

annual report 



LIGHT FOR THE PATH
SCHOOL THEME 2024-2025
PSALM 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105

In him all things hold together.



Watch the recap video and much more in the 2024-25 Year in Review.
redeemer.ca/year-in-review



gratitude

EACH YEAR, the annual report provides a glimpse into Redeemer University's academic year, its stories, successes, statistics and financial picture. As the year 2024-25 moves into the rearview, this report is an opportunity to reflect on the incredible privilege of preparing students to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in every career and calling.

This year's theme, Light for the Path, focused on Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Students, faculty and staff were encouraged to meditate on the importance of putting God's word at the centre of their living and learning. As Redeemer grows and develops, the Lord and his word remain central to all that we do.

This past spring, Redeemer wrapped up the *Learn. Forward. 2025 Strategic Plan*, which included a rebrand, refreshed mission and vision statements with organizational values (see page 4), a major new building on campus and four new degree programs. This past year also brought innovation in the area of professional programs with the launch of a not-for-profit management certificate program and a series of three church leadership microcredentials, all available online. Significant planning work has also been done toward the launch of a master of education in summer 2026 and a master of arts in counselling in fall 2027. The mission continues, even amidst the development of the next strategic plan, which we will launch this fall.

We are grateful to God, who has continued to bless Redeemer this year, giving meaning and purpose to all that we do, and to the support community that surrounds the university in prayer, encouragement and generosity. Together we look to the future with hope, relying on God to be the light on the path.

In Christ alone,



David Zietsma, PhD
President, Redeemer University

CHARIS LIVE AND LEARN CENTRE

VISION

Minds renewed.

Lives transformed.

World redeemed.

MISSION

PREPARING STUDENTS TO REFLECT THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST IN EVERY CAREER AND CALLING.

VALUES

**TRUTH
LEARNING
COMMUNITY
EXCELLENCE
GRACE
COURAGE**

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
Colossians 1:17

Weaving Faith Through All of Life and Learning

Redeemer's liberal arts and sciences education allows students to experience how faith can shape every area of life. Rooted in the Reformed Christian tradition, students are disciplined to understand how every discipline, every relationship, every task and every square inch of creation is under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

NEW RECORD!

1,094

students enrolled

NEW RECORD!

1,036

full time

58

part time

NEW RECORD!

366

new students

NEW RECORD!

556

students living in residence

9

Canadian provinces represented

Outside of Ontario, the top three provinces represented are British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba.

40

international students from

36

countries

46

denominations represented

\$207,371

in donor-funded financial awards given to 161 students



Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Psalm 100:2



students



97%
of 2023 graduates say professors were knowledgeable in their fields, well organized and good communicators



27 chapel services
32 student clubs



4 women's varsity teams:
• basketball
• soccer (indoor and outdoor)
• volleyball
• cross country

5 men's varsity teams:
• basketball
• soccer (indoor and outdoor)
• hockey
• volleyball
• cross country

Helping Students Flourish



An integrated and expanded wellness centre celebrated its opening in February, supporting the mental and physical healthcare needs of Redeemer students.

Serving with Joy

Justin Vos, a fifth-year bachelor of business administration student, connected his interests with his skills in two unique co-op experiences. He was able to take what he learned in the classroom and apply it in very different ways at both a global accounting firm and a local nonprofit.



"I can serve the Lord no matter where I work ... I can carry my faith and bring my whole self to my work every day, and I experienced that working in both a Christian business and a secular business."



>90% of co-op students with a full-time job offer

30 co-op placements

204 career advising appointments and one-on-one meetings

19 programs with the option of co-op/internship

132 internship placements

152 workplace partnerships

130 recognitions for student-athletes' achievements

152 varsity athletes

9 varsity teams

8 intramural leagues



10,000+ fans watched Royals home competitions

students

"Caring for the whole student is an expression of Redeemer's Reformed Christian identity, where each person is treated with compassion, dignity and respect as an image-bearer of God. We're grateful to the generous support community that has helped us provide for Redeemer students in such a practical way."

- Dr. David Zietsma, president

"The updating of this wellness centre makes students like me feel heard as we navigate our struggles in school and in mental health."

- Kaiden Groombridge, student senate president



80%
of graduates are in their felt calling five years post graduation

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

NEW RECORD!

280 graduating students in the class of 2025

222
Undergraduate

58
School of Education



7,581
Redeemer University alumni

Over 7,000 alumni who are transforming communities and culture wherever God calls them.



20
events at Alumni & Family Week 2024

Reconnect
This years Alumni Week of Sept 26 – Oct 4 2025



Reshaping Reality

Shua Kim '23 is passionate about researching care pathways for communities in need. She's been involved in a study assessing the value of virtual reality in healthcare settings.

“My desire to discern my strengths and where I can best contribute has helped me develop the habit of asking for God’s wisdom and listening to and trusting him with everything, including my career.”



