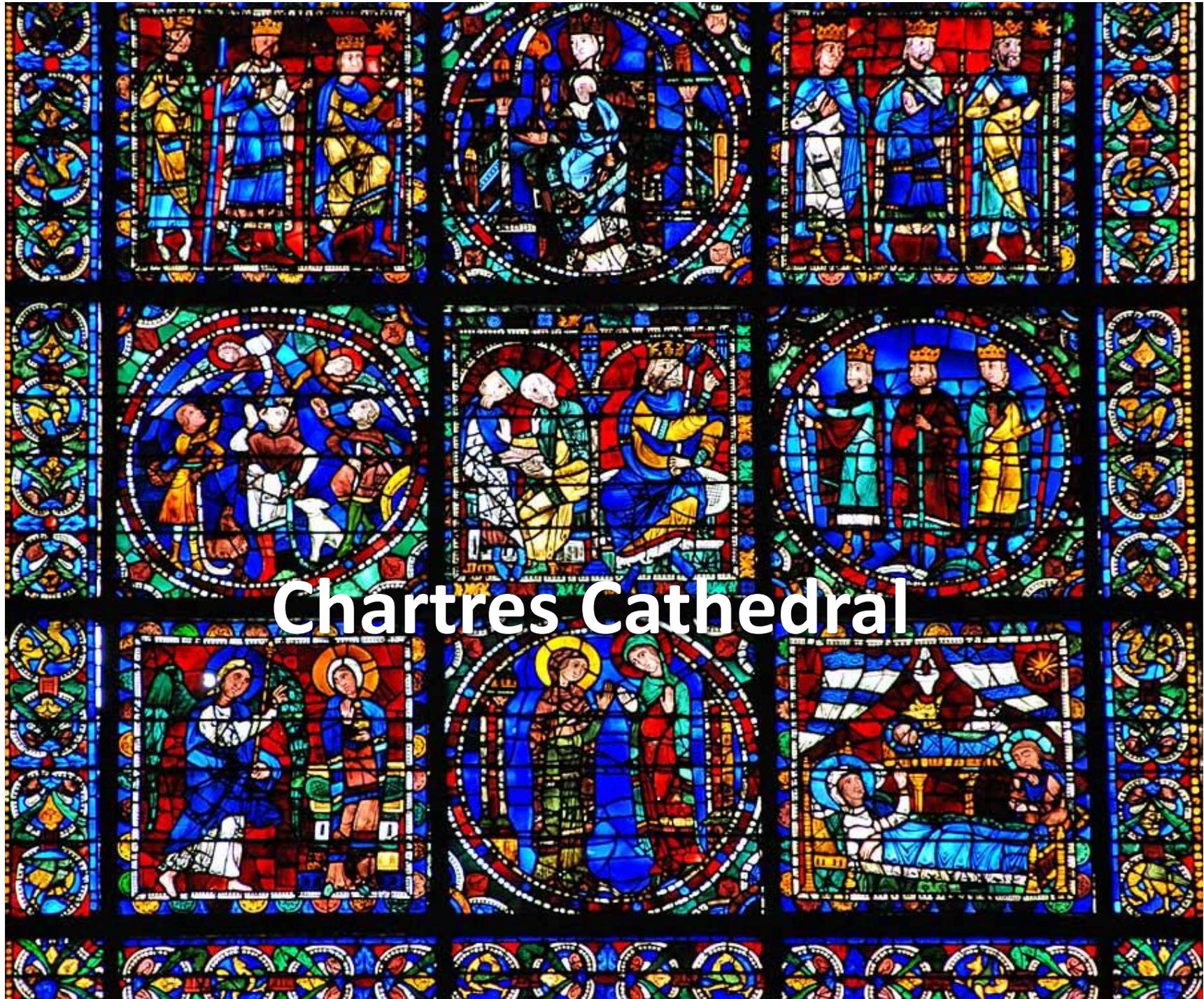
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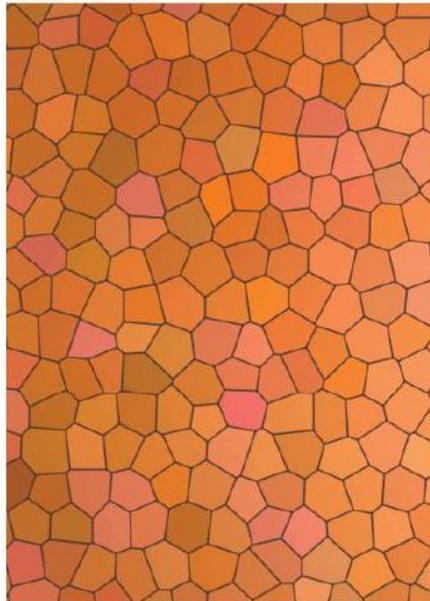
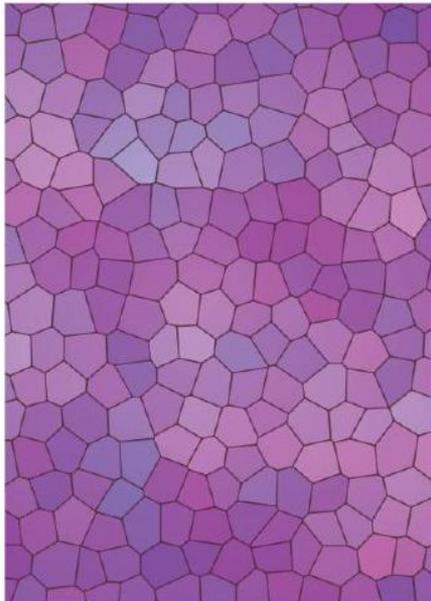
