

Maryville College & The Presbytery of East Tennessee

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

THE COVENANT

The intent of the covenant relationship is to encourage mutual understanding and mutual support such that both parties may be enabled to better serve the mission of the church, the well-being of society, and the glory of God.

— Excerpted from the “Covenant Between the Synod of Living Waters & Maryville College”

THE COVENANT IN CONTEXT

Faith & Learning at Maryville College

Maryville College takes its church-relatedness seriously, as it recognizes and affirms its role in the formative endeavor of spiritual, intellectual and moral development. By engaging students both inside and outside the classroom, and by providing them with a nurturing community and environment, Maryville College seeks to equip students with the tools that will help them build a mature and credible faith for an increasingly complex world.

— from Maryville College Faith & Learning Statement

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Greetings from Maryville College! The entire community joins me in expressing our thanks for the friendship of our Presbyterian partners in

the Synod of Living Waters, the Presbytery of East Tennessee and churches throughout the region and the nation. As we strive to implement the aspirational strategic plan “Renewing our Strength,” with its focus to “foster the holistic personal development and professional preparation of its students in a **church-related**, residential, liberal arts setting,” we are ever grateful for your advocacy and efforts as partners developing church leaders now and into the future.

Thank you,
President William T. “Tom” Bogart

- **Highland Presbyterian, Maryville, Celebrates 60th anniversary** In 1953, Highland Presbyterian was established to serve Maryville College students. To celebrate its rich and important 60 year history, the Rev. Dr. Billy Newton and the Session included Maryville College Sunday in the celebration. President Tom Bogart spoke to the congregation expressing his gratitude for their 60 years of support and care for MC students and the College’s pledge to continue to be in full and active partnership - a partnership that is clearly important to the pastor and the congregation. Dedicated to fully including students in the life of the church, Newton explained: “MC students give us a great vitality with their active presence and leadership. None of our students just ‘attend’ church. Each one has taken on responsibility in ministry.”

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Developing students to assume roles of leadership in the Church



- **Rachael Whaley Pate '08** delivers the benediction after being ordained at New Providence, Maryville. Looking on at right are MC Campus Minister, the Rev. Dr. Anne D. McKee and New Providence pastor, the Rev. Dr. Emily Anderson. Rachel is currently serving as pastor at Rehoboth Presbyterian, Decatur, GA.

HORIZONS

A Summer Youth Theology Program

Rising 10th, 11th and 12th graders are invited to spend five days on the beautiful Maryville College campus, expanding their horizons in friendships, service, faith and the outdoors. For more information or to register, please visit maryvillecollege.edu/horizons or call Kathleen Farnham at 865.981.8217.

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Sarah Dianne Jones '16, left, is an FPC Fellow and Keli Shipley '14, is the FPC youth director.

Encourage the commitment of students for service to Church, local and world-wide community

- **First Presbyterian, Knoxville establishes the FPC– Maryville College Fellowship** With the goals of enriching youth ministry in churches and giving young adults supervised experience in ministry, First Presbyterian Church (Knoxville) has established the FPC–Maryville College Fellows Program. In the partnership, FPC funds an Isaac Anderson Fellowship for Church Leadership and provides a multi-dimensional setting for ministry. Selected MC students, considering church leadership as a profession, lead youth and other programs under the mentorship of Dr. William Pender.



The Isaac Anderson Fellows program provides scholarships, mentoring, study and internships for outstanding students considering ministry as vocation. Current Fellows hail from PC(USA) and Cumberland congregations in TN, AL, AR and NC.

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Encouraging the College and the Church to reflect on issues of faith, meaning and value



The Board of Church Visitors, the College's primary advisory body for Church and College relations, gathered in February 2013 to discuss the new strategic plan, the upcoming SACS review, student service and learning and to hear February Meetings speaker Dr. Randal Jelks, author of *Benjamin Elijah Mays, Freedom of Conscience and the Long Civil Rights Movement*.

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Seeking to Strengthen Church and College Partnerships

- **2013 Montreat Middle School Conference Comes to MC** For the first time, Maryville College hosted the 2013 Montreat Middle School Conference, "Rolling Away Stones." More than 500 middle school students from 12 states had five days of fellowship, study, worship and fun. "The purpose of the conference is to provide a setting where God can change lives," said Evelyn Coleman, associate director of the Center for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at **Montreat Conference Center**. "Youth are comforted and supported, challenged and dis comforted, encouraged and strengthened. They gather for worship, keynote, small group, and recreation each day of the conference."

Kathleen Farnham, MC's director of church relations, said hosting Montreat is an ideal partnership. "Presbyterian congregations – clergy, lay leaders, families, youth and college students – know Montreat as a wonderful, spirit-filled retreat center of faith, learning and community. We are delighted Montreat has chosen to partner with Maryville College and look forward to a great week of friends, faith and fun with middle-schoolers and their leaders from across the country." *Join us for next year's conference, "A Knock at the Door," July 23-27, 2014*

