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Partnership Dinner X moved to May 9



Scheduling difficulties at Cobo Hall in Detroit have resulted in a major date change for Partnership Dinner X. A January 21 letter from a Cobo official stated, "It is with sincere regret that I must inform you of a scheduling problem on our part that makes your dinner too close to other functions . . . so that in our judgment we would not be able to properly serve you. I wish to state emphatically that the responsibility for this problem falls squarely on our shoulders." Consequently, May 9, 1981, has been selected as the best of two open dates at Cobo Hall for Partnership Dinner X.

As a courtesy in view of the scheduling problem, Cobo Hall plans to serve their finest menu entree. Tickets to the dinner will remain at \$60 for adults and \$30 for students, although a slight increase is anticipated for following years. Despite dramatic increases in food costs, the ticket price for the dinner has remained the same since Partnership Dinner II in 1973.

Currently, local chairmen are being selected in approximately 115 congregations which represents an increase of twenty participating congregations. Thirteen goal setting sessions are scheduled between February 21 and March 22 to assist local chairmen and their assistants in setting local goals. The sessions, scheduled at geographically convenient congregations throughout Michigan and northern Ohio, are also designed for participants to share ideas and to inspire one another for greater growth of the dinner in spite of the current national economy.

Last year, Partnership Dinner IX drew 2,520 friends of Michigan Christian College to Cobo Hall with a total of 3,148 tickets sold. Proceeds from the dinner again met the annual \$139,000 payment on the Alma Gatewood Memorial Residence Hall.

Not only has Partnership Dinner developed as the largest annual gathering of Christians in the Midwest, but has provided a tremendous stabilizing influence on the college for nine years. No other region of the country has ever accomplished a more dramatic effort on behalf of Christian education. Mark your calendar and plan to be a part of this exciting event!

Deans List — Fall 1980

Becky Adams Troy, Michigan
 Doug Allen Dearborn, Michigan
 Janet Artibee Flint, Michigan
 Pam Berry Jacksonville, Florida
 Dan Billingsley Memphis, Michigan
 Jeneice Clouse Temperance, Michigan
 Kathy Dickinson Trenton, Michigan
 Doug Doyle Grand Rapids, Michigan
 Emily Eddins Melbourne, Florida
 Letha Ferguson Indianapolis, Indiana
 Susan Gutt Rochester, Michigan
 Mary Hadfield Dearborn Heights, Michigan
 Jill Jezierski Troy, Michigan
 Linda Kelterborn Caseville, Michigan
 Anne McGuiggan West Lafayette, Ohio



Henry Nyakiru Kampalu, Uganda
 Corinna Paterson Traverse City, Michigan
 Pam Pierson Grand Blanc, Michigan
 Tim Pruitt Allen Park, Michigan
 Joberta Rose Mount Clemens, Michigan
 Joe Ryan Rochester, Michigan
 Roxanne Scarbrough South Bend, Indiana
 Paul Schandavel Sterling Heights, Michigan
 Doreen Sheteron Dowagic, Michigan
 Susan Sparks Dearborn, Michigan
 Rae Jean Stockberger Frankfort, Indiana
 Gayle Thayer Caro, Michigan
 John Tutor Waco, Texas
 Mike Villar Dearborn Heights, Michigan
 John Washington Dearborn Heights, Michigan



Dear Alumni, Parent, and Friends:

Gene and I are happy to be back at Michigan Christian College. We appreciate the honor and confidence shown by the Board of Trustees in requesting us to return. We solicit your prayers as we attempt to fulfill our responsibilities.

