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Growing in Missionary Discipleship

How can you tell if you are growing in Missionary Discipleship?

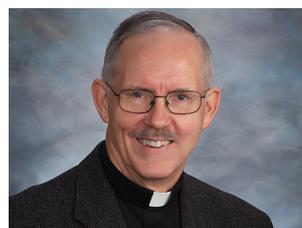
One of the Core Competencies of Divine Word College is *Missionary Discipleship*. I doubt there is another college that proposes to educate students for this purpose.

At DWC, we understand missionary discipleship as, "reaching out in prophetic dialogue to the poor, marginalized and faith seekers of different cultures and faiths, to share in the diversity of God's gifts, in the tradition of SVD missionary service." The associated learning outcome further specifies that, "Divine Word College graduates will befriend all people with a welcoming, prophetic dialog in the manner and name of Jesus Christ."

There is a lot of content packed into those phrases. I suggest *six benchmarks* to help both students and staff begin to measure progress in missionary discipleship.

Overturing colonial ideas of mission. When remodeling a house, demolition comes before rebuilding. Some demolition is needed here. The old geographic-colonial-hierarchical idea of mission needs to be reexamined and criticized. Many people still picture missionary activity as white Westerners living far from home, talking down to local people of color. This traditional understanding of mission leaves little room for a missionary who works close to home, who gives priority to listening to people, who learns, and who is not white.

Reading the Signs of the Times. Effective missionary outreach requires skills to size up both cultural, social and political realities. Seeing and listening come before talking! Otherwise, a well-intentioned message can become terribly destructive.



Recognizing Religious Experience. People fall in love all the time; it is a kind of alternative

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reality. People also fall in love with God; they experience awe; they feel called. This alternative consciousness needs a language if it is to grow and mature, and if it is to enter into dialogue with common sense, with critical thinking, scientific method, literature and history.

Sustaining Dialogue. Missionary outreach is profoundly interpersonal and dialogic; it is finding ways to “be with” people on the margins of church and society. Missionaries discover, sooner or later, that “being with” is more important than “doing for.”

Including Everyone. A very distinctive attitude of missionaries is their desire to include **all people, everywhere**. Missionaries become experts at invitation and welcome.

God’s Mission. Most missionaries are quite active. In fact, many are *overactive*. They work hard, but they also *overwork*. We tend to praise such people in North America; but overwork can also be a heresy. The outcome of mission is in God’s hands. God is the builder; we are the tools.

These are the first ideas that come to mind when I think about benchmarks for growing in missionary discipleship. To be sure, there are others, but these can take the conversation another step forward.

The Board of Administration met on January 14, 31, and February 14, and discussed the following issues:

- Welcome Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD, as a member of the Board of Administration.
- Reviewed and approved the ESL SVD Financial Guidelines for FY 2019-2020.
- Accepted the response to the HLC Draft Report.
- Approved a proposal to participate in the HLC Assessment Academy.
- Received a report on the Admissions Team Meeting held in January.
- Approved the revised Spiritual Formation Handbook and changed the title to “Spiritual Formation Manual.”
- Reviewed and approved Chapter 7, part of Chapter 8, and Chapter 11 of the Divine Word College Policy Handbook.
- Approved the proposal and guidelines from the Faculty Senate for establishing the “Faculty Award for Outstanding Service.”
- Approved the proposal for additional security cameras to submit for the DRA Grant.
- Reviewed the Development Office six-month financial report, noting the net income at \$1,520,056.
- Following the completion of the Employee Appraisals, a number of job descriptions were updated.
- Reviewed and approved the proposed Budget 2020-2021.
- Approved a new work-study position for the Liturgical Visual Aids Technician.
- Approved the Valedictorian for Commencement 2020: Sr. Thanh Nguyen, LHC.

HLC Assessment Academy Orientation, Rosemont, IL – MARCH 18, 2020

Dr. Cathleen Cleary (Chair, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies) and **Fr. John A. Szukalski, SVD, Ph.D.** (VP for Academic Affairs) will attend the Higher Learning Commission's Assessment Academy Orientation. This one-day workshop is designed to be an introduction for disseminating critical information and beginning the Academy planning process. Participants are provided with an in-depth view of the program's structure and goals, as well an opportunity to meet and engage with fellow cohort members. By the end of the workshop, participants will have the information necessary to assemble and lead an effective Academy Team.

