



Fall Classis Report 2022: Redeemer University

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Greetings from Redeemer University!

As we anticipate the fall semester and students arriving on campus again, we are filled with incredible hope that this year will be the first in three years to have no COVID-19 restrictions. God's faithfulness through that storm was evident and we are eager to have students fully immerse themselves in all that Redeemer has to offer.

In light of the recent tuition restructuring, the launching of new degrees, the name change to Redeemer University, the rebrand, and new facilities and campus renovations, we are seeing a steady increase in enrolment. Redeemer is on track to have the highest enrolment in its history, yet again, for the second year in a row.

Redeemer University is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year! A special weekend of events is planned to celebrate God's faithfulness at Redeemer over the past 40 years and to look forward to what's next. The weekend celebration will kick off on Friday, September 30 evening with a barbecue for Redeemer students, faculty and staff and a concert for the wider community. Saturday, October 1 will see a full day of events engaging alumni and the support community, including a 40th Anniversary Celebration Service (featuring the Presidential Inauguration), campus tours, Royals games, an Alumni Art Exhibit, and more. We hope you and your congregations will be able to join the celebration of this important milestone.

Prior to the kickoff of the 40th Anniversary Weekend Celebration is also the launch event of the new Albert M. Wolters Centre for Christian Scholarship, featuring one of Redeemer's and Dr. Wolter's prestigious alumni, Dr. Gayle Doornbos, Assistant Professor of Theology at Dordt University. Her address, "Capacious, Conditioned Curiosity: A Neo-Calvinist Vision for Christian Scholarship," will be followed by remarks from Dr. Wolters, and the presentation of the prize for a student essay competition recognizing and applying Dr. Wolter's work on Reformed worldview.

This past year, we also introduced a new Bachelor of Kinesiology degree to go along with the granting of the recent Bachelor of Business Administration, now in its third year. Academic planning continues to consider strategic roll outs of new programs, including possible new masters degrees, that will serve the growing needs of today's students, all while maintaining a commitment to Redeemer's Reformed Christian academic mission.



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Redeemer's new Innovation Centre will launch this fall with the purpose of serving God by inspiring and infusing a spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship across the curriculum. The Innovation Centre will include a makerspace and will be located on the lower level of the Charis Live and Learn Centre. The Centre is a space for applied creativity and learning within the university, providing active, real-world opportunities that will inspire and instill a spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship in those who participate.

As always, Redeemer greatly appreciates the support of the CRCNA and continues to be immensely blessed by amazing students and generous financial support from your congregations. Your constant partnership and dedication to Redeemer's mission ensures we can continue to serve the next generation of Christian leaders.

God bless,

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President