

## **Council President's Report 2013**

Darren Gest, ULC Church Council President

Reflecting back on the past year, we continue to pursue our mission with the Spirit.

It has been a challenge for me taking on the role of president, but I appreciate the support everyone has given me. Having spent much time as a student here, I feel grateful to be able to give back in this capacity.

We celebrated a great milestone this year with our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Looking at the timeline gives great perspective on where we have been as a congregation.

Thank you to the council and committee members for your dedication and hard work this year. Thank you to the church members and students for all your contributions. Thank you to visitors who are essential to our continuing our ministry.

We tried something new this year by having an Oktoberfest progressive potluck. We collected survey information from everyone in four categories: outreach, targeted ministry, communication, and property. We have been using the responses received to make improvements where possible.

New outdoor solar lights were completed to help improve security and the overall look of our campus. Now the campus is well lit at night, helping our visibility and making the campus more inviting to visitors at night.

We have nine students graduating this year in various majors. They have given and have been given much during their time here. We will miss them, but know that they go into the world with the experiences they gained at ULC.

Alicia Danielson was hired as our new campus ministry associate. We look forward to the new ideas she will bring to our congregation to help further the growth of campus ministry here.

It has been another great year with many accomplishments and we look forward to the challenges and joys God has for us in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Darren Gest  
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