## Ministry Report: December 2024

# Momentum Campus Ministries



I recently upgraded my phone to a Google Pixel Pro 8. I know the 9 just came out, but I got last year's model because it was cheaper and I can't seem to break free from my Dutch DNA. I like good deals and saving money, it makes me feel good inside. The Google Pixel Pro 8 is supposed to be bigger and better than the Pixel 8. It has more features and it can do a lot more than the lower model. And my absolute favourite upgrade is the camera. The photo snapping abilities on it are more powerful and far superior to any phone camera I have ever had. (Disclaimer: Momentum is not sponsored by Google and this is not a paid endorsement. Although if Google is listening, which I know it is, I am open to their financial support.)

I am telling you all of this because if I had to describe our ministry this semester, like my phone, I would describe it as bigger and better. And actually, I think I would reorder those words and say better and bigger. That feels more accurate because we have not been focusing on getting bigger. We have just been focusing on getting better. One of our top priorities is to be faithful with every thing and with every one God has given us. We want to be the best we can be at serving Him. As we have done this, God, in His kindness has made us bigger. And I mean a lot bigger. Last year our kick-off BBQ in Kingston had about 150. Do you know how many people came this year? Around 250! Last year our max attendance at our weekly worship gathering (the Well) was 120. This year we hit 175. We had more huddles this year (36) and more applicants for missional houses than ever before. And on top of all this, God has sent us so many phenomenal leaders. Last year we had 8 staff and 6 student interns, this year we have 15 staff and 18 student interns.

God has made us better and He has made us bigger. And now that we are bigger, we are working on getting better again, because doing ministry on this scale is a whole new phenomenon. The massive and quick growth we have experienced has definitely had its challenges, but it has been so exciting to see God moving in such powerful and dramatic ways. And like a good set of yoga pants, we embrace the stretching because we know it leads to good things. If you would like more details about what God has been doing, you can keep reading this report. It is a testimony to His goodness and greatness, and some of the following pictures are courtesy of the Google Pixel Pro 8 (sponsorship pending).

Steve Kooy- Executive Director of Geneva House & Momenum Campus Ministries



### **Our Mission**

Be an incredible community where people experience Jesus and His transformation

## Our Strategy

Build Community
Build Disciples
Build Leaders









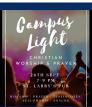












## **Ministry Activity**

**SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2024** 

Here is a quick snapshot of our mission work on campus this semester. Numbers refer to the amount of groups unless noted as people.

Huddle Discipleship Groups (36)

Queen's (30)

SLC Kingston (3)

Royal Military College (1)

Loyalist (1)

Trent (1)

The Well Worship (100-175 people)

The Well Small Groups (40-90 people)

Sunday Socials (20-35 people)

Grad and Beyond (50 people)

Ministry Houses (6)

Faculty of Education Ministry (15-20 people)

Newcomer Ministry

**Prayer Groups** 

International Ministry

Discover Christianity

**SLC Ministry Club Meetings** 

SLC Thrive Support Groups (17)

1-1 Mentoring and Discipleship

Leadership Development

Within the Veil





#### A CLOSER LOOK AT SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS

#### **Huddles**

Huddles are a big part of how we work to fulfill our mission on campus. Huddles are discipleship groups of 5-6 people who are learning to follow Jesus, to listen to the Spirit, and to live out God's mission in their everyday lives. We see so much transformation through huddles and it is always so exciting to see young adults becoming passionate followers of Jesus. (https://www.genevahouse.ca/huddles)

#### The Well

The Well is our Kingston young adult worship and small group gathering every Wednesday night during the semester at Bethel Church. Queen's, RMC, and SLC students join with young professionals for small groups from 7-8:15pm, then worship, testimony and prayer from 8:20-9pm, and timbits and social time usually till around 10:30pm. Our small groups are designed to reach both Christians and non-Christians and this semester they included: Prayer, Who are You Following, Christianity 201, Sound Tracks/Winning the War in Your Mind, Learning to Love Your Neighbour and our International Fellowship Group. You can find more info on these groups in the pictures to the left.

#### Within the Veil

Within the Veil is a Quinte area young adult worship night held once a month during the school year. It is an amazing partnership of campus and local churches and regularly brings together 60-80 young adults who are looking for community and connection to Christ.

#### **Grad and Beyond**

Grad and Beyond (G&B) is another major part of our ministry and it includes over 50 grad students and young professionals from the Kingston area. G&B is run in partnership with Bay Park and Bethel churches and members are part of a weekly Bible study, the Well, huddles, and houses. (https://www.genevahouse.ca/grad-students)

#### **Sunday Socials**

Sunday Socials are community building events every weekend at Geneva House in Kingston where students come to have fun and build relationships. They are a great place for students to make friends and to bring their non-Christian friends to a space where they can experience how fun and amazing Christian community can be.

