



MERTON COLLEGE

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Dear Mertonian,

We write to you in somber times. As several parts of the world experience violent conflict, we hope and pray for the safety of your loved ones. And now, more than ever, we take pride in supporting an educational institution that fosters the pursuit of knowledge, nuanced and balanced thinking, and freedom of speech.

We are proud to report that we raised a total of \$545,327 during the course of 2022.

Despite the dismal performance of the markets and persistent inflationary pressures during the year, our dedicated MC3 community came through for its alma mater and kept its tradition of generous giving alive. Highlights of the fundraising program included \$170,000 for the Merton Choir, \$51,375 for the Ukrainian Doctoral Scholarship, \$50,350 for the Library Medieval Stained Glass Windows, and \$21,000 for the new library. Thank you to all of you!



Reed Rubin (1957) with the Merton Choir

We are also proud, especially during these times, of the diverse and inclusive MC3 community we all help foster, whose unity and ebullience is reflected in our social events.



MC3 April 1, 2023 Virtual Annual Meeting with Warden Payne

Our Combined Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Members, was held on April 1. As usual, we had a robust and productive discussion around fundraising, investment performance, and finances, all in support of the College. Warden Payne joined us virtually for the event.

On April 12, a large contingent of Mertonians attended a reception honoring Vice-Chancellor (and outgoing Warden of Merton), Irene Tracey, at the University Club of New York.



MC3 Dinner in April

During her speech, the Vice Chancellor warmly acknowledged her fellow Mertonians, who returned the compliment with boisterous cheers. Post the reception, three dozen Mertonians, representing nearly every decade of Merton graduates since the 1960s, remained onsite for a dinner organized by MC3. The arrangements for the dinner were made thanks to the efforts of Susan Cullman (wife of the late John Kirby, 1962), Marina McCloskey, and Charles Scudder. The Vice Chancellor also dropped by at the event.

On October 20—the eve of Oxford's Meeting Minds event in New York—MC3 held a dinner at Barbetta, the oldest Italian restaurant in the city. A dozen Mertonians gathered for the event and engaged in a lively discussion of world events over delicious food and wine.

We are delighted to report that Warden Payne will be making her first visit to the USA in December.

Accompanying her will be our close partner and the Director of Development, Mark Coote. **On December 2**, Amna Naseer will be hosting a reception for the Warden at her Greenwich Village home. All Mertonians are welcome and we hope to see many of you there.



Most recent Merton in Manhattan event with the then Warden, Irene Tracey

Finally, it is our great pleasure to share a diverse and interesting menu of opportunities to support the College this year, ranging from scholarships to academics to special projects. You will find the details in the attached leaflet. We also include an inaugural letter from Warden Payne that recognizes and welcomes your generosity to help Merton maintain its position as the “best of the best.”

Please consider allocating part of your contribution to the General Fund indicating it is “Unrestricted.” These funds can then be allocated where they are needed the most and help cover critical administrative expenses such as mailings and tax filings.

We wish you a healthy and happy Thanksgiving and holiday season.

Sincerely,

Nicholas W. Allard
President

Robert G. McKelvey
Treasurer

Amna Naseer
Development Committee Chair

Note: Please visit our website www.MC3na.com for latest MC3 news and event pictures. In order to donate online, please click on the 'Donate' tab or go directly to <https://mc3na.com/make-a-donation-online/>.



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To all MC3 Mertonians from the Warden:

Allow me to add my own best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving as you embark on the holidays. Can I also extend my grateful thanks – and that of the entire Merton Fellowship, staff and student body – in recognition of the significant contribution our American supporters make to the College.

This annual appeal, now so well established, represents a pivotal moment in Merton's fundraising cycle, and I acknowledge the considerable debt we owe to all MC3 Trustees and members for their generous contributions towards sustaining, and enhancing, all aspects of the College.

In this appeal brochure you will find a number of key areas where we seek financial support and which demonstrate, we hope, the breadth of what we do. Whatever help you are able to offer will make a difference.

I very much look forward to meeting some of you in person, as I make my first visit to the USA as your newly-installed Warden at the beginning of December.

With warm wishes,

Professor Jennifer Payne

*2023 Annual Fund Appeal
Merton College Charitable Corporation*

MERTON 2023 PROJECTS:

- ☐ *New Reach Scholarship for Undergraduates*
- ☐ *Graduate Scholarship in Music*
- ☐ *Regius Chair in Mathematics*
- ☐ *Dobson Organ's 10th Anniversary*
- ☐ *Support for Merton Blues-level sports*
- ☐ *Sandy Irvine's Expedition: Library exhibition*

If a project is "over-funded" any overage will be designated to the Unrestricted category and the funds used where most needed.

MC3 PERMANENT PROGRAMS:

- ☐ *Americas' Scholar*
- ☐ *John J. Kirby, Jr. Scholarship*
- ☐ *John Roberts MC3 Graduate Scholarship*
- ☐ *Graduate Scholarship for the Humanities*

- ☐ *Unrestricted – where the need is greatest*

Contributions may also be made through our website at www.mc3na.com and clicking on "Make a Donation Online" at the top of the page.

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- ☐ I work for a matching gift company. Company Name: _____
- ☐ I would like my donation to remain anonymous.
- ☐ Please send me information about including Merton in my will.

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