

Redeemer University Fall Classis Report 2026

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Greetings from Redeemer University

With the fall term approaching, Redeemer University is preparing to welcome new and returning students back to campus. We anticipate approximately 1,170 students—a record enrolment!—with nearly 600 living on campus. Through classroom learning, campus activities and spiritual community, Redeemer prepares students to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in every career and calling. We are grateful for the ongoing prayers and financial support from Christian Reformed Churches that makes this mission of Reformed Christian higher education possible!

New Program Development

July marked a historic moment for Redeemer as the community welcomed the inaugural cohort of Master of Education students to campus for their in-person, one-week residency. This was a milestone, as it officially launched the first-ever graduate program at Redeemer.

The School of Education is also actively redesigning and condensing the two-year Bachelor of Education program into a one-year program to meet new provincial requirements. The program will begin after May 2027, ensuring a Reformed Christian perspective continues shaping educators.

Redeemer is also developing a Master of Arts in Reformed Thought, with a projected launch in fall 2027. This graduate program builds on Redeemer's established faculty strengths in Reformed theology and philosophy and distinctive resources, including the neo-Calvinist collections housed in the H. Evan Runner Reading Room: the Cal Seerveld collection and the Albert Wolters collection. The program will prepare students for doctoral study and scholarly leadership in church, academia and culture.

Finally, the university is exploring partnerships with a number of seminaries to offer Pre-Seminary pathways to meet a growing need for pastors in North America. These pathways will allow students who feel called to pastoral and ministry leadership to connect with seminary leaders and participate in ministry-related learning experiences throughout their Redeemer degree.

Engaging Campus Activities

There are many exciting initiatives planned on campus this fall that will bring together students, pastors, scholars and community members. The Albert M. Wolters Centre for Christian Scholarship will be hosting a mini-conference celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the printing of William Tyndale's English New Testament in 1526. The Wolters Centre will also be hosting a two-day conference exploring a scriptural understanding of creation care. Redeemer will also be launching a new podcast called World Redeemed, focused on thought leadership and Reformed scholarship.

Reaching High School Students

This fall, Redeemer will be partnering with key Christian high schools to offer advanced university credit courses for senior high school students. These dual credit courses will increase variety and breadth for students while also preparing them for university level learning grounded in a biblical worldview.

Supporting Students Through Career Exploration

Throughout November, Redeemer's Career Centre will be inviting students to explore their future career options. This month-long initiative will reinforce Redeemer's mission to prepare students to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in every career and calling. Every student will be encouraged to explore their potential calling through a connections expo, a vocation-themed chapel, workshops and various networking opportunities.

Thank You

The generosity of Christian Reformed churches helps to sustain the mission and vision of Redeemer. We value your partnership in all that the Lord is doing in the lives of Redeemer students. We thank God for your faithful commitment to see minds renewed, lives transformed and a world redeemed.

In Christ,



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