



SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP REPORT

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The School of Leadership is a multicultural Christian school. It's a place where people who are called by God can get affordable Christian leadership training that is accessible and culturally relevant. It was established eleven years ago under the name School of Urban Leadership by an interdenominational network of churches and ministries. Today, the School of Leadership is a ministry of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba. Our vision is to extend God's kingdom, building up the body of Christ by equipping Christians to be servant leaders in their local churches and communities (Mark 10:45; John 20:21). We also want to work with churches and ministries to equip men and women to become biblically grounded and culturally sensitive followers of Jesus (2 Timothy 2:2).

Our student body mostly consists of individuals with low incomes, including immigrants and Indigenous people who also experience cross-cultural challenges in addition to effects of poverty. Still, God is working in our students' lives through the school. For God, there are no such a thing as underdogs. He is the One who "brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble" (Luke 1:52). School of Leadership student Chris did not allow his circumstances to determine his future: Recovering from drug addiction and free from incarceration, Chris graduated from our school on December 2, 2016. In January, he officially enrolled in adult education in order to achieve high school equivalency. He plans to attend Booth University College to study social work. His ultimate goal is to serve God and give back to his community by sharing Christ with others who battle addictions, helping them experience life transformation.

The School of Leadership is a great place for students to dig deeper into God's Word, grow in their relationship with God and one another. It is a safe place for students to explore their faith, ask tough questions and engage in compelling discussion. Students are prepared for ministry, and given opportunities to discover their spiritual gifts, strengths and potential in Christ.

Thank for your support and prayers.