This is the first step in the four-year (2020-2024) process of crafting a robust assessment regimen at Divine Word College that is both compliant with HLC criteria and more effective for student learning.

Faculty Professional Development

Dr. Cathleen Cleary, Chair of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies [DIS], has been granted professional development funding to attend the Climate Reality Leadership Corps Training workshop hosted by Former Vice President Al Gore and The Climate Reality Project from March 8-10, 2020 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. Larry Udry, Assistant Professor of ESL in the Intensive English Language Institute [IELI], has been granted professional development funding to attend and present at the TESOL International Convention held March 31 – April 3, 2020 in Denver, Colorado. Mr. Udry will demonstrate the use of SpeechAce, a pay-for-pronunciation program that enables students to self-correct their pronunciation errors. He will highlight some possible pedagogical and technological issues with the program, and how it was received by a group of students.

ESL FIELD TRIPS

February 25 – Dubuque Mural Project, Dubuque IA

ESL 052 students will view and analyze art in the Dubuque Mural Project and write a response related to the field trip as part of their writing final exam.

February 26 – Plumery Tails Malamute Ranch, Bellevue IA

Students in ESL 012, 022, and 056 will have a two hour tour to learn about Malamutes as a topic for class presentations and writing.

February 28 – Mystique Community Ice Center, Dubuque IA

ESL 066 will attend a Dubuque Fighting Saints hockey game. Students have been learning about sports, especially extreme sports, in the course materials. While not an extreme sport, students democratically decided to see a hockey game. Students will learn about the rules of the game prior to the field trip.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Bang Tran, SVD

Dean's Forum

Just a reminder that instead of formation meetings, Dean's Forum will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at 7:30 P.M, in room 107. Kindly come prepared with your concerns. Attendance is mandatory.

Liturgical Education

Will replace Liturgy Prep, at its usual hour, 1:00 P.M, in room 107. The topic is focused on the Season of Lent, presented by **Fr. Stephen Kha Nguyen, SVD**. All students are required to attend.

Small Ministry Group Reflection Week

Begins Sunday, February 23 and ends Friday, February 28. Instead of going out for ministry, each ministry group will meet with your DWC supervisor to share your ministry experience. Your DWC supervisor will contact you and let you know when and where to meet. Please come prepared with a significant ministry experience or event that you would wish to share. Basic guidelines for theological reflection will be sent out later this week. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Long Phi or your DWC supervisor.

Cultural Dinner

The formation group of **St. Theresa of the Child Jesus** will prepare a cultural dinner on Sunday, February 23, 2020. As usual, the dinner will be served at 5:30 P.M in the dining room. Come to celebrate our community night.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS *Mr. Len Uhal*

Honor Scholarships

Divine Word College's Honor Scholarships are for SVD Candidates. Historically, they were only for domestic students (U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents). However, the Board of Administration changed the guidelines last year and now the scholarships are available to all SVD candidates who meet the scholarship criteria, including international students. Each SVD candidate should have received an application for the scholarships last week at the Wednesday night formation group meetings. The applications are due Friday before spring break, March 6. All SVD candidates are highly encouraged to apply for the nine available scholarships if you meet the scholarship criteria. If you have questions, please see **Carolyn Waechter** or **Len Uhal**. A copy of the scholarship application is attached to this issue of The Log.

Mission Experience in Jamaica

The Vocation Office is sponsoring its annual mission experience trip to Jamaica. Anyone interested in more information about the trip can [click here](#) and contact Len Uhal. This trip is open to all members of the DWC community and the general public. The Vocation Office will soon send advertising to all SVD parishes in the USA and Canada to recruit participants. Space is limited; therefore, if you are interested, please contact Len soon for more information. Please note that this trip is not free, but partial scholarships are available for those who qualify.

Term C Enrollment

A chart showing this term's enrollment is attached to this issue of *The Log*. As Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD, noted in a meeting earlier this month, we hit our strategic goals of 125 students, with 50 SVD candidates! While these numbers were accurate at the start of Term C, everyone is aware that a few students have already left this term. Our Divine Word College enrollment is always a roller coaster, going up and down, but we are happy to have very strong enrollment at this time.

