When he was President of South Africa, Nelson Mandela paid tribute to the Methodist school of his boyhood where he was taught by teachers who modeled an attitude of acceptance and equality. Methodists are doers – energetic, optimistic, practical. St. Paul’s was founded in the same spirit. In this spirit we have formed a bold vision that supports the University of Waterloo’s international objectives for its Sixth Decade. Here are the highlights.

Education for responsible, sustainable, scientifically sound global outreach: Learn about the new Bachelor of Environmental Studies in International Development.

Education that integrates learning and living: Read about the new Environmental Studies Living-Learning Community.

Education for challenged communities: Read about our First Nations Literacy Camp sponsorship and Firekeepers, our Aboriginal High School enrichment program.

Education for those seeking refuge: Learn the story of Tariku Kebede who comes to us from a Kenyan refugee camp.

Education about the world’s great faiths: We continue our traditions.

The pages of this update give evidence of a new beginning! From the design of our new logo to the academic, residential and outreach initiatives it is clear that we are forging a relevant educational contribution to a great university. Ambitious? Well, “why not?”

We welcome your comments and we invite your engagement. Supporting St. Paul’s is supporting Waterloo, now more than ever!
Black Forest Coffee House still takes over MacKirdy Hall for a weekend in winter and even now toast is served every night – although the Dons occasionally spice up the toast a bit!

The playing field gets lots of use and campus rec sports are popular, with water polo, soccer, hockey and ultimate Frisbee being some of the current favourites. The students still have movie nights, but now LAN parties are added to the mix.

The Winter Formal is a continuing tradition. The “Got Snow” camping weekend is a new ritual just a few years old. Will the St. Paul’s Film Festival become the next one?

In addition to the time-honoured residence experience which is available to any undergraduate student at UW, St. Paul’s has two unique opportunities for undergrad students...


La Bastille - The French Floor

This tradition is growing in popularity! Sixteen students live on their own floor with a Don from France. Students plan French culture events throughout the year and everyone tries to speak French on the floor at all times. There is no requirement that they study French at UW. Any student with basic communication skills in French is welcome.

Environmental Studies Living-Learning Community

The University of Waterloo is now offering “living-learning communities” in residence for several academic areas. UW’s Environmental Studies (ES) community opened at St. Paul’s in September 2007 with over 60 students participating!

Living-Learning Communities are small groups of students from the same faculty or program that live together in the same area of residence. St. Paul’s ES students are located in small clusters throughout the residence floors.

In the Environmental Studies community, residents are able to interact with senior ES students and professors outside the classroom and have access to special academic sessions provided by ES. Research into similar projects at other universities shows a strong link between improved academic performance and the living-learning community model.
The former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, James Bartleman, was installed as Honorary Chair of the Board at St. Paul’s on October 11, 2007.

Mr. Bartleman, the province’s 27th Lieutenant Governor from 2002 to 2007, is known for his initiatives to reduce the stigma of mental illness, fight racism and discrimination, and encourage Aboriginal young people.

“We are very fortunate to have a person of Mr. Bartleman’s calibre assume this new position,” says Graham Brown, Principal. “By creating the non-voting position of Honorary Chair, our Board of Governors provides a way for an eminent and highly qualified individual to advise and assist the college with its mission without having to assume all responsibilities of a college member of the Board.”

In 2004, Mr. Bartleman launched The Lieutenant Governor’s Book Program, which provided 850,000 used books to First Nations schools and Native Friendship Centres throughout Ontario. To encourage literacy and bridge-building, he set up a program in 2005 to twin Native and non-Native schools in Ontario and Nunavut, establishing literacy summer camps in five northern First Nations communities as a pilot project. In 2006, he expanded the literacy summer camps program to 28 fly-in communities and secured funding for the next four years. St. Paul’s, the University of Waterloo and Sheridan Institute of Technology collaborate to sponsor a literacy camp at Attawapiskat First Nation.

Mr. Bartleman is an accomplished author and has had a distinguished career of more than 35 years in the Canadian foreign service. He was Canada’s ambassador to the European Union from 2000 to 2002 and served as high commissioner to Australia in 1999-2000 and to South Africa in 1998-1999.

