



Fall Classis Report 2025

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Greetings from Redeemer University

It was a privilege to welcome members of your Classis to Synod 2025 this past May at Redeemer University. With so much support from so many Christian Reformed Churches, it was a blessing to share warm hospitality in return. The Reformed Christian worldview remains at the heart of the student experience, and your prayers and financial gifts make this possible.

Enrolment Continuing to Grow

Redeemer is entering a milestone year of student growth, program development and God's unwavering faithfulness. As of the writing of this report, estimates indicate that this will be another record-breaking year for both overall enrolment and new students in residence with a little over 1,100 total students and nearly 600 in residence.

Impacting More Educators

This spring, Redeemer's School of Education graduated 58 educators, its largest cohort in history. To accommodate this growth, for the first time ever, Redeemer hosted a separate ceremony for Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) students. The B.Ed. program remains highly competitive and produces well qualified teachers for both public and private schools.

Church Student Placements

This past academic year, Redeemer helped coordinate 30 co-op placements and 132 internship placements, maintaining partnerships with 152 workplaces. Redeemer would love to partner with you in creating a student internship or co-op opportunity at your church. Nineteen majors have the option of a co-op and/or internship, including programs like mission and ministry, youth ministry, urban ministry, media production, business - marketing, and social work. If you would like to learn more, reach out to the Career Centre at careers@redeemer.ca.

New Certificate Programs and Graduate Degrees

Redeemer is entering its next phase of new program development, offering a not-for-profit management certificate and preparing to launch both a master of education in 2026 and a master of arts in counselling in 2027. Redeemer's online church leadership microcredentials continue to be an important, affordable resource for congregations, including many congregations in your Classis. We encourage you to explore the three available topics at redeemer.ca/church-leadership and discover how they can equip individuals in your church.

Researching Church Music

Faculty at Redeemer actively engage in research benefiting the Christian community. Dr. Laura Benjamins, assistant professor of music, recently discussed the profound impact of well-crafted church music with renowned Christian musician Keith Getty. This interview offers valuable insights for strengthening congregational worship. Read more at redeemer.ca/resound/keith-getty. Also, check out more stories about academics and campus life at redeemer.ca/resound.

Thank You

The Christian Reformed Church's steadfast support continues to be critical to the mission and vision of Redeemer University. Redeemer values this rich partnership and is dedicated to supporting you as you share the good news of God's Kingdom in your local contexts. Thank you for choosing to support our critical work preparing students to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in every career and calling.

In Christ,



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