

Westminster College Foundation - Newsletter – March 2008

Westminster College Foundation Spring Grants: Grant applications that were received for consideration of a **Spring Grant** are being reviewed and results will be available in the June 2008 Newsletter.

Former Residence Building Re-opening:

On January 26, 2008, past and present Westminster College Board, Staff and Stakeholders were invited to attend the re-opening of the former Westminster College Residence Building by the University of Western Ontario. The newly renovated building now houses Psychology Research Groups and the Laboratory School; Alumni Relations and Development; Foundation Western; Advancement Services; and Communications & Public Affairs. In his remarks, Dr. Paul Davenport, UWO President, paid tribute to Mr. Donald McGeachy and Mr. Lockwood Miller who spearheaded the idea to help provide residential space for students affiliated with the United Church of Canada attending the University of Western Ontario.



Westminster College – History of the Property

The following is provided in response to the interest expressed and requests for information on the history of the property formerly owned by Westminster College:

At the turn of the century the property located at the corner of Windermere Road and Richmond Street was owned by the London Hunt and Country Club. In 1906 grass tennis courts were constructed and by 1917 the golf course was expanded to 18 holes through the lease of a portion of the adjoining new campus that had been acquired by The University of Western Ontario. In 1951 because of the residential development surrounding the London Hunt Club's property, the kennels were moved to a new location east of Hyde Park.

In 1960, 24 acres of the London Hunt Club were purchased for the establishment of Westminster College, and the cornerstone of a new residence building was laid in 1962. For over 40 years the residence and property remained owned and operated by Westminster College providing a residential experience for university

students and a resource for community learning and development within a supportive Christian environment.

After the property was sold to the University, arrangements were made to donate the furnishings and kitchen equipment of Westminster College that were no longer required, to groups and organizations to which it would benefit.

Recipients of furnishings and equipment:

- Camp Bimini
- Camp KeeMoKee
- Camp Kenesserie
- Lambton Centre
- Menesetung
- Pearce Williams Christian Centre
- Five Oaks UC Education Centre
- UWO Chaplaincy Program
- London Cross Cultural Learners Centre
- L'Arche London
- Refugee Families of London
- Thames Valley School Board
- Limberlost Community Centre
- Anago Resources

Programs at Westminster College:

While the main focus of Westminster College is a foundation to distribute grants to charitable organizations, the support of community programs continues.

Marriage Preparation Workshops are offered 4 times a year and the program has run for over 10 years. The workshops prepare couples of all ages for marriage helping them achieve a better understanding of their commitment as well as develop skills to keep their relationship alive and growing.

Society for Learning in Retirement has provided peer-learning opportunities for over 12 years to retirees seeking knowledge and new insights through courses conducted in small interactive groups.

To receive more information on Programs at Westminster College or a copy of the Westminster College Foundation Guidelines & Grant Application, please call:

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