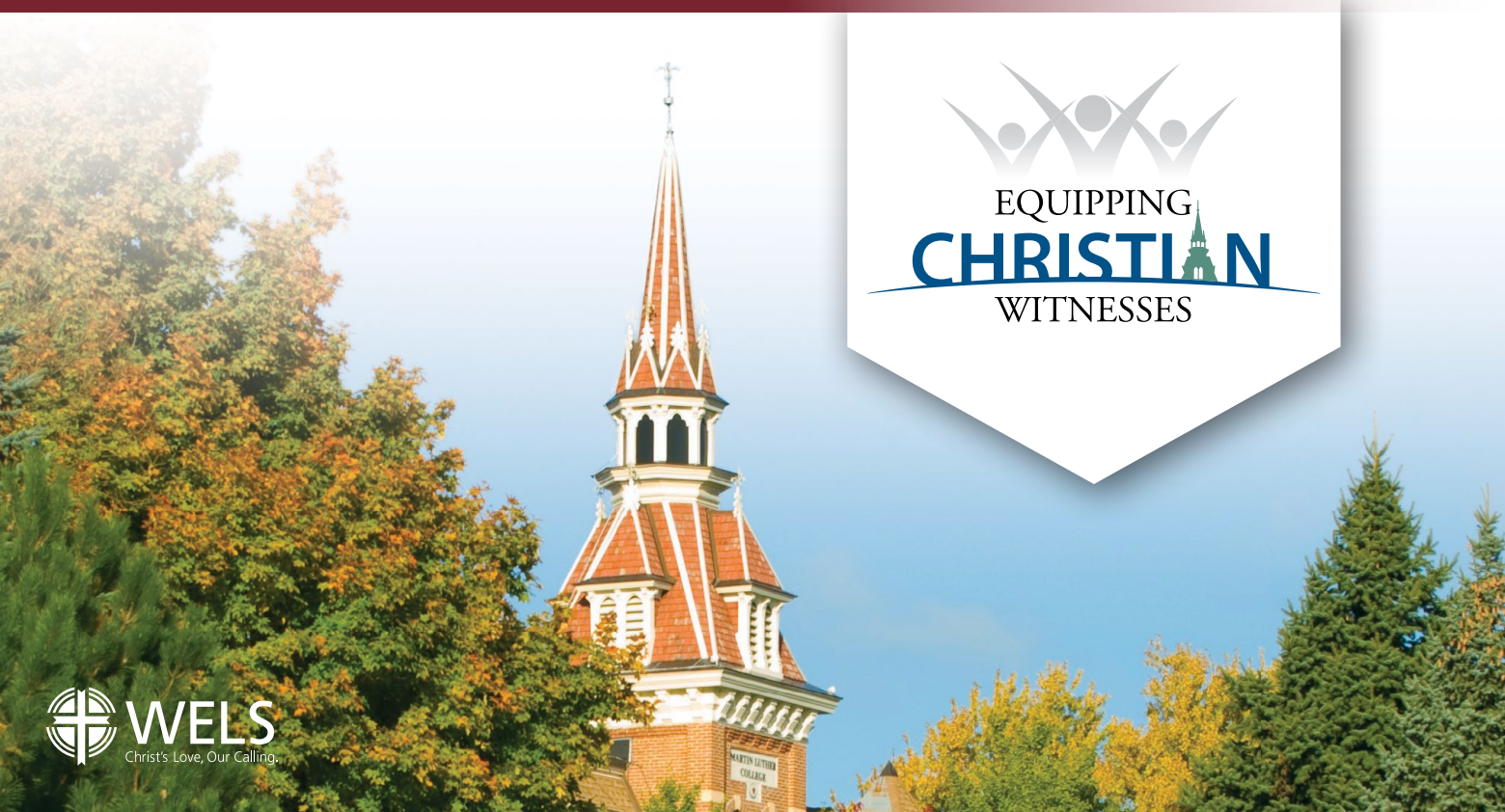


WELS CONNECTION CLOSE-UP

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MLC prepares for the future with “Equipping Christian Witnesses”

To celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2020, Martin Luther College (MLC), New Ulm, Minn., recently launched its “Equipping Christian Witnesses” synodwide campaign. This two-year initiative aims to equip more Christian witnesses to share Christ’s love with the world.

The campaign focuses on MLC’s recruitment, financial aid, and facilities. By enrolling more future ministry workers, helping them fund their Christian education, and enhancing their learning environments across the campus, WELS strengthens the foundation for its future.

Sophomore Alyssa Heckendorf emphasizes the value of recruitment: “I know how important it was that so many people encouraged me to consider the public ministry. I can say, without a doubt, that I would not be going to MLC if it were not for that support.”

Financially, many MLC students are supported through the Congregational Partner Grant Program. MLC will match congregations’ gifts for their students dollar-for-dollar up to \$1,000.

Noelle Boucher, a junior, says this can make all of the difference: “My congregation gives me constant encouragement through prayers and care packages, as well as with the congregation matching funds. It means so much and keeps me going a lot of the time.”

Finally, “Equipping Christian Witnesses” proposes a new residence hall and a new athletic facility.

“Almost all of our buildings are more than 50 years old, and some are much older,” MLC President Mark Zarling explains. “We are grateful to the Christians of past generations who gave so generously to make them a reality. Unfortunately, buildings are not timeless, even if the Word spoken within them is. Now it is our generation’s turn.”

WHAT CAN I DO?

Learn more about “Equipping Christian Witnesses,” including how to donate and refer potential students, by visiting mlc-wels.edu/mlc-campaign.

