

CAMPUS MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT



Presbytery of Western North Carolina

Committee Informational Report

For the January 30, 2010 Meeting of Presbytery

The meeting was held at Montreat College in the private dining room of the cafeteria. The Religion Department hosted us for lunch.

A large portion of our time was spent hearing reports from both Steven Woodworth, Chaplain and Gary VanBrocklin, chair of the Religion Department, about what is happening in Campus Ministry at Montreat College. A summary of that information is below.

Montreat College has 450 students on its Montreat campus and 750 in its extended campus programs in Asheville and Charlotte

60% of the students on the Montreat campus are athletes and they have 16 international students, the freshman class & new students this year was 130 (down from 170) but it is a very good group of kids (mature, academically inclined, and strong in faith)

3 Bible classes are required. Two are in Bible surveys or Theology and one is the "Faith and Learning" seminar where seniors are required to hold their discipline in dialogue with the Christian world view.

There are weekly chapel services Thursdays at 11am (no classes are scheduled during this time). They are not required but can be counted as part of the required 20 convocation credits for each semester. Tuesdays are the convocation lectures. Average attendance at chapel is 275 to 300.

Gary Van Brocklin, chair of the Religion Department reported:

Faculty and staff are asked to support the basic "Statement of Faith" (on the website). This is a bare bones statement of Christian faith. This was new in the past 3 years. This is not required for students but most students are Christian.

Montreat College provides a warm environment for growth of personal faith.

Reformed Heritage and Theology are the emphasis in the Bible/ Religion Dept.

Many students do go on to mission and church vocations following graduation

7%-8% of students are Religion majors. The college supplements privately the government funding they are not eligible to receive.

Kathy Campbell (2 year) and Joseph Washburn (3 year) have both agreed to serve on the board of NCPHEM (North Carolina Presbyterian Higher Education Ministries, Inc.) representing the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

Official thanks were given to Mae Weed for her work as 2009 committee chair. Official thanks were given to George Gunn for agreeing to serve as committee chair for 2010.

Montreat College offers Traditional Campus degree programs, Adult and Graduate Studies off campus, and its Professional Development Institute as a part of its comprehensive educational opportunities.



Montreat College graduates from the Traditional Campus program of the college class of 2009.

**Campus Mission Committee
Next Meeting Date:**

February 9, 2010
1:00-3:00pm
Presbyterian Home for Children
Black Mountain

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