



Dear Friends,

Warm greetings on behalf of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni! The challenges of the past year have required us to innovate in ways never imagined. Through a university-wide effort, we continue to fulfill our calling as a church-related university. Here are some highlights of the past year:

Campus Ministry – The Campus Ministry department continues to bless the students at Grand View as well as the larger church. Chapel is held once a week with different guest speakers often featured. Multiple Bible study groups, prayer groups, and evening worship events are offered. PEER Ministry continues to be a major program on our campus as we currently have over 75 PEER-Ministers. A recent initiative to equip sports teams with local pastors as chaplains has been fruitful. Faith is alive on the campus of Grand View.

The Moses Project— The mission of the project is to give rural pastors a vision of ministry that will help them thrive in congregational leadership. With 20 pastors from eight Midwestern states, the pastors build community in mini-cohorts, receive mentoring, attend three in-person events, and participate in monthly exemplar meetings. Like many other ministries, COVID-19 forced the Moses Project to innovate. For our May 2020 final event, we created a celebration video and mailed the pastors gift bags. In August, we held our new cohort kick-off event virtually. Recently, we offered the January Refresh Retreat 2021 hybrid style with half the pastors attending in person and half from home. Check out our resource page <https://www.mosesproject.org/> or follow us on Facebook @GVMosesProject.

The NEXUS Institute – GVVU offered its fourth summer of NEXUS, a theological institute that focuses on ministry vocation exploration for high school students. All activities were moved online due to the pandemic, and received excellent reviews from participants. Due to partnerships with the Lilly Endowment, congregations, and parachurch organizations, we have secured funding for 5 more years of NEXUS programming. Currently, we are recruiting for summer 2021, which plans to be on campus July 11-17. For more information, to nominate students, or to request brochures, check out our website at www.grandview.edu/NEXUS

Theology Department – Grand View University has a variety of scholarships for ELCA students such as the EPIC Scholarship and the Bishop Houggen Scholarship. In addition, there are additional scholarships for students interested in ministry: The NEXUS Scholarship and the Muedeking Scholarship. For more information, contact Department Chair: Rev. Dr. Mark Mattes at mmattes@grandview.edu.

Grand View Adds Master in Mental Health Counseling Degree – Grand View launched its Master in Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree. The new program prepares students for direct entry into the practice of counseling and counseling-related fields. With an increasing demand for treatment, the National Council for Behavioral Health reports a shortage of more than 15,000 mental health professionals by 2025. Grand View's new program prepares skilled counselors to help meet this need in our community and beyond.

In a time of darkness, we continue to find our way walking in the light of Christ.

God's Peace and Joy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Henning". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Kent Henning, Grand View President