



Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry

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Welcome
To The Oasis!!!



*The concept of an oasis is rich with imagery and meaning, transcending its literal definition to encompass various aspects of culture, nature, and personal well-being. Perhaps a serene retreat offering respite from the chaos of everyday life?
(beforesunset.ai)*

Earlier this month we unofficially rebranded the Interfaith Centre to “The Oasis.” Niyla, an Art and Design student, created this 88”X56” poster for the wall of our room. Our goal is to provide students with a safe place to rest, relax, and be refreshed. Our goal is to support our students spiritually, emotionally and physically.

Chaplain, you’re still here! Students (and staff) are often surprised that I am still at the college despite the fact that the winter semester is finished and the majority of students won’t be back until the end of August. So, what do I do from May-August? Well, several spring courses are offered in May and June and other programs run

through the summer. While the chaplaincy’s “regular programming” pauses from May-August, I continue to have multiple conversations with students every day. I also continue to offer prayer and other support to students who are looking for jobs, looking for accommodations, and coming to me with other concerns. May and June also provide increased opportunities to spend time with staff and faculty.



Students introducing themselves at the faith-based grad ceremony.

In May and June, I have been part of Wellness Week and staff team-building events, Christian Reformed Campus Ministry Conference, Weekly Run For Fun, Weekly Mental Health Walk, Weekly Wednesday Bike Rides, Disc Golf and YXH Young Adults, Faith Based Grad, MHC Convocation, City Wide Highschool Grad, Pastor’s Gatherings, LINC final class picnic, and Co-hosted Staff Appreciation BBQ.

July brought a couple weeks of vacation and some more relaxed activities such as flipping pancakes at the college’s stampede breakfast and riding in the stampede



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parade on the college float. And yes, I also continue to receive requests from students to help them move, find jobs and offer support in many other ways through the summer. Now as August is approaching, planning for a new year is picking up. At the top of the list is planning for our fourth annual Campus Ministry Student Retreat at whispering pines camp.



Wednesday Evening Bike Ride

Fundraising efforts continue as well apply for grants, hold bottle drives and look for other ways to sustain and expand the food and other support we offer students.



The first of two bottle drives was held in the main parking lot of the college in July. The second will be held on August 5th.

The final word comes from a student who is experiencing support on various levels from Campus Ministry. "I am short of words to express my gratitude. May God who sees the heart bless and reward you all!

With Gratitude,
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