

Sept. 15, 2025

Dear Friends of Classis Huron,

**Calvin University Trustees:**

Rosanne Lopers is the Classical Appointee Trustee for the Canada East Region (Region 2) on the Calvin University Board of Trustees, though her term is drawing to a close. Additionally, Alice Klamer the Alumni Trustee appointee has seen her term come to an end as well. We are grateful for the important contributions both these trustees have made over their years of service! John Valk a retired professor from the University of New Brunswick and a member of the Fredericton, N.B. CRC will assume the Classical Appointee Trustee role in October 2025. Tony Kamphuis remains the “At-Large” Trustee for this region.

There are three key items to which we draw your attention:

**Item #1: Another Year of Strong Growth**

Calvin University is set to welcome its third consecutive incoming class of over 1,000 students! These students who began their studies at Calvin earlier this month hail from hundreds of high schools, dozens of U.S. states, and from almost every continent.

Given that more and more independent Christian colleges and universities in the US are closing their doors, we are grateful to God for his provision of young people who are seeking out a consistent, Biblically-faithful Christian education at the post-secondary and the post-graduate levels. This incoming class includes students participating in the Calvin Prison Initiative (CPI) program that meets on our Hanlon Correctional Institute campus. The life-changing nature of a Calvin education truly does extend into every square inch of God’s world!

**Item #2: Continued Efforts to Work with the CRC Denomination**

Synod 2025 saw a more collaborative tone prevail as the CRCNA joined Calvin in celebrating the kickoff to our 150th anniversary celebrations. We are grateful for the relationship between Calvin and the CRCNA that is marked by increased trust and a recognition of our common desire to serve God as Christian institutions working side-by-side in different, but connected, spheres of society.

**Item #3: Challenges**

In a season when Christian higher education in the US is facing overall declining numbers of students and the financial pressures that can accompany that, Calvin is being especially diligent in its use of the resources God is providing us. Please continue to support and promote *your* university by lifting up its leadership in prayer; speaking in support of our world-class, Biblically-based, Christ-centred, post-secondary education; providing financial support; and urging young people to consider a Calvin education so that the precious legacy of a thoughtful, articulate Reformed Christian education can continue to influence our world!

In Christ,

Rosanne Lopers & Tony Kamphuis