We welcome him to St. Paul’s!
St. Paul’s continues to teach notable UW courses in Religious Studies, Spirituality & Personal Development and Native Studies. As of September 2008, our academic offerings will be enhanced by an exciting new area of teaching.

The Faculty of Environmental Studies (ES), in partnership with St. Paul’s, has launched an undergraduate Bachelor of Environmental Studies degree in International Development.

Governments, civil society organizations and private enterprises are looking for development catalysts – people who have the knowledge, business skills and innovative thinking required to bring about human development that is environmentally sustainable, culturally responsible, and scientifically sound.

The International Development program is a unique, new offering designed to prepare students to be that catalyst – to equip them to take what they’re passionate about and act on it in a way that is effective, responsible and sustainable.

The Bachelor of Environmental Studies in International Development has been designed to integrate knowledge from several disciplines including environmental studies, social sciences, and management.

The program develops competencies for adapting to different cultural and societal perspectives on ‘development,’ for problem-solving on multi-cultural teams, and for adapting technology to fit the local situation. Students also take part in an 8 month overseas field work placement which will prepare them for international development work in the world’s most challenged communities.
Emerance Baker, the Aboriginal Services Coordinator at St. Paul’s, has been busy supporting UW’s Aboriginal students, building knowledge and understanding within the University community, and managing events.

The Firekeepers enrichment program for high school students continues. Aboriginal students from across Ontario attended this year’s session which was held in concert with the renowned Waterloo Unlimited program.

The UW SUNDANCE Pow Wow at St. Paul’s celebrated its 4th year in September with a record number of participants. The weather cooperated to create another successful event.

New for St. Paul’s is a project where we are working with the University of Waterloo and Sheridan Institute of Technology to fund a literacy camp at Attawapiskat First Nation, helping young people in this fly-in community to get a better start to their education.

In February 2007, St. Paul’s hosted 13 students from Yamanashi Eiwa University in Kofu, Japan. The all female group participated in a special University program designed to expose them to Canadian life and academics. Both St Paul’s and Eiwa have common roots in Canadian Methodism and its passion for education.

The students studied conversational English and learned about Canadian history including topics on Aboriginals and Japanese-Canadians. St. Jacobs, Niagara Falls and a ski trip provided great education too!

Because of the success of this program, St. Paul’s and Yamanashi Eiwa University are working to establish an annual program for Yamanashi Eiwa students.
In 2004, St. Paul’s opened its doors to University of Waterloo grad students by opening the “Graduate Apartments at St. Paul’s” – a brand new building with 78 apartments and suites and a generous amount of common space.

This investment has been a tremendous success! These modern and conveniently located units are extremely popular with the 100 plus grad students and their families who live here. With UW’s plans to dramatically increase its number of graduate students, these facilities will continue to be of great benefit.

There are a large proportion of international students in the building and it is our privilege to help them settle in to life in Canada. We are all gaining a greater world understanding through this addition to the St. Paul’s community.

Know someone who needs to stay in Waterloo?

The Graduate Apartments also has 8 hotel-style guest rooms available year round at reasonable rates. These rooms provide convenient and private accommodation for a variety of campus guests – visiting scholars, lecturers, co-op employers and even the occasional parent!

These rooms are popular so book early!

To book a guest room contact:
Toll free 1-866-886-1466, ext. 203 or gueststpauls@uwaterloo.ca

St. Paul’s also offers accommodation and conference facilities for up to 100 people from May through August.
If you want to visit St. Paul’s to see it the way it’s always been, you better come soon!

We’re very excited about the construction project that will start in May 2008 and open the doors to a new kitchen, servery and community area for students in September. In addition to providing a fresh face to St. Paul’s, this project will result in some important benefits for students.

The kitchen and servery upgrade will allow us more flexibility in cooking and more interaction between the kitchen staff and the students. This will result in an even better quality of food and level of service than we already enjoy.

The dining room, games corner and Sunken Lounge are being reconfigured into a general community area that will still support the fun things, but also provide areas for groups and individuals to have comfortable space. It’s expected that the whole area will get much more use with this new configuration.