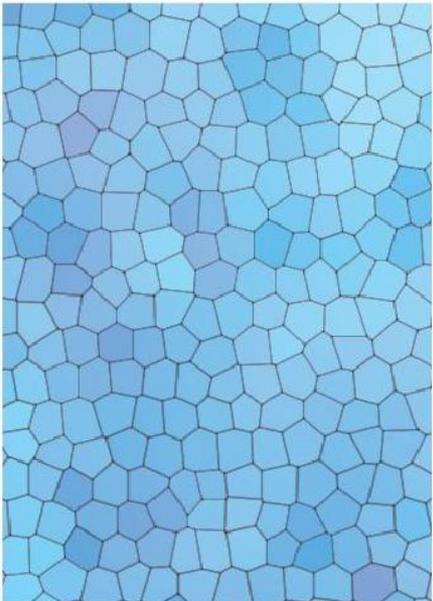
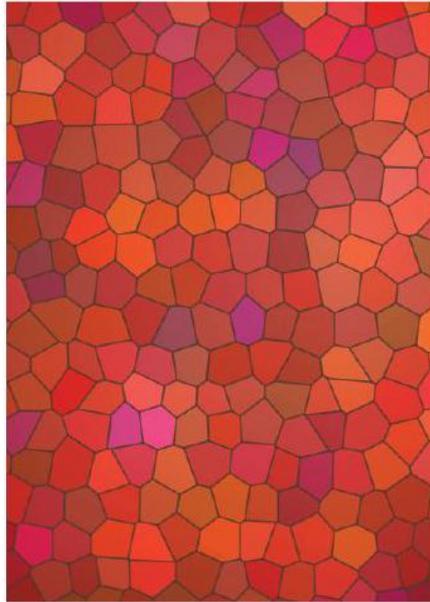
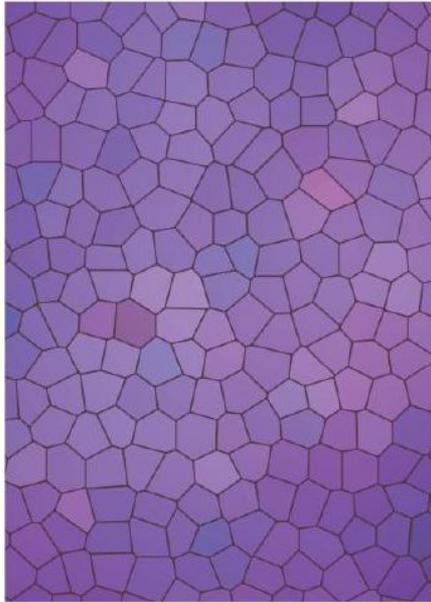
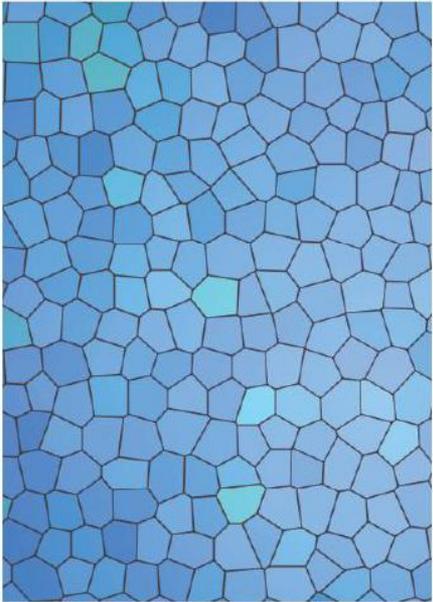
Each student brings a rich perspective—his