

We're Keeping the "Drive" Alive!
Medicine Hat College

January 2013 is when "Drive for Five" became a reality here! That's when the Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry Support Society hired Lisa Waites as our first College Chaplain.

Lisa brings a wealth of theological training and twenty years of ecumenical ministry experience to her new role. She holds degrees in music and applied science as well as a Masters in Theology. Recently she enrolled in doctoral studies. God's special synchronicity blends Lisa's faith and talents with timely financial support from the Synod of Alberta & the Territories and local churches to initiate the latest provincial campus ministry project. There is reason for thanks and celebration!

In the first months of her ministry Lisa established a valued place on campus. From January through April Lisa managed the Board's 1,200 free soup and bun lunches that made her a friendly, easily recognizable, campus personality. Near the end of term she marshaled a student food relief program that enlisted the assistance of local churches, businesses, and Christian media to provide 530 student snack packs. It was a much-needed venture. End of term is when student finances tank and sparse diets become a harsh necessity.

As a spiritual advisor, Lisa has helped students cope with educational program demands, limited financial resources, relationship issues and homesickness. She has provided pastoral care for students, faculty and staff who are grieving, depressed, living with disabilities or having family issues. And, of course, there have been those who are spiritually curious. The students at Medicine Hat College have quickly learned that Chaplain Lisa can be trusted with their joys and sorrows.

Current finances ensure the Medicine Hat Chaplaincy will survive the next three years. However, with God's blessing and congregational assistance, a goal is to extend the ministry to a long-term, full-time position. Please keep Lisa and the Medicine Hat Chaplaincy in your thoughts and prayers.

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