The fireplace will help too!

St. Paul’s Students are Worth Your Support!

Aboriginal services
Scholarships for International Development students
Residence awards for community leaders
Food service and common area modernization

There are many ways you can help

Pledges can be made online at
http://alumni.uwaterloo.ca/alumni/forms/secure/pledge/
Or call Graham Brown 519-885-1460, ext. 200

community notes Fall 2007
**Refugee Support**

**Values in Action**

Since fall term 2006, St. Paul’s has been supporting the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Student Refugee Program (SRP) by financially assisting a sponsored refugee student to live in residence.

**Faculty:** Science  
**Year of Study:** Second  
**At St. Paul’s:** Since Fall 2006

When Tariku arrived in August 2006 from Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya, he spoke a little English, had no money and knew nobody in Canada. He had also, remarkably, taught himself physics and passed a University of Waterloo entrance exam in this subject.

Tariku spent his first term studying English for Academic Success at Renison College. In January 2007, he entered his first year as a full time science student at University of Waterloo. In addition to succeeding academically, Tariku has become an important member of the St. Paul’s community, educating the students that he is living with on life from another part of the world and helping students newer than him settle in. He is also a critical part of the St. Paul’s soccer team!

Tariku has taken on student jobs at the College and in a class laboratory on campus through the UW Work/Study Program to earn some money and get Canadian experience for the great future ahead of him.

St. Paul’s has committed to supporting a WUSC sponsored refugee student in residence every year for the next six years. As Tariku moves on to full independence, we look forward to welcoming the next great member of our community!

Want to know more about the Student Refugee Program through WUSC?

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In 2006, the Board of Governors at St. Paul’s approved a bold new direction – one that will have St. Paul’s adding value to students and communities far into the future. We’d like to share the full expression of our vision, mission and values with you.

**Vision**

St. Paul’s will be known, in Canada and beyond, as a distinctive and diverse university college that educates social innovators to shape a just and humane world.

St. Paul’s will help the University of Waterloo thrive in its sixth decade by creating a unique academic specialization in international development that educates students of the environment, the professions and the arts and sciences about the role of responsible social innovation in addressing global development problems. This specialization will grow into a degree program and eventually a Master’s degree that will attract entrepreneurial students from around the globe who have the passion to make the world a better place for all. One aspect of the new programs will be the critical examination of different religious and cultural perspectives on achieving responsible social change.

St. Paul’s also will act on behalf of the University to attract and support Aboriginal students and to enhance awareness of Aboriginal perspectives and issues in the broader community. The College will explore ways for its programs in international development to provide opportunities to understand and contribute to resolving Aboriginal development issues. The College will also explore the creation of an Aboriginal Learning Centre among other initiatives.

St. Paul’s was founded by The United Church of Canada (UCC), which is a leader among Canada’s faith traditions in the search for social justice. The College’s programs will reflect the values and spirit of this tradition. In this context, St. Paul’s will explore the development of a distinctive Master’s degree in Theology and Globalization which will examine the relationship among theology, development and global stewardship.

In support of this vision, St. Paul’s will shape its living-learning community of undergraduate and graduate residents to provide opportunities for learning, research and dialogue related to its programs and values.
Mission

St. Paul’s mission is to research and teach the knowledge, skills and values needed to address complex local and global development issues.

Core Values

We believe that:

1. Scholarship, responsible service and a spirit of innovation are necessary to preserve the world for future generations;

2. Education is enhanced by learning in a community of students, faculty and staff; and

3. Diversity of perspectives, culture, and faith traditions is essential to a contemporary education.

Community Learning
In Gratitude

St. Paul’s United College is a special place working hard to make a real difference for students and for what they will accomplish in their lifetimes.

It wouldn’t be possible without the commitment and support of so many people.

It’s the volunteers on our Board of Governors who donate their time, knowledge and experience, and the dedicated alumni who support us financially that give us the means to move forward.

It’s our friends in the United Church and our colleagues in the University of Waterloo community who advise and support us.

And it’s the dedicated St. Paul’s faculty and staff, and the student Dons, volunteers, scholars and residents, who pull it all together.

Thank you

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