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projecting up to 2,000 openings across the Division in the next five years. The Division is engaged in tackling the looming crisis.

Moreover, the explosive growth in immigrant and refugee populations throughout the union and beyond creates an opportunity to train those who are called to minister to these groups. “Many of our youth are interested in serving the church but as first-generation students they don’t have the resources to attend our universities,” said Carmelo Mercado, Lake Union vice president for multicultural ministries. “This will be a blessing to them.”

A steering committee comprising union, conference and university leaders is establishing parameters for awarding the scholarship. We expect to announce more details in the coming weeks. The Lake Union joins several other unions in providing scholarships to emerging pastors and teachers.

Lake Union administrators hope this initiative spurs church members to further invest in our future leaders. “This is a faith initiative,” said Lake Union treasurer Glynn Scott. “Other territories were able to use

special trust fund gifts but we’re spending down our reserves. Nevertheless, we believe God will bless as we seek to invest in the mission and future of His church.”

If you are interested in partnering in this specific endeavor, please email lurf@lakeunion.org or call 269-473-8200.

For more information on the teacher and pastor shortages, see the featured stories in the April 2023 and October 2023 Lake Union Herald.

Debbie Michel is editor of the Lake Union Herald.

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KEVIN ANTHONY POWELL, AN ANDREWS UNIVERSITY MASTER OF DIVINITY STUDENT, RECEIVED A PRESTIGIOUS CANADIAN MUSIC AWARD ON MARCH 24, 2024, IN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

The Juno award, widely considered as the Canadian equivalent of the Grammy awards, recognizes excellence in Canadian music across multiple genres. K-Anthony won the “Contemporary Christian/Gospel Album of the Year” category, for his album titled “Arrow.”

Reflecting on his win, Anthony, who goes by the stage name K-Anthony, expressed a mix of emotions ranging from joy to gratitude to sheer accomplishment. For him, winning the Juno award validates years of hard work, dedication and a deep-rooted passion for music.

K-Anthony said the award is significant for him as it “opens doors for me to do a lot more, where I’m placed center stage to share this wonderful message as a believer and as a disciple. I think it gives me more leverage to bring the message of Jesus Christ to a dying world.”

He traces his musical journey to his upbringing in Jamaica, where the vibrant sounds of reggae and his musical influences shaped his unique style and message. K-Anthony’s songs are crafted with the lyrics front and center with a decidedly optimistic tone, but the underlying theme of his music is his love for God and hope for the future. He’s driven by a strong desire to bring that hope and sense of purpose in life to young people who feel lost and don’t know where to turn.

Looking ahead, K-Anthony aspires to continue creating meaningful music, collaborating with talented artists, and reaching new heights in his career. He sees winning the Juno award as a catalyst for further inspiration, pushing him to explore new artistic horizons while staying true to bringing people closer to God.



▲ K-Anthony won the “Contemporary Christian/Gospel Album of the Year” Juno award for his album titled “Arrow.” Photo credit: [oshane.howard/@fuzereps](https://www.instagram.com/oshane.howard/)

For aspiring musicians, K-Anthony offers these words of wisdom: “Stay true to yourself, believe in your vision, and never underestimate the power of perseverance and hard work. Allow your passion to drive you and trust the journey.” ■

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