



## Winter Classis Report 2022: Redeemer University

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As we embark on a new year, we are thankful for the opportunity to continue the mission of Christ-centred post-secondary education. Redeemer continues to offer dual delivery this term, a choice of remote learning or in-person studies, keeping relational learning as well as the health and safety of everyone on campus top priorities. While the new COVID-19 variant has once again led to increased restrictions, we remain thankful that we can continue operating safely without having to go completely remote.

This past fall, Redeemer reached a new milestone. For the first time in Redeemer's nearly 40-year history, the university welcomed more than 1,000 students with a total enrolment of 1,014. Enrolment growth has been strong for the past three years. A 42 per cent reduction in tuition in 2019 for Canadian undergraduate students, along with gaining the authority to grant up to 20 possible new degrees and officially change the school's name to Redeemer University, implementation of a new brand and forward momentum from the 2025 strategic plan, are all contributing to growth.

To help accommodate this growth, the new Charis Live and Learn Centre at the heart of campus is set to open later this month. The layout and location of the centre, a key initiative of *Learn. Forward. Redeemer's 2025 Strategic Plan*, flows directly out of Redeemer's mission to provide an education that integrates faith and encompasses all of life and learning. The centre comprises 170 beds in two-, four-, six-, and eight-student units, each with kitchens and common space, as well as classrooms and breakout space on the lower level. The centre will also encompass the new Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship complete with a makerspace. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand opening is planned for April 1, 2022.

Looking ahead, we continue to ask for your prayer support as the board of governors undertakes the search for Redeemer's next president. Phelps Group, a Toronto-based search firm, has been retained to assist the search committee with the process. The position was posted publicly in November and closed on January 3, with a proposed plan to interview candidates in January and February. We praise God for his continued faithfulness as we progress through the search process.

On behalf of Redeemer University, I wish you a Happy New Year. May you rejoice that He came to make all things new. Thank you very much for the role you play in supporting the critical mission of Redeemer. We look forward with eager anticipation to what God will do in 2022!

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