

GREAT LAKES BIBLE COLLEGE

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From the President's Desk

We Want To Connect With You!

GLBC needs to hear from you and your congregation—what challenges are you facing today, how can we help to equip and support you? How can we help the church encounter God?

I've had the pleasure of connecting with our Christian supporters since starting my role in January, and the feedback has been wonderfully encouraging. I've heard the excitement about our expanded ability to connect with students across Canada using technology, and interest about our Bible-Ministry-Worldview learning paradigm. I've heard about the need to continue to expand our offerings to meet the challenges of today's world, and received support as we seek to fund and fulfill our mission today, and invest for the future.

Service to the church is at the heart of what we do at GLBC. Our students are offered courses with the Bible as our Foundation of Truth, with an encouragement to Minister and, with a uniquely Christian worldview that puts their knowledge to work in their local congregation and beyond.



How can I connect with GLBC?

- Invite us your congregation! I'd love to come out and join your congregation as a guest- participant or speaker. In person, or online- whatever is best for you!
- Call or email me: **647-293-4162** OR **immanuelvelasco@glbc.ca**
- Starting this fall, connect with us at the weekly GLBC Chapel (by Zoom)—Contact **info@glbc.ca** for details.

Immanuel Velasco
President

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GLBC Connects: An Overview

Our annual graduation and promotional event, GLBC Connects, was held on Saturday, May 14 at the Waterloo church of Christ. This was our first in-person gathering in over two years and a very welcome return to regular activities.

We enjoyed fellowship and good conversation with 23 in-person attendees and 20 online participants, representing multiple locations across Canada and the United States. We were pleased to grant nine diplomas and certificates, including our new *Foundations in Ministry* certificate, to our students. Through the generous donation of our long-time supporters, six scholarships were awarded to well-deserving recipients.



Left to right: 2nd-year student, Samuel Mulligan; Faculty, Nathan Brown; and GLBC President, Immanuel Velasco.



Left to right: 2nd-year student, Michaela Easton, Nathan Brown, and Immanuel Velasco.

One of the afternoon's highlights was hearing from two of our newest students, in their own words, how studying at GLBC has shaped their worldview, their relationship with those around them, and their relationship with Jesus.

Read the testimony from second-year student, Sam Mulligan, below.

Samuel Mulligan:

"I've been a student at GLBC For two years now, and both of my years have been a fantastic experience. I think one of the things that really sets a Bible college education apart is that it's not just about getting to know facts from a field of knowledge, it's about getting to know a person- and that person is Jesus Christ. So nothing is ever just theory. There's nothing that you learn for the test and then forget it. There is always more to learn about God, and each course brings a different aspect to that. Each course shed some light on who God is, or the relationship that we have with him, or how we should live our lives in this world. So we come away not just with more knowledge, but relationship to help me to grow in my spiritual gifts and my relationship with God and as a person.

For me the best experiences at Great Lakes have been hands-on parts- the assignments and ministry projects. There's a lot that you can learn from attending the lectures for any given course, but I found that it's in diving in for myself—to write a paper on that passage or make a presentation on that topic, there is a whole other level of depth that can be uncovered.

We have our ministry formation of courses each semester where we're encouraged to participate in a ministry initiative in our congregation and each time challenge it has challenged me, and pushed me it really benefited spiritually.

Paul Birston has said many times that all Christians are in ministry, and that really struck me. We're not all going to go into formal ministry, because we all have different spiritual gifts. God is calling each other to serve him in various ways and GLBC has very much helped to equip me to do just that."



Former student, Ron Sampson, receives his Foundations in Ministry Certificate in New Testament Greek.

COURSE OFFERINGS

2022-2023

Fall & Winter Standard Terms

Course registration opens July 15.
All courses are available for credit and audit students. Classes are live online throughout the semester.

Fall (September to December 2022)

Nahum to Malachi (8-week evening course)
Hebrews
Introduction to Hebrew I
Biblical Theology
Introduction to Ministry II
Spiritual Formation (8-week evening course)
Ministry Formation

Winter (January to April 2023)

Chronicles to Esther
Luke
Introduction to Hebrew II
Old Testament World
Exegesis and Hermeneutics
Ministry Formation
Understanding Systematic Theology
Biblical Apologetics (8-week evening course)

Anytime Audit Archive

Audit courses are available for registration year-round. Lessons are pre-recorded and learning is at the students' pace.

The list below is a sample of available courses. Browse the full list at:
glbc.ca/anytime-audit-archive.

Bible

Genesis-Exodus
Joshua-Ruth
Ezekiel, Daniel
Gospel of Matthew
Ephesians-Colossians & Philemon
Timothy & Titus
End Times, The Last Days
And more...

Ministry

Christian Education
Spiritual Leadership
Intro to Counselling
Marriage & Family Therapy
And more...

Worldview

Intro to Worldviews
Church History I & Church History II
Understanding & Engaging Culture
Contemporary Religion in Canada
And more...

Roger Peterson Biblical Geography Scholarship

Roger Peterson (1927–2008) was a gifted multi-talented Christian gentleman, family man, preacher, teacher, missionary, principal, counsellor and builder who loved God and embodied the humility and joy of Jesus. Like his Saviour, Roger was born in a humble setting, a granary acting as a home 16 km south of Radville, Saskatchewan. His love of God and his sacrificial service blessed many people in his home, church, community, Western Christian College and Nigeria Christian College. One of Roger’s favourite courses to teach was The Life of Christ. He included vivid descriptions and maps of the places Jesus’ walked, preached, taught, healed and fed multitudes. Roger ignited appreciation for the beauty of Israel and the power of Biblical geography to magnify our understanding of God, His Word and the reality of His redeeming work in history.

In his honour, we are pleased to announce the Roger Peterson Biblical Geography Scholarship to enable credit students to study Biblical geography as early as possible in their program of studies to enhance all of their Bible text courses and life-long ministries. The scholarship includes tuition and a copy of an excellent atlas of Bible lands.

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ONLINE LEARNING with GLBC



1 Populi

Our easily navigable online college management platform. This is where students will register for courses, pay tuition, find course lessons, assignments, discussions and much more.



2 Hybrid Courses

Our hybrid courses fit your schedule. With a shorter 8-week term and classes offered in the evenings, you can continue learning without committing to a full semester.



3 Anytime Audit Archive

Are you interested in learning with GLBC but not ready to work towards a degree or diploma? Our Anytime Audit Archive (AAA) offers a comprehensive list of courses that are available to start at any time and allow you to learn at your own pace.



4 Populi App

The Populi app allows you to easily access course information from your phone. Use the app to view video lessons, contribute to discussions, even take tests while away from your desktop.



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