Where are they now?

Frs. Anthony, Francis and Adam, along with **Sr. Aprilia**, are all headed to Los Angeles this week for the LA Educational Congress sponsored by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Nearly 40,000 people attend the annual Catholic conference, one of the biggest in the country. The SVD and SSps along with other congregations and religious affiliated organizations have booths in the convention center to share our missions with the people attending the conference. **Bro. Duylinh** and **Len** will

HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

Bro. Mike Decker, SVD

First Aid Workshop

There will be a "First Aid" Workshop given on Saturday, February 29, 9 am to 11 am, at the Epworth Fire Station. This is open to all students and anyone else who is interested.

Please meet **Bro. Mike** at the front entrance at 8:45 am. We will walk to the Epworth Fire Station. If you have any questions please see Bro Mike.



DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Sandy Wilgenbusch

Western Dubuque Track and Field Team Training in DWC Pool

The boys and girls track and field teams will use the pool for training workouts beginning this week. Afternoon workouts are held from 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM.

Teams will use the pool **AND** locker room facilities on the following dates:

February 19 – Boys	March 4 – Boys (6:25 - 7:30 AM)	March 18 – Girls
February 20 – Girls	March 6 – Girls	March 24 – Girls
February 25 – Girls	March 10 – Girls	March 25 – Boys
February 26 – Boys	March 17 – Boys	April 3 – Boys

Please be aware of these dates and be sure all personal items are in a safe place in the locker rooms. Any books, backpacks or personal items left on benches may be damaged. Contact Sandy Wilgenbusch with any questions or concerns.





February 17 Visit by Admissions Personnel from St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN

February 24 Faculty In-Service – No classes for UG and ESL

8:00 – 10:30 a.m. – “Learning How to Think: Teaching Reasoning, Problem Solving, and Critical Thinking Skills,” with Dr. Mark Taylor, M.S.W., Ed.D.

11:00 a.m. – Noon – “Academic Advising with Populi,” with Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. – “Pronunciation Power Workshop,” with Mr. Adon Lee, VP of Product Development at English Computerized Learning. (ESL faculty only)

February 29- March 1 World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend

March 18 HLC Assessment Academy Orientation, Chicago, IL

March 20 Student Resource Center Workshop
 “Professional Writing and Professional Presentation” – This workshop explores how to compose professional and effective documents and PowerPoint presentations.

March 21 Student Lenten Reflection 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

March 22 Donaghey Award & Donor Appreciation Mass and Brunch 10:00 am Mass

March 28 Loras College Antioch Retreat Service 6 - 9 pm Held in Main Chapel

April 3 Student Resource Center Workshop
 “APA Seventh Edition...What’s New?” – This workshop reviews major changes to APA citation and style in the new seventh edition.

April 9-11 Holy Week Triduum

April 18 Seniors CCTST (California Critical Thinking Skills Test)

April 24 Employee Retirement & End-of-Year Party
 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at “The Barn House,” 13527 Gun Club Road, Epworth, IA

April 30 Recognition and Awards Luncheon 11:50 am – 1:30 pm

May 1-2 Board of Trustees Meeting

June 3-5 HLC Assessment Academy Roundtable, Chicago, IL

June 15-17 Dubuque Archdiocesan Priest Convocation

Divine Word College Enrollment – Spring 2020 Semester (Term C)
(as of January 24, 2020)

	Aug. 2019	Exits	New Students Term B	Oct. 2019	Exits	Jan. 2020 New Students	Jan. 2020	Exits	March 2020 New Students	Mar. 2020	Unduplicated 2019-20 Total Enrollment
SVD Candidates	46			46	2	6	50				52
Diocesan Seminarians	2			2	1	1	2				3
Religious Seminarians/Candidates	1			1			1				1
SVD Members Final Vows	5		1	6	1	1	6				7
SVD Members Temp Vows	6			6	2	1	5				7
Holy Spirit Sisters (SSpS)	2			2	1		1				2
Religious Sisters	39		1	40		5	45				45
Diocesan Priests	6		1	7	3	2	6				9
Male Religious	1			1			1				1
Lay Students (on campus)	2			2	1		1				2
Lay Students (off campus)	0		1	1	1	1	1				2
Total Fulltime Students	110*	0		114*	12	17	119^				131
Part-time Students	2			2	1	1	2				3
Audit Students	5			5	3	2	4				7
Total	117		4	121	16	20	125				141

