



April 20, 2023

Greetings from Redeemer University!

The 2022-2023 academic year is quickly coming to a close. While students were able to enjoy a few days of sunshine last week, they are now fully in final exam mode as they face the pressures of finishing the term (with projects, papers and exams) and preparing for summer jobs and additional commitments. For those who have “finished the race,” the Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 27, where approximately 250 graduates will be welcomed into the vibrant Redeemer alumni family. Alongside students, staff and faculty are committed to finishing well as they also close out this season of their work, and transition to new rhythms of operations, research, and planning. We continue to be amazed by God’s faithfulness and comfort throughout this year. Last November, the Redeemer campus experienced the tragic loss of student Bekett Noble. Many at Redeemer were affected deeply by this loss. It is comforting to know that the God who created us continues to hold all things together. An “In Memoriam” page can be viewed [here](#). We appreciate your prayers as we commit to living out the university’s Reformed Christian mission faithfully and with love, compassion and respect for every student, staff and faculty member.

I am also excited to share that Redeemer added its third new degree since 2021: a bachelor of communications and media studies (B.CoMS) program, with a concentration in media production, which will be offered at Redeemer beginning this fall. The new degree credential builds on the currently offered digital production program in media and communication studies (MCS). With this addition, Redeemer becomes the only Christian university in Canada to offer this degree and further distinguishes itself with its focus on creative production. More details can be found [here](#).

This year’s Kuyper Conference takes place from May 9 to 11 and we are honoured to host the event on Redeemer’s campus. The theme for the conference is entitled “Kuyper and Kintsugi—Public Theology for Repair, Reconciliation and Restoration.” On May 10 at 7:30 p.m., a special evening featuring Kuyper Prize winner Makoto Fujimura discussing “Kintsugi and Grace” is being offered to the public at no charge. If you wish, you may register for the conference [here](#). Additional information and background information can be viewed [here](#).

I am sincerely grateful for the ongoing financial support and prayers from the CRC churches. Redeemer and its students feel God’s blessing through your work and sacrifice.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Zietsma'.

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