



Fall Classis Report 2024

Greetings from Redeemer University

As Redeemer University transitions from its summer rhythms to a new academic year, campus has returned to a bustling place of orientation activities and eager students. The university has welcomed to campus, at the time of writing, potentially the largest incoming class in its history. Redeemer also welcomes the first cohort of the new not-for-profit management certificate program.

The theme for this academic year is "Light for the Path," inspired by Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." I pray that, whether it is their first term, their last term, or something in between, each and every student would experience the illuminating power of the Gospel and feel the Lord's guidance as they work, study and play.

Equipping Church Leaders

This fall, Redeemer will launch its first two church leadership microcredentials. These short, competency-based learning opportunities focused on human resources and administration will provide board members, office bearers and ministry leaders with knowledge and training for effective leadership in their church context. More information will be sent to churches so that leaders from your congregation can register.

Inviting Alumni Back to Campus

From September 23 to 28, 2024, Redeemer will welcome alumni and their families to campus for a week of fun activities, including homecoming games, a Royals Hall of Fame induction, a colour run, the 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award reception, a conference on J.R.R. Tolkien, an author talk, an art exhibit opening, chapel and an alumni coffee social. If you're an alumnus, you're invited to join in the festivities!

Newly Appointed Dean of Business

Dr. Sophia Kusyk, a strategic leader, teacher, scholar and champion of redemptive business practice, will lead Redeemer University's School of Business into its next chapter. She has been appointed Redeemer's dean of business, bringing with her 25 years of professional



and academic experience. Sophia has a passion for developing the next generation of Christian business leaders and will help expand the reach and impact of the School of Business. She started August 1 and is quickly getting acclimated and developing plans for the future.

Refreshed Mission and Vision

Redeemer has refreshed its mission and vision statements to clarify the university's ultimate purpose, following consultation with key university stakeholders. These new statements express Redeemer's mission with updated language that better communicates the university's objectives. Redeemer's mission statement is, "Preparing students to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in every career and calling." Furthermore, Redeemer's vision statement is, "Minds renewed, Lives transformed, World redeemed." These statements reflect Redeemer's holistic Christian education that has been preparing students to join in Christ's redemptive work wherever he leads them for more than 42 years.

Preparing Future Christian Lawyers

This fall, Redeemer's new pre-law certificate will prepare students interested in the legal profession. This unique program includes both academic and professional development requirements and is offered "in-degree" as a part of a regular undergraduate degree. Students will receive valuable mentorship and unique learning opportunities that will help them become faithful advocates making an impact for God's glory in Canadian law and beyond.

Renewing and Upgrading Campus

Redeemer continues to invest in a relevant, contemporary and sustainable campus. First, Redeemer is renewing student spaces. The university has refreshed Founders Hall with new carpeting and paint on the second floor, upgraded a number of residence buildings with structural and aesthetic changes and expanded the Student Health Clinic to integrate mental health services. As well, the school is responding to its growing campus community by expanding its maintenance area and relocating its main campus entrance.

Faithfully Engaging the Humanities

Middle-Earth-minded academics from far and wide will assemble at Redeemer from September 27 to 28, 2024 for the "A Flame Imperishable: The Christian Legacy of J.R.R. Tolkien" conference to celebrate the life, literary works and Christian faith of the famed *The*



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Lord of the Rings author. Co-hosted by the Albert M. Wolters Centre for Christian Scholarship, this unique event will feature engaging dialogue around literature and faith.

Thank You

The ongoing prayer, support and financial generosity from Classis Huron makes a significant impact on Redeemer's mission. Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to prepare students to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in every career and calling.

In Christ,



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