

## **Conclusion**

The last five years at LBC have certainly been eventful on several fronts as has been noted throughout this document. The next five years will be as equally eventful and purposeful as the plan for institutional effectiveness continues to operate and become a working instrument across the campus landscape. The plan will have an impact in several critical areas.

First, the plan for institutional effectiveness unites institutional research, outcomes assessment, planning, and budgeting. In prior years, these entities were related but loosely connected. Now there is focused attention on establishing the interrelatedness among the entities. Second, student outcomes are being scrutinized in light of institutional and programmatic goals. The outcomes are being plugged into the assessment and planning of current and future academic programming. Third, the plan positions the college for the changes being made in MSA's self-study process. Greater attention to accountability is welcome as LBC demonstrates that data collection, outcomes assessment, planning, and budgeting are cyclical and dependent processes.

The future success of LBC is dependent on two foundational principles. Paramount is the continued commitment and faith in following God's direction for the future of the institution. The second is LBC's ability to enhance the internal operations in the midst of external trends affecting enrollment, giving, academic programs, budgets, and politics. Internal stability coupled with external awareness will enable the continuing success of Lancaster Bible College as it forges into the twenty-first century.