

From Our Students 2024-2025



Liesel Retzlaff, Foothills Mennonite Church

*Each year our bursary applicants are asked to include a short essay with their application. As **Liesel Retzlaff**, Foothills Mennonite, continues her education at Columbia Bible College, she writes this:*

This last year at Columbia Bible College was extremely transformative in both my faith and personal growth.

I was part of a program that focused on discipleship which was done both in class but also through different trips which encouraged us to spend time in God's creation. Through our trips, lectures, and community I was able to dive into what it means to be a disciple of God and really lean into what it means to be a christian. I think there are many more things for me to learn so I have made the choice to go back to CBC to continue the journey.

Being at a Mennonite school gives me the opportunity to learn about the history of my church and be around others who have similar church experiences. Along with that, being surrounded by other Christians encourages me to continue to walk in my faith and spend intentional time with God on a regular basis. I found myself often in this past year participating in prayer groups, worship, and having deep conversations about my faith with my fellow peers.

To be surrounded by so many individuals with a passion for following Christ was a new experience for me, and it was meaningful to see how others have integrated their faith into their everyday life. I want this to be an experience which I can continue to pursue moving forward, which is why I believe it is important to step back into that community at CBC this next year.