

LCBI Mortgage Partnership - Another Opportunity to Support the School

LCBI has experienced numerous ups and downs during its 100 year+ history and, while cash flow is often a problem, the school has built up considerable value in its assets. The value of the scholarship or "Trust" funds is approximately \$1 million and the value of the land and buildings in excess of \$1 million. The Trust funds have been used as security for normal operating loans and the lands and buildings as security for specific purpose loans.

In the 2011-12 school year, LCBI experienced a severe decline in enrolment and sought additional borrowing to cover costs. The decision of the board was that as long as the school had strong assets, these could be used to cover deficits until enrolment returned to sustainable levels.

Several conventional lenders were approached but none were willing to provide a loan even with the solid security of the lands and buildings. Thus, the LCBI Mortgage Partnership was established to provide an opportunity for friends of LCBI to loan money to the school using the actual land and buildings as security. The 1.5% interest rate offered is favourable to the school and competitive with normal bank interest. The Partnership is a mechanism for individuals to invest in something that they truly care about. Without the support of the Partnership the school would not have been able to pay staff at the end of 2012.

In early 2013, Prairie Centre Credit Union (PCCU) agreed to loan LCBI up to \$300,000 with a mortgage on the lands and buildings. The overall maximum the Board has authorized as mortgage loans is \$650,000 so the Partnership could grow to \$350,000. There is presently \$170,000 invested in the Partnership and loaned to LCBI. The PCCU loan has enabled the Partnership to accept smaller individual investments than previously was the case. Partners now can be accepted with a minimum of \$5,000 invested.

The most important contribution you can make to LCBI is to encourage and enable students to access the amazing educational and personal growth experience at LCBI. Direct donations enable LCBI to offer reduced tuition rates, making the high quality LCBI experience more broadly accessible. The Partnership is yet another opportunity to provide support for LCBI. Please prayerfully consider how you can help carry on the ministry of LCBI so that more can see Jesus.

Student recruitment is the Board's and Administration's highest priority. We are developing and implementing new strategies that focus on getting more students to attend LCBI. However, these strategies take time to bear fruit. Your participation in the partnership agreement would enable cash flow for the school while these strategies begin to demonstrate their effectiveness

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