or her own color—and, at Messiah, those colors are celebrated, appreciated and allowed to remain distinct. In the grace of our shared love of Christ and in our worship, study and service, we meld our separate colors together into a strong and vibrant stained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

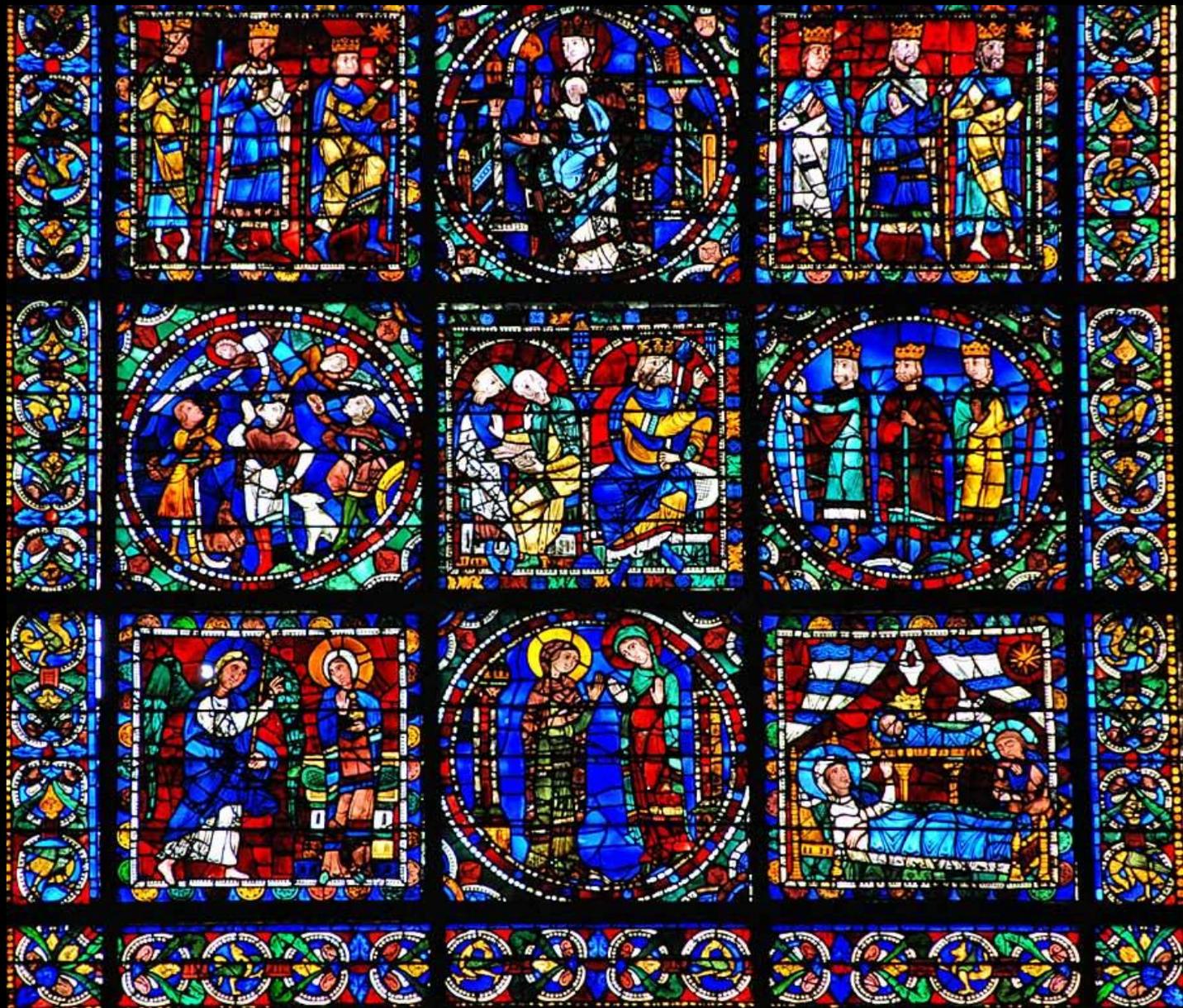
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