

Redeemer University Spring Classis Report 2026

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Greetings from Redeemer University

This spring, Redeemer launched new academic programs, celebrated faculty accomplishments and hosted engaging community events. Thank you for partnering with Redeemer and its mission to prepare students to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in every career and calling! The generosity and prayers from Christian Reformed churches are a source of encouragement and blessings for the Redeemer community.

Welcoming the Community

This spring, Redeemer held some notable events for the community. In March, the Albert M. Wolters Centre for Christian Scholarship hosted a free public lecture featuring Dr. Channon Visscher entitled, "Creation Stories for Planetary Systems." In April, Redeemer hosted the Pastor Professor Exchange, an opportunity for pastors and church leaders to hear from Christian scholars on relevant topics for the church today. Dr. Peter Neumann and professor Daniel Gilman spoke on "Thinking Biblically About Power and Abuse," equipping ministry leaders to think carefully, biblically and courageously about abuse, power and the integrity of Christian witness.

Celebrating Faculty Research and Accomplishments

Dr. Kevin Flatt, associate dean of humanities and professor of history, recently launched his new book, Secularization, Social Order and World History: Toward a Global Perspective. Dr. Robert Joustra, professor of politics and international studies, co-edited a book with Eric Patterson entitled Just War Theory and Likelihood of Success: Prudential Judgement, Geopolitics and Just Statecraft. We praise God for the contributions of all faculty in professional work, research, scholarship, creative production, teaching and so much more!

Opening of the H. Evan Runner Reading Room

In March, Redeemer celebrated the opening of the H. Evan Runner Reading Room within the Peter Turkstra Library. The room contains the personal libraries and papers of Drs. Cal Seerveld and Albert Wolters. It was an honour to have Dr. Albert Wolters speak at the grand opening. The Reading Room has capacity for approximately 11,500 volumes and is available to faculty, external scholars, pastors and students interested in neo-Calvinist and reformational academic traditions. You are invited to visit and peruse the Reading Room collections.

Degree and Program Development

Redeemer recently launched Canada's only Reformed Christian master of education ([M.Ed.](#)), the university's first graduate degree. The inaugural cohort will begin with an in-person residency this summer.

The School of Business is launching a new concentration in finance within the bachelor of business administration (BBA). In addition to this program, in partnership with Kingdom Advisors, Redeemer will also introduce a pathway to the internationally recognized Kingdom Advisor certification designed to raise up a generation of technically excellent and spiritually grounded financial planners and advisers.

Set to welcome students in the spring of 2027, the master of arts in counselling will meet the increasing need for trusted counsellors in the Christian community. This graduate program will be richly informed by a biblical Christian worldview that will ground contemporary research in psychology.

Redeemer is also in the early planning stage for a master of arts in Reformed thought. Rooted in Redeemer's founding legacy, this program is intended to prepare new academic leaders who are firmly grounded in a Reformed Christian perspective by developing advanced knowledge in Reformed philosophy and theology. Graduates will be equipped for further study at the PhD level in an array of disciplines as well as for callings in church leadership, seminary training, research, education and much more. Please pray for a successful process of development over the coming year!

Telling Campus Stories

Redeemer recently published its 2026 edition of Resound magazine, sharing inspiring stories about students, alumni and faculty. Check out the stories online at redeemer.ca/resound.

Thank You

Thank you for being a part of all that God is doing at Redeemer University. We hope that you are encouraged by these updates of his amazing provision. We value your support and partnership in this mission to prepare students to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in every career and calling.

In Christ,



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