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Response Paper

In our world, leaders are incredibly important. People are inspired and motivated to take on more responsibilities by leaders. It is crucial to have sincere leaders. Pride frequently interferes with leadership, but when someone is able to set their pride aside and stick to God's word while carrying out his duty, good things result. By demonstrating their commitment to their goals, leaders can motivate followers to follow in their footsteps. Leaders offer direction and, if they have a vision, they can aid others in implementing it. Companies, schools, and churches develop and achieve success when they have great leadership and sincerity. Leaders must put their principles into practice because they are being watched. A.B. Simpson showed great leadership and dedication in anything that he put his mind to in order to spread the gospel. In this response paper, I will be talking about what stood out to me about Simpson teaching, the ministry and work of C&MA, how I feel that God is leading me to join in the heritage, who is God calling me to be?

What particularly struck me about Simpson's lectures was his passion for sharing the gospel with others. He even went so far as to form the first missionary organization, called *the Mission Union for The Evangelization of the Globe*. The mission was unsuccessful since the team leader passed away, but what struck me most about the trip was that despite their lack of preparation and finances, one of the five participants later opted to embark on another mission

trip. Additionally, Simpson wanted to change the world and evangelize to the broken. He even built a group home for prostitutes and a healing home. The fact that Simpson built a women's home, an orphanage, and a homeless shelter shows how committed and persistent he was in realizing his goal of bringing New Yorkers and immigrants and the Bible together. Rather than just talking about what he wanted to happen, Simpson actually took action to make his vision a reality.

Betty Olson was the Nyack leader who particularly caught my attention. In 1968, Betty Olson traveled to Vietnam as a missionary. She was trying to help a wounded employee when she was captured by a Vietcong. For three months, she and the two other workers who were kidnapped had to march for 12–14 hours per day in order to get to a series of prison camps. She and her employees were imprisoned and given manioc root to consume. Unfortunately, only one worker lived, and he characterized her as not holding on to resentment or displaying bitterness despite the terrible experiences they had. She did not survive. He also said that she loved everyone, including those who treated her badly.

The mission and purpose of C&MA is to spread the good news throughout New York City. The C&MA's major objective is to demonstrate their concern for the needy. They aim to spread the message of Christ's love and let people know that Jesus loves everyone and is concerned for their physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. They are planting many churches, schools, hospitals, community centers, retirement homes, and radio stations as part of their efforts. They work together with governmental and non-governmental groups to ensure that the name of Jesus is shared with struggling families.

I believe God is directing me to use my teaching talents to contribute to the history of Nyack College. I enjoy learning new things and passing them along to others, and I believe that if I continue to use my talent, it will be helpful to others. Since one of Nyack College's objectives is to spread the gospel around the world and reunify New Yorkers and immigrants with the Bible, being able to define words and utilize them in their right context will be helpful. I will be able to impart knowledge and clearly enlighten others about what the Bible says thanks to my teaching skill.

God is calling me to be a leader to the youth. One thing that hurts me the most is when I see kids hanging out with their parents and the mom screams at them for a very little act that they do. Whenever I see that, I think of the embarrassment that the child experience at that moment, and I know that feeling embarrass causes trauma, because of that my mind races directly to what goes on at home. Children are precious, what happens to them at a young age can stay with them for a very long time. Not only that, but I was sleeping one day and I had a dream about me leading a group of children on an obstacle course, at first I took the hard way but eventually I saw an easy way to do it. I dream a lot and do not pay attention to my dreams but this specific dream stayed with me for a while. A year after, I had the opportunity of teaching at my old highschool to the kindergartners and 1st grade. Doing that was the best thing that I had ever done, I loved it so much and the kids loved me a lot, so that is how I know that leading the youth is so powerful and seeing that my spiritual gift is teaching it all makes perfect sense, because teachers have a very high impact on the youths. And the youth need a leader no matter what age they are because a lot deal with bullying and body image and feeling left out or they do not have

enough. Having someone who has walked through many of these obstacles and will help them to unload a lot of their toxic stress will be greatly beneficial and I feel called to do that.