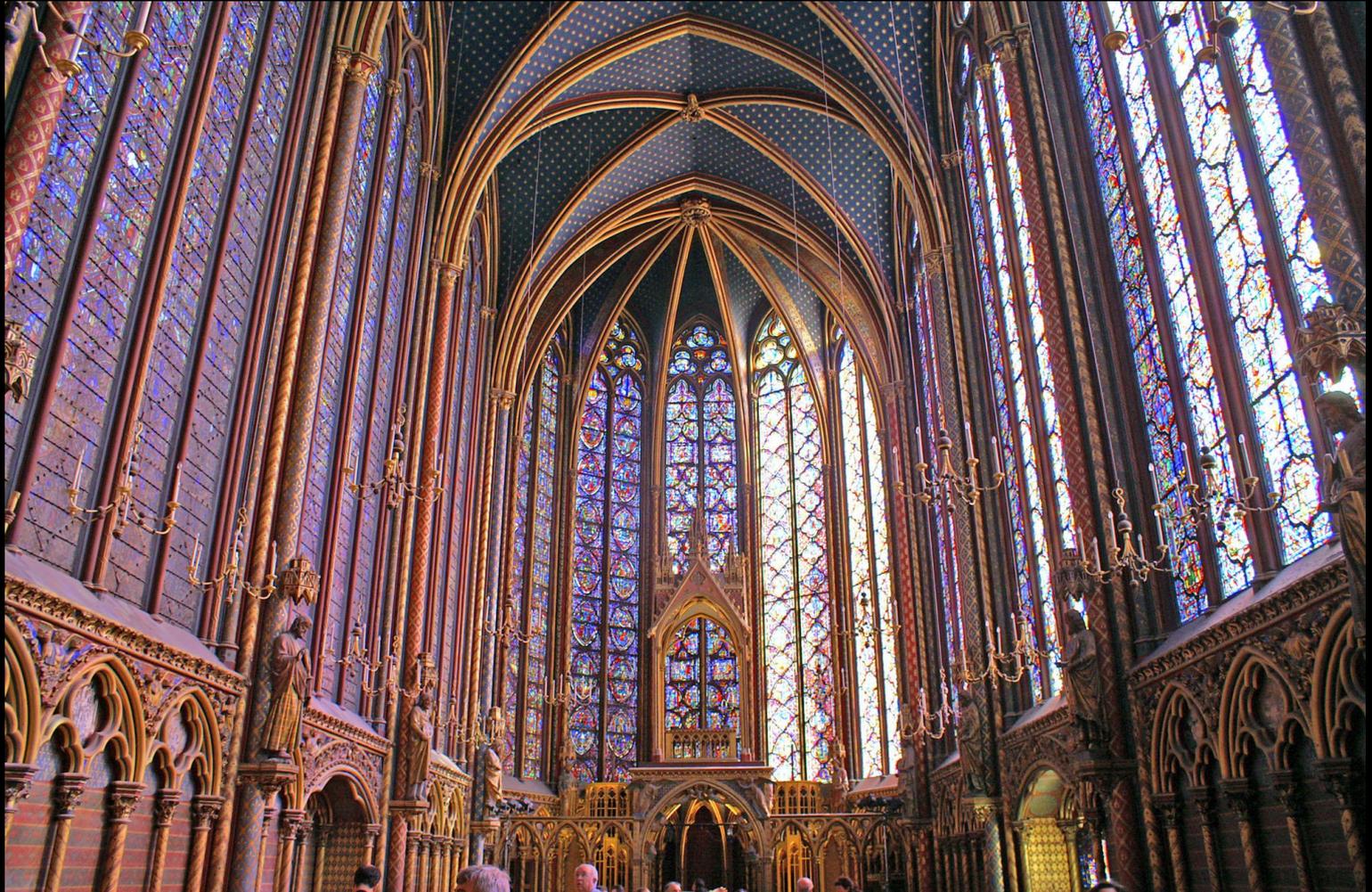


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shines through.*



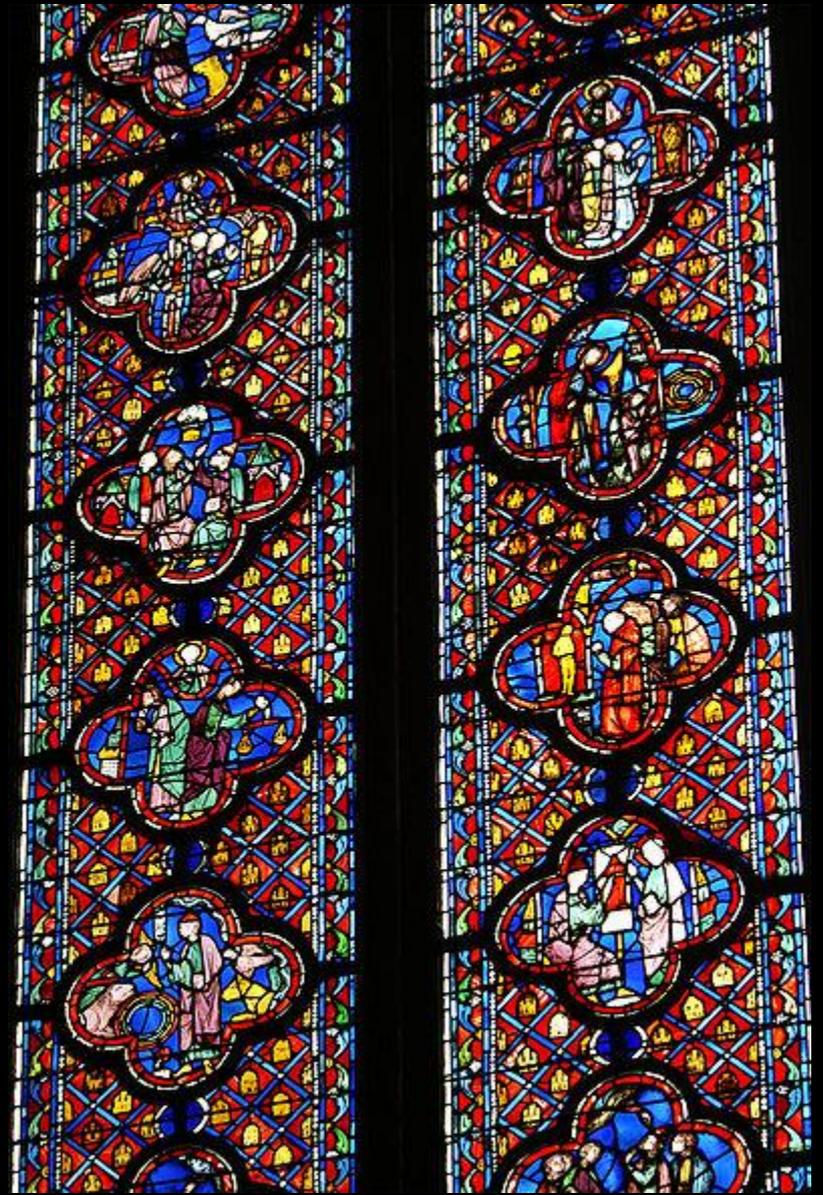
