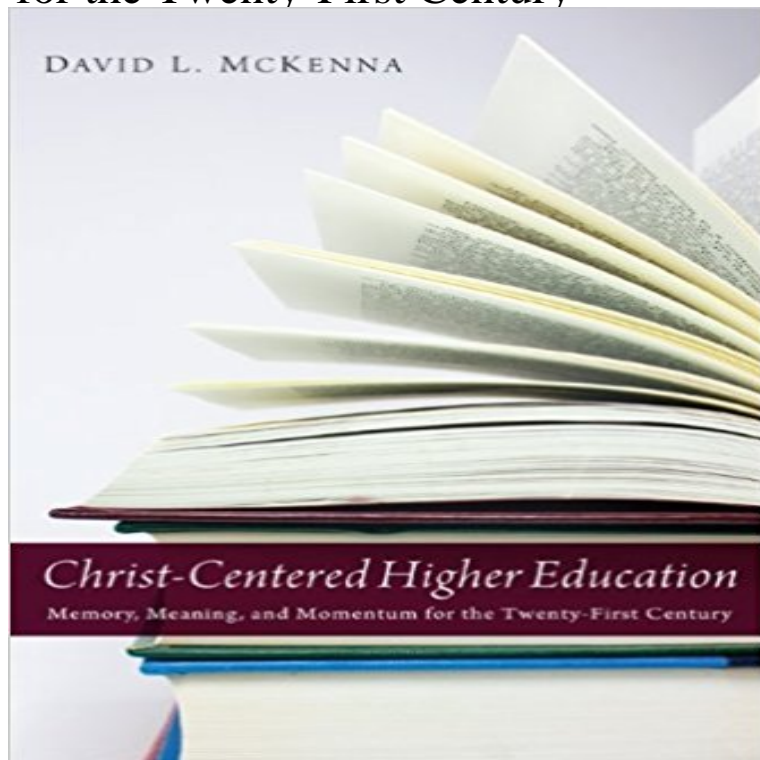


# Christ-Centered Higher Education: Memory, Meaning, and Momentum for the Twenty-First Century



If the Christ-centered college or university did not exist, would it have to be invented? Back in the 1950s, the answer was in doubt. With few exceptions, Christian colleges wallowed in defensive self-doubt and divisive competition while under attack from the rising public sector. Students of American higher education predicted that they would soon become as extinct as the whooping crane. Rather than succumbing to doomsayers, leaders in Christian higher education bonded together around the commanding truth that all things come together in Jesus Christ. They drove their stake for the future in the integration of faith and learning as the reason for the existence of Christ-centered higher education. Out of this commitment came a renaissance movement of common cause and unprecedented cooperation through the Consortium of Christian Colleges and the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities. Will integration continue to be the energizing and all-pervasive influence that gives the Christ-centered institution its reason for existence? Trustees, presidents, deans, and faculties in each generation must think and rethink the concept in the light of theological, academic, technological, and cultural change. David McKenna opens the conversation by remembering where we were, confirming who we are, and envisioning what we can be. Amazingly specific historical notes and insights. Ends with a new vision to guide the way. What a gift this will be. Robert Andringa, President Emeritus, Council for Christian Colleges and Universities This is extremely well written. . . . I commend [this book as] another wonderful statement for those of us who continue to lead the way for Christian higher education. Phil Eaton, President, Seattle Pacific University I found this a great read with so much resonance with my own life's purpose . . . I already have a list of people to whom I want to give this

