



August 29, 2024

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. Tony Kamphuis is the “At-Large” Trustee for this region. There are three key items to which we want to draw your attention:

Item #1: Another Year of Strong Growth

Calvin University is set to welcome its largest incoming class in the last decade. The 1,200 students who are beginning their studies at Calvin later this month hail from hundreds of high schools, dozens of U.S. states, and from almost every continent.

For two years in a row, Calvin University has experienced double-digit-percentage growth year-on-year. And, in 2024-2025, the university’s total enrollment is projected to rise significantly to reach 3,600.

By the Numbers:

- The largest first-year student group in seven years
- The second largest transfer cohort over the past nine years
- Nearly 20% of first-year students are coming from outside the U.S.
- Nearly 20% of this class is first-generation
- Growing # of students from Michigan and numerous states across U.S.

God is blessing Calvin’s provision of consistent, Biblically-faithful Christian education at the post-secondary and the post-graduate levels.

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

Synod 2024 has set before our university some challenging timelines for exploring how we can be faithful to the University’s mission and vision while “leaning in” to our relationship with the CRCNA. Our President, Provost and entire Leadership Cabinet have been very busy drafting proposals that the Board has reviewed and to which we have given direction since the time of Synod 2024’s conclusion. This will be a significant focus of our Board of Trustees meetings scheduled for October.

Item #3: #Buildup Calvin

We are completing some significant investments in the infrastructure of Calvin, renewing structures that have served us well for fifty years and developing new facilities to accommodate more recent initiatives. Since this time last year, our campus has seen an incredible transformation. From the progress on Commons Union to outdoor athletics, a new cadaver lab, and updated auditorium facilities, we hope you’ll join the entire Calvin community in praising God & thanking the many hands who have worked hard to make this all happen.

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 educational institution; 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