Distinguished Alumni Award Winner

Dr. Wendy Willmore '98, a missionary surgeon, uses her passion for mentoring to train new surgeons to help bring God’s love to Tanzania.

“Redeemer was definitely a good spot on the path and I think there are very few places that would have prepared me nearly as well as my Redeemer education did. To be able to have the foundation of how to think with a Christian worldview was invaluable.”



Hope for the Canadian Church?

History professor Dr. Kevin Flatt is taking a close look at the impacts of secularization and their implications for Canada's future.

Despite the challenges of a changing Canadian church, Flatt finds rest in the knowledge that our hope is not rooted in anything earthly.

“Our hope is grounded in God, who is the creator and sustainer of the universe, who is our Redeemer. My hope for the future is that the future is in God's hands. He's working out his purposes in history. He's working out his purposes in this very specific context that we're in. We're his instruments.”

Wolters Centre Conference and Lectures

The Albert M. Wolters Centre for Christian Scholarship hosted An Imperishable Flame: The Christian Legacy of J.R.R. Tolkien, a two-day academic conference, last fall in partnership with the Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies.

The Wolters Lecture series featured scholars from each of the three major discipline areas, showcasing their research in the Reformed scholarly tradition within their area of expertise, including the life of J.R.R. Tolkien, new approaches to creation care and getting creative in responding to the needs of the vulnerable.

The Wolters Centre also hosted the winner of the Emerging Public Intellectual award for the World and Our Calling lecture in January. Dr. Jonathan Askonas, assistant professor of politics at the Catholic University of America, spoke on Christian political theology in a post-Christian society.

128
faculty members

19.3
students per faculty member

8.25
students per staff member

4.36 / 5
Student rating of how faculty integrated the Christian perspective in their teaching



Redeemer Launched

Bachelor of Health Sciences
Not-for-Profit Management Certificate
3 Church Leadership Microcredentials

Redeemer Now Offers

7 degrees, 35+ programs and streams

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Health Sciences
Bachelor of Kinesiology
Bachelor of Business Administration
Bachelor of Communications and Media Studies
Bachelor of Education (a second degree program)

3 certificate programs

Not-for-Profit Management
Liberal Arts
Pre-Law (an in-degree program)

3 microcredentials

focused on church leadership



38
grants, totalling \$240,113 in support of faculty research and teaching development

innovation centre numbers

3
ventures launched

246
makerspace users

54
hours of coaching

5
guest lectures on design thinking and Christ-centred entrepreneurship

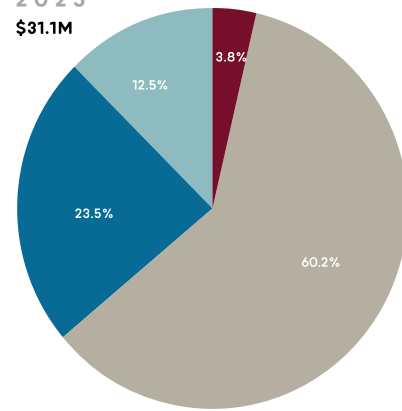
6
course collaborations

Financials at a Glance

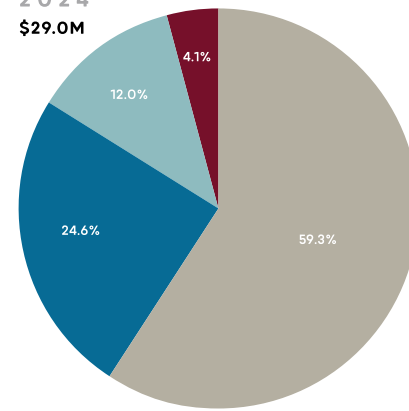
YOUR SUPPORT HAS HELPED REDEEMER TO DELIVER ON ITS MISSION

Revenues

2025
\$31.1M



2024
\$29.0M



- Tuition & Fees
- Donations (operating)
- Ancillary Operations
- Other (Grants & Fees)

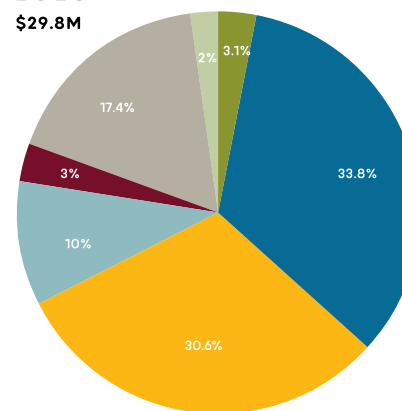
\$11.7 million
received from committed supporters

\$701,105
received from more than 100 churches in the support community

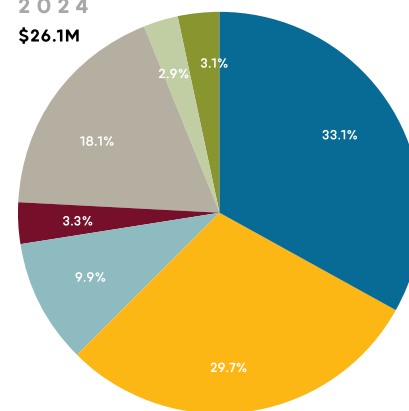
33%
supported capital projects and student awards

Expenses

2025
\$29.8M



2024
\$26.1M



- Academic (Instruction & Research)
- General & Administration
- Student Development
- Fundraising
- Ancillary Operations
- Debt servicing
- Financial Aid

Giving Thanks

God continues to provide for Redeemer through its dedicated and generous support community. Thank you for your commitment to Redeemer's mission and for helping to keep tuition affordable for Redeemer students.