book. George Brushaber, President Emeritus, Bethel University . . . applaud as loudly as I am able the books key message, that Christian colleges and universities should be eager to celebrate Gods call to wholeness in Christ as the foundational premise of their work in providing collegiate-level education for all of Gods human creation. Richard Stephens, President Emeritus, Greenville College Without doubt, this is an important and compelling work. Important because it gives us firsthand insight into the conditions that prompted the reemergence of Christ-centered higher education in North America. But even better, we see anew the vision that inspired it. And for that reason, it is worth our attention. Stan Gaede, President, Christian College Consortium Combining intellectual autobiography with a penetrating analysis and critique of the plight of higher education, McKenna offers a powerful overview of the forces at work shaping our universities and colleges as they, in turn, shape each new generation of students. . . . Beyond the numerous insights sprinkled throughout the book, the analysis of the evolution of higher education in America is one of the most riveting and provocative of any available. Gayle D. Beebe, President, Westmont College David L. McKenna served as President of Spring Arbor University, Seattle Pacific University, and Asbury Theological Seminary. He also served as the first Chair of the Board of the Consortium of Christian Colleges and later as consultant to the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities. Retired since 1994, McKenna continues to add a book a year to the thirty-two volumes that he has written. He and his wife, Janet, reside in Kirkland, Washington.

Call My Journey...LifeSports, movies, family, kids, marriage, health, lifeWednesday, November 28, 2012Quick updateThe last time I posted a lot has changed. So for a quick update, my husband got a new job. As soon as we got an offer on our house we accepted we accepted it. We found a house to live in and put an offer on the table and after a little negotiation we can to an acceptable and agreeable offer. After a very painful moving process, which lasted 33 day after the original closing date we finally closed.I quit my part time teaching job. Now I get to stay at home with Roarie and substitute teach every now and then.Posted by Mrs. Stacie Christner at 8:13 AM Reactions: 75 comments: Friday, April 27, 2012Education CutsOne of the most important things in life is to have a good education. Teaching is the only

occupation that shapes our country. We teachers touch every life from the farmer to the lawyer, to the CEO of some big company. Granted you may not use everything that learn in the classroom but the structure, respect, responsibility, social skills and time management are life skills that are used everyday. The frustrating thing about being a teacher is the lack of money put into education. I am not complaining about how much money I make because teachers do not go into teaching. What I am complaining about is teachers getting cut, class sizes are getting bigger, and yet we still get the same pay. The schools who have the money have the money get the technology and the good test scores. The better the test scores the more money you get. So if you a poor school you don't get the technology and yet you don't get any money for the low test scores. So the rich get richer and the poor get poor. Needless to say, I have gotten word from the school superintendent that my special education position is being cut. I am still going to have a teaching job being a part time American History teacher. Which I am glad that I am getting into the general education setting and that I get to be a part time stay-at-home mom but at the same time I wish I had a full time, paying job. Posted by Mrs. Stacie Christner at 7:39 PM Reactions: 24 comments: Sunday, April 15, 2012

**Manners Meal** Every year, the Colfax-Mingo Middle School does what they call manners meal. Grades six through eight take a field trip to a designed location and practice using good dining manners. So on Friday, April 13, 2012, we went some where local, the Colfax Historical Building for our dining. Before we go to on our trip the staff reviews what it is to have good manners. There are so many manners to cover and sometime we just assume that it will happen but it doesn't. Here are a few manners that we covered: Appearance- The students were to Shower, which as middle school students it is a challenge for some, and use soap Fix hair up nice Wear dress clothes- dresses, dress pants, dress shirt Wear minimal make-up Wear minimal perfume or cologne Table Setting- Silverware start on the outside and work your way in and the fork at the top of plate is the desert fork The drink is off to your left Waiting for others- Wait for everyone to arrive to your table before seating yourself Wait for everyone to get their food before you begin eating Table Talk- Speak softly to the people at your table Do not interrupt Do not talk about bodily functions (farts, pooping, etc.) Say "Please", "Thank you.", "You're welcome.", "Pardon me" Some things we took for granted and expected the students to know were: Keep elbows off the table Keep elbows as close to your sides as possible when eating Keep hands to your self (which is hard to do for middle school students) Listen to speaker (which is hard to do in the classroom too) Pass dinner rolls and salad dressing all around the table Posted by Mrs. Stacie Christner at 4:57 PM Reactions: 18 comments: Labels: education, Teacher Advice Monday, April 9, 2012

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