

Nyack Heritage

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Nyack College and the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) have a rich history of influential leaders and impactful ministry work. Dr. A.B. Simpson, who founded the C&MA and was a highly influential Christian leader in the late 1900s and early 2000s, is regarded as one of the greatest figures in Nyack's history. Born in Canada in 1843, Simpson felt a call to ministry at a young age and attended Knox College in Toronto before becoming a Presbyterian minister. However, he eventually became disillusioned with the denomination and its lack of emphasis on evangelism and spiritual healing. In 1881, he founded the C&MA with a focus on missions and the power of the Holy Spirit (Cruz, 2019).

Simpson was known for his passion for evangelism and his belief in the power of prayer and faith. He was a prolific writer, with over 100 books and countless articles to his name, and his sermons were famous for their practicality and biblical depth. He also emphasized the importance of Christian education, leading to Nyack College's founding in 1882. Nyack College has had many influential leaders, including Dr. Paul C. Kemeny, president from 1976 to 1996 (Ammerman, 2018). Kemeny oversaw a period of growth and expansion for the college, including establishing several new programs and acquiring new campuses.

The C&MA has also been involved in many impactful ministry efforts. In addition to missionary work around the world, the organization has been involved in social justice issues, including the fight against human trafficking and the promotion of racial reconciliation (Cruz, 2019). Today, Nyack College and the C&MA continue to be influential forces in Christian ministry. Nyack has expanded its offerings to include online education and has continued to prioritize Christian education and service. The C&MA remains committed to evangelism and missions while engaging in important social justice work.

The history of Nyack College and the C&MA is characterized by the presence of forward-thinking leaders and a strong dedication to the gospel's transformative influence. Nyack College's ministry and work are significant because they foster a holistic approach to education that integrates faith, knowledge, and service (Cruz, 2019). By equipping students with the skills and values they need to make a positive impact in the world, Nyack College helps to build a better future for all. Their influence is still felt in the present day, and it is likely to persist for a long time to come.

I am sensing God's guidance through an inner conviction and peace about joining Nyack college. This is accompanied by a feeling of clarity, certainty, and a sense that is being drawn toward this particular path or course of action. I have a sense of resonance with the mission and values of the institution and a sense of alignment with the community of students, faculty, and staff. This is further reinforced by experiences of prayer, reflection, or conversation with others who are part of the Nyack community.

Additionally, I am sensing God's leading through practical considerations, such as opportunities for growth and development, and a sense of being uniquely equipped to contribute to the work of the college. This involves a recognition of the ways in which my personal gifts, passions, and experiences intersect with the needs and opportunities present at Nyack.

God has called me to join Nyack college to learn more and positively change the world around me. I want to reflect on what skills and experiences I hope to gain from my education and how I can use those skills to make a positive impact in your community or society. By seeking guidance and support from trusted mentors, counselors, or spiritual leaders as needed, I can discern my sense of purpose and direction in life and strive to positively impact the world around

me. The journey of discerning God's calling can be both exciting and challenging. But, it ultimately leads to greater purpose and fulfillment in life.

I am called to pursue higher education and use my skills and knowledge to serve others in a particular field or profession. My mission is to positively impact the world through my work, using the education and resources I would have gained to help others and make a difference. I am driven by a powerful inclination to help others and positively influence the world. I have identified several ways they can contribute to the Nyack College community, including their leadership skills, passion for social justice, and commitment to spiritual growth.

My mission is to use my gifts and talents to honor God and serve others, and I believe Nyack College provides an ideal environment for me. By embracing the rich heritage of the college and seeking to be a part of its ongoing legacy, I am confident that I can fulfill my calling and make a meaningful difference in the world.