Each year, the university celebrates gratitude week during the winter term to focus on the generosity of those who help keep tuition affordable for students. This year, students participated in an educational quiz to win prizes. 327 students, or nearly one-third of the student body, participated. They learned that all students receive financial support from donors, whether they receive scholarships/bursaries or not. Donors keep their tuition low, and the university wants every student to know and appreciate that. They learned that their tuition only covers about half of the university's expenses. Students also learned that donors come from all socioeconomic backgrounds. Every donation helps; it's about their heart for Redeemer's mission.

"Perhaps the greatest blessing of being a Redeemer student is having both academics and community participate in God's work of sanctification in my life. The faith of my faculty is imitable, and I am continually sharpened by meaningful, Christ-centred friendships with fellow students. At Redeemer, we aren't simply educated—we're disciplined, equipping us to effectively 'reflect the love of Jesus Christ in all careers and callings.'"

- EMMANUEL MATHI '25

"Whatever door God opens is the one I am ready to walk through. However, no matter what direction I go, through this degree, my life has truly been changed for the better, like others whom I've been able to impact through Bible study, prayer, sharing the gospel and Christian service. I will be able to say, when I finish in 2026, that it was worth every moment! I have no regrets, and I am so excited for how it will impact my future and others."

- TRUTH LOTT '26

"Through my time at Redeemer, I have learned essential skills to work in a God-honouring way, being ethical in every business practice I have. I hope to carry this forward as I advance into the marketing workplace. What that looks like for me, I am still unsure, but I am committed to following the Lord's planned purpose for my life, seeking his wisdom in every decision."

- ANIKA FITZPATRICK '26



"Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."

- Psalm 107:8-9

expanding



OVER THE PAST YEAR, REDEEMER HAS BEEN PREPARING TO LAUNCH SEVERAL NEW GRADUATE PROGRAMS.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11



A Bright Future

REDEEMER'S FIRST GRADUATE PROGRAMS



Over the past year, Redeemer has been preparing to launch several new graduate programs. The master of education program will launch in summer 2026 with applications set to open this fall. The master of arts in counselling program has a target launch date of fall 2027. With its biblical foundation integrated with contemporary psychology research, this program aims to be unique in North America.

The university is also preparing to launch its next strategic plan this fall, casting a vision for Redeemer's next decade. Please join with Redeemer in prayer during this exciting time in the university's history as it seeks God's will for the future.



LIONSHARE
COMMUNITY

Where Everyone's a Royal

Lionshare Community is a passionate group committed to helping students flourish through monthly giving at any amount.

WHY LIONSHARE?

- 20% off at Redeemer's bookstore, 21Five
- Early access and discounts to select events
- Receive regular updates about impact
- Complimentary welcome pack when you join

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LEAVING A LEGACY

Leaving God's Blessings

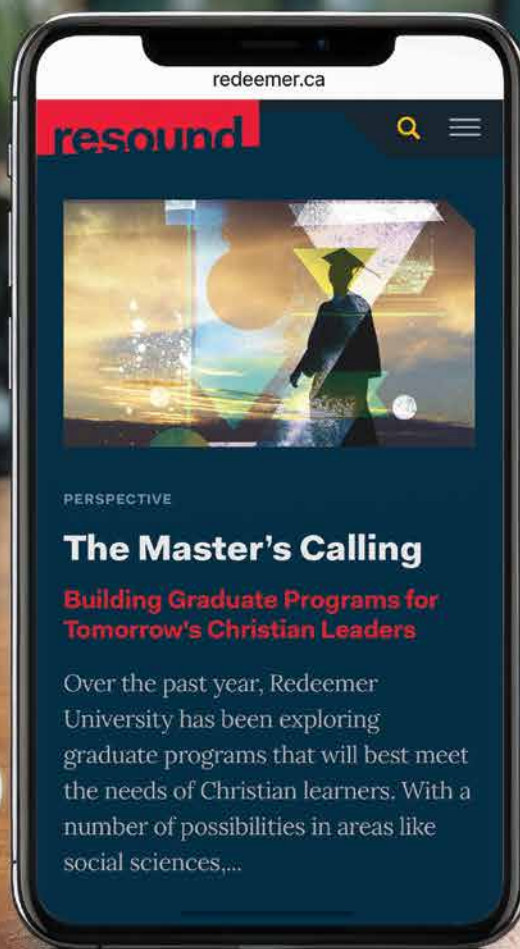
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