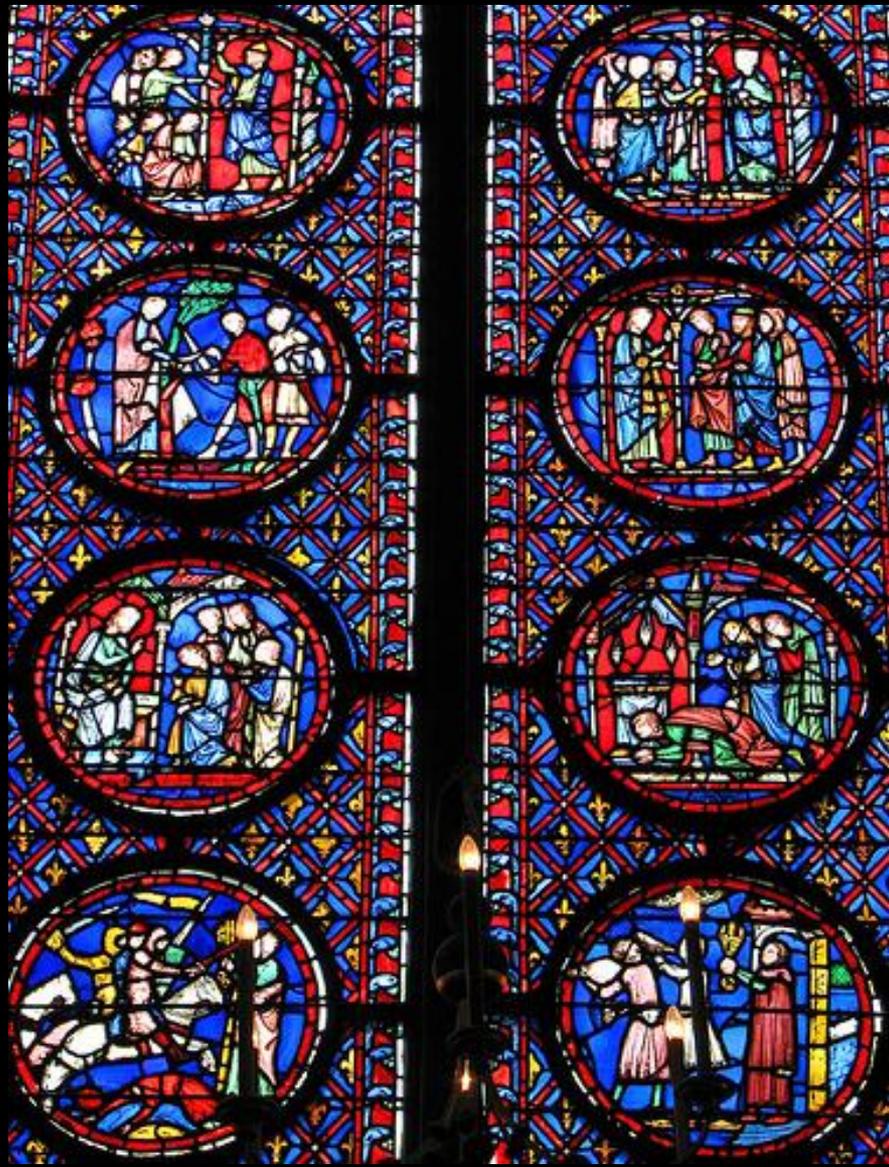
















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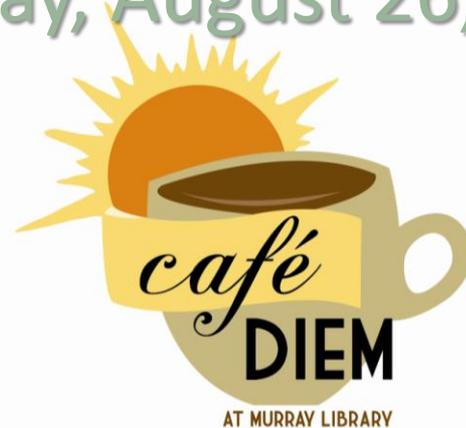
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