Upon returning to serve as the fifth president of Michigan Christian, I'm deeply impressed by the progress that has been made. I applaud all the previous presidents — Otis Gatewood, Lucien Palmer, Don Gardner and Walt Gilfilen, as well as all present and former employees of the institution. And, I also applaud and honor you, the clientele, for the consistent "grass roots" support you have maintained over the years. That has been evidenced by your annual participation in the Partnership Dinners and the Salary Sharing/Phon-A-Visit program. *Hats off to you!*

In response to your generosity, and as a token of appreciation, Michigan Christian College is launching several donor recognition programs to honor those who make annual gifts at various levels. *Let me say emphatically, however, that every gift, regardless of size, is deeply appreciated and needed.* We are searching for suitable names for the recognition clubs and the plan is to have a separate club program designed to thank and honor donors for cumulative annual gifts within the following levels:

\$100 through \$499 Annually
\$500 through \$999 Annually
\$1000 And Up Annually

Complete details and guidelines for the clubs will be announced in the next bulletin.

Also, in connection with the launching of our new Estate Planning program, we are establishing a club designed to honor those individuals and families who include Michigan Christian College, on a non-contingent basis, in their Estate Plans.

Again, let me say that Michigan Christian is so thankful for every gift, regardless of size. Without every contribution the institution could not continue to offer our young people the high quality programs that are available.

Very sincerely,

Milton B. Fletcher
President

Estate planning assistance program now available

Educational institutions are financed by several types of income; namely gift income, earned income from student tuition and fees, earned income from auxiliaries such as the Bookstore, and earned income from Permanent Endowment. National statistics reveal that approximately 80% of endowment gifts to educational institutions come from Estate Planning programs. At the present time, Michigan Christian College has a very small Permanent Endowment Fund.

Permanent Endowment can best be described as a "savings fund" that can be used only for the purpose of producing income. The "corpus," or the fund itself, cannot be expended but only the interest it earns can be used. For a small private educational institution to survive the ravages of a poor economy, it desperately needs permanent endowment. How wonderful it would be for Michigan Christian College to develop a significant Permanent Endowment fund capable of producing income to assist the operating budget each year. This could aid immeasurably in controlling tuition increases and thus be of great benefit to students.

Additionally, some Estate Plans will produce gifts for construction of new facilities desperately needed in the institutional growth process.

Michigan Christian believes that every donor should derive benefit and blessing from his or her gift. If giving is a grace (and we all believe it is) then certainly giving is more blessed than receiving. That being true, the greatest benefit derived from giving is the personal satisfaction one receives. In relation to Estate Planning agreements, Michigan Christian believes that — "If it isn't a good deal for the donor, it isn't a good deal for the institution." Every Estate Planning proposal is approached with that in mind. In addition there can be valuable savings on Federal Estate Taxes, State Inheritance Taxes, and, in relation to Life Income Agreements, Federal Income Tax savings.

At the January 17, 1981 meeting of the Board of Trustees, President Milton B. Fletcher presented for their consideration and approval, a set of Estate Planning Policies. These will become the guidelines for the institution's Estate Planning program.

The Estate Planning program is offered as a service free of charge. We have adequately trained and experienced people in the field of marketing Estate Planning programs. Professional legal advice is also available on the staff. Opportunities to make public Estate Planning presentations are welcomed. Also, we would be delighted to conduct private conferences regarding Estate Planning. Please contact:

Dr. Milton B. Fletcher, President
Michigan Christian College
800 West Avon Road
Rochester, Michigan 48063

or call (313) 651-5800 during office hours or (313) 652-0707 in the evening.

Registrar, Math Instructor added to MCC faculty

Moving to Rochester from Beamsville, Ontario, Charles Gibbs recently became the newest addition to the MCC family. Gibbs, a native of Ashland, Ohio, now serves as Registrar and a part-time math instructor at the college.

Gibbs completed his bachelors degree at David Lipscomb College and a masters degree at West Virginia University. Among his experiences, he brings a background of teaching at Ohio Valley College from 1968 to 1976 and at Great Lakes Christian College from 1978 to 1980.

The addition of Gibbs to the staff will provide greater efficiency to registration and the processing of records as well as the addition of a new computer science sequence and restructuring of the math curriculum. Gibbs and his wife, Ruth Ann, have three children, Steve, 13; Laura, 10; and Rebekah, 5.