Term A – August 2019

- 2 diocesan seminarians live off campus
- 12 religious sisters live off-campus in Dubuque
- Religious sisters: 35 sisters from Vietnam, 1 each from Colombia, Togo, Cameroon and Nigeria
- Diocesan Priests: 4 from Vietnam, 1 each from El Salvador and Haiti
- Male Religious: 1 priest from Vietnam

*Includes 14 students who live off campus in Dubuque.

Term C – January 2020

- 1 diocesan seminarian lives off campus
- 12 religious sisters live off-campus in Dubuque
- Religious sisters: 37 sisters from Vietnam, 2 each from Cameroon, Nigeria and Uganda and 1 each from Colombia and Togo
- Diocesan Priests: 4 from Vietnam, 2 from Haiti
- Male Religious: 1 priest from Vietnam

^Includes 13 students who live off campus in Dubuque.

Term B – October 2019

- 2 diocesan seminarians live off campus
- 12 religious sisters live off-campus in Dubuque
- Religious sisters: 35 sisters from Vietnam, 2 from Cameroon, and 1 each from Colombia, Togo and Nigeria
- Diocesan Priests: 4 from Vietnam, 2 from Haiti, and one from El Salvador
- Male Religious: 1 priest from Vietnam

*Includes 14 students who live off campus in Dubuque.



Divine Word College Honor Scholarships

Divine Word College scholarships are endowed in honor of the following persons:

Father Robert J. Flinn, SVD
Bishop Curtis Guillory, SVD
Alfred E. Hughes
Father Francis Kamp, SVD
Father Edmund Francis Morman, SVD
Father Chester Nowicki, SVD
Amedeo Cacciamani
Annunziata Cacciamani
Mani Family

Each honor scholarship is an annual award of \$2,300; it is renewable each year provided the recipient continues to meet the established guidelines.

Criteria for Selection:

- A candidate for the Society of the Divine Word
- One year of full-time study at Divine Word College in the regular college program or the Intensive English Language Institute
- Divine Word College Cumulative Grade Point Average (C-GPA) of 2.5 (i.e. – maintaining 2.5 after admission)
- Evident commitment to self-improvement through education
- Evident ability to promote the values of a Christian, intercultural community
- Evident leadership ability within Church-related activities and organizations
- Evident concern for the needs of the poor and marginalized
- Ability to benefit from financial assistance

Continuation Awards:

Once a student becomes a scholarship recipient, continued annual awards, through graduation from Divine Word College, are contingent upon the recipient's maintaining satisfactory academic progress and remaining a student in good standing. A student falling below the minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (C-GPA) of 2.5 will be given a grace period of one semester to bring their C-GPA back to the minimum without forfeiture of the scholarship. A student placed on formation probation may forfeit their scholarship, depending on the decision of the Dean of Students and the President.

Divine Word College Honor Scholarship Application

Part I: Identification Information

Applicant's Legal Name _____

Email Address _____

Part II: Personal Statement

Attach a brief personal statement outlining your qualifications to be considered for a scholarship at Divine Word College. You may want to respond to some of the following points.

- Commitment to self-improvement through education
- Ability to promote the values of a Christian, intercultural community
- Leadership ability within Church-related activities and organizations
- Concern for the needs of the poor and marginalized

Part III: Submittal and Certification:

Submit this completed application form to the Financial Aid Coordinator, Divine Word College, no later than **March 6, 2020.**

I certify that the information provided on this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge; and I hereby authorize the Office of the Registrar and the Financial Aid Office to release information concerning my grades and other assistance I may be receiving to those persons authorized to consider my application and renewal for a Divine Word College Scholarship.

Signature of Applicant

Date

For office use only:

High School GPA: _____

Previous College GPA: _____

IELI GPA: _____

DWC Undergrad GPA: _____