#### **Faculty of Education Ministry**

Every month we have an amazing gathering for Christian students who are studying to be teachers. Led by a Queen's professor and 2 education students, this group provides a great space to make connections and to discuss their calling to be teachers.

#### **Campus Light**

Campus Light is a monthly worship gathering right on the campus of St Lawrence College. Brand new this semester, it is an exciting new addition to our SLC ministry. For more info go to SLC Momentum on Instagram.

#### Mentoring/1-1 Discipleship/Counselling

We invest deeply in the next generation. Our staff spend a lot of our time caring for and shepherding young adults through all sorts of challenges and experiences. It is where we feel like we really make a difference. Seeing God transform lives brings us so much joy and gives us so much hope for the future.

#### Leadership

We have over 100 leaders on 5 campuses serving as team members, team leaders, student interns, staff interns, and staff. They are an incredible group of students, young professionals, and seasoned ministry leaders who are so gifted and passionate about God's mission.

# Campus Highlights

There is so much we could share with you about how God has been moving, but here are some brief highlights from each campus.

#### **Queen's University**

Queen's is our biggest ministry site and it is where we see God moving in big ways. We kicked off the semester with a massive BBQ and worship night where we saw around 250 young adults come out. Students are hungry for community and deep connections and that has been so clear to us throughout the whole semester. We had 100-175 people come our for The Well (our weekly small group and worship nights), over 50 grad students and young professionals in our Grad and Beyond ministry, 34 students living in 6 missional houses, 30 huddles (reaching over 150 students), and 18 student interns. Over 10 students were baptized this semester and we have seen God change lives both dramatically and consistently. God has blown us away with all that He has been doing, and it has been so exciting to see all the young people who are finding community with us, becoming disciples of Jesus and stepping up as phenomenal leaders in Him.







#### St Lawrence College (SLC)

Ministry at St Lawrence in Kingston continues to be blessed in big ways. Our staff team doubled this semester and we now have 4 amazing ministry professionals as well as an incredible student leadership team. We ran 3 huddles, 18 thrive groups, and we started a new monthly worship night called Campus Light. God is really moving at SLC and we are so thankful for the amazing leaders and the church partnerships that God has blessed us with.







#### **Royal Military College (RMC)**

This year we have seen more military cadets joining our community than ever before. You could even say we have seen a major increase in student engagement. On top of that we have a great leadership team that is covering all the bases and a great huddle right on campus.

#### **Loyalist College**

God did a truly amazing thing this semester at Loyalist. He answered a prayer that we have been praying for years, and He blessed us with an official space to meet on campus! This means so much to us and we are incredibly thankful for this new opening. Our international ministry is another of our highlights and we are so thankful for our local church partnerships who teamed up with us to host our annual international Christmas dinner. It was such a special night and it brings us great joy to help international students meet Jesus and experience His loving community.

#### **Trent University**

Our ministry at Trent revolves around an amazing ministry residence called Micah House. In this special place, 6 phenomenal young women live together and do life as disciples of Jesus. They huddle every week and they reach out to their community and campus with God's love. One of the highlights this semester was what we call blessing meals. Members from local churches regularly brought over a dinner and blessed Micah House with food, fellowship, and mentorship. It has been an amazing way to invest in the residents and to build positive connections to local churches.

## Thank you!

There is so much more that we could mention in this report, but the most important thing that we still must say, is thank you. Thank you for all you do to support us in our mission. We are so passionate about discipling young adults and it means so much to us that you would help us live out our calling. Thank you for your partnership, your prayers, and your provision. You are a gift to us, and your investment in us is changing lives.

If you would like to know more about what we do you can go to www.genevahouse.ca or www.momentumcampus.ca. And please help us by spreading the word about our ministry!

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## **Prayer Requests**

Thank you for remembering us in your prayers. Here are some ways you can pray for us right now:

- Praise God for all that He is doing for lives being changed, and disciples being made.
- Pray that we live out our mission effectively every day to be an incredible community where people experience Jesus and His transformation.
- Pray that students would become passionate followers of Jesus and effective Kingdom leaders.
- Pray for students struggling with emotional and mental health challenges.
- Pray that God would expand and enhance our ministry with international students.
- Pray for transformation, innovation, and multiplication.
- Pray that God would multiply huddles, houses, leaders, staff, funding.

### **Our Team**



















#### **Executive Leadership Team**

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