Large crowd shares annual festivities of Homecoming Game

Students, alumni, staff, and friends gathered at the Troy High School gymnasium on February 7 for the annual activities of the Homecoming game. A 91-65 win over Great Lakes Bible College of Lansing, Michigan added to the warmth of a beautiful halftime ceremony and the reunion of old friends.

Queen candidates entered the gym for the halftime ceremonies through a tunnel of candlebearers. Terry Potter of Flushing, Michigan was crowned Homecoming Queen by MCC President Fletcher. Queen Terry's court included Ramona Campbell of Roseville, Michigan; Carol Everson of LaCrescent, Minnesota; Willicia Payne of Bellwood, Illinois; and Pam Pierson of Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Although only leading by 43-38 at halftime, the Warriors broke away with the scoring in the second half of the game. Hezekiah Barrett of Lake Park, Georgia, led the Warriors in scoring with twenty-six points. Mike Bartlett followed closely with twenty-five points.

Immediately following the game, the students rushed back to residence halls to prepare for the evening's annual Homecoming Banquet, while alumni returned to campus for a reception in the Utley Student Center.

Homecoming '82
February 6, 1982

High School Day

March 28, 1981

- 9:00 a.m. Registration in Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. Chapel Program with MCC
A Cappella Chorus**
- 11:00 a.m. Campus Tours**
- 12:00 p.m. Autumn and Brighter Days**
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch (\$1.50) and College
Counseling Available**
- 2:30 p.m. Celebration in Song
(free only to registered
High School Day students
and their sponsors)**
- 4:30 p.m. Program Ends**

**Overnight housing available
by reservation only
for those coming
from a long
distance.
Call Linda
at (313)
651-5800.**



A Cappella Chorus joins 800 singers at choral festival

Semester break provided an occasion for the MCC A Cappella Chorus to travel to Searcy, Arkansas for the annual Christian College Choral Festival. The MCC Chorus participated in the festival with seventeen other choruses, representing fifteen Christian colleges.

The combined chorus, made up of over eight hundred singers, spent several hours in rehearsal with Dr. Howard Swan, a noted choral conductor from Los Angeles, California. On Saturday evening, the combined chorus presented a spectacular performance in addition to selections by the individual groups.

En route to Arkansas, the chorus appeared in Cincinnati, Ohio. On the return trip to Michigan, they performed for churches in St. Louis, Missouri and Indianapolis, Indiana, as well as the Indianapolis Christian School.

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alumni focus

Nominations for the Alumni Association Vice-President and Recording Secretary must be received by no later than March 15. They may be mailed to Edie Wallace, Alumni President, MCC, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester, MI 48063.

Approximately sixty individuals met at Bill Knapp's Restaurant in Rochester on the evening of February 6 for the class of 1971 ten-year reunion. Class members Barb Benham, Linda Coss, and Candy Lance organized this special Homecoming weekend activity.

Alumni recognition awards announced at annual luncheon

Formal announcement of a new alumni recognition program came from MCC President, Milton B. Fletcher, at the annual Alumni Luncheon on Homecoming Day. Members from almost every class listened as the new program was unveiled.

Annually, one outstanding alumnus will be selected as the *Alumnus of the Year*, and will receive this award at a major institutional event. Two to four individuals annually will receive an *Alumni Citation*, which will be presented in the recipient's community.

The luncheon also featured entertainment by alumni, David and Marie Allen. The classes of 1961 and 1971 received special recognition, while the class of 1967 boasted of the largest number in attendance. Betty Dunlap served as chairperson for the day's activities.

Calendar

March 3
Associates and Men's Club
Meetings

March 14
Associates Fashion Show

March 21
Toledo Workshop on the
Home and Bible School

March 27-28
Celebration in Song

March 28
High School Day

April 3-4
MDYC and MCC Choral
Festival

April 7
Associates and Men's Club
Meetings

April 11
Benton Harbor Bible
School Workshop

May 9
Graduation and
Partnership Dinner X

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