Ministry Report | May 2025

Momentum Campus Ministries



This year Geneva House turned 50 years old! In 1974, Bill Dykstra was sent to be our first campus pastor at Queen's University and he officially launched our ministry in September of that year. Since that time, God has been building an exciting mission that has expanded to schools and cities beyond Queen's and Kingston. We now have a larger organization called Momentum Campus Ministries and we are seeing more students and young professionals being transformed in Christ than ever before! As we have sought to be an incredible community where people experience Jesus and His transformation, so many young adults have been enfolded into God's family, they have become followers of Jesus, they have been discipled at a whole new level, and they have become phenomenal leaders in God's Kingdom.

These past 50 years have been an amazing testimony to God's faithfulness and His power to bring transformation. And they have made something abundantly clear to me – God loves young adults. He cares so deeply for them, and He wants them to experience the best life they can have, by being in relationship with Him and by being on mission with Him.

When I was much younger, 50 seemed really old. But now that I am much older, 50 seems so young to me. Even though God has done so much already, I think He is just getting started with our ministry. In the 18 years that I have been at Geneva, I have never seen so much growth at such a quick pace. I don't even know how many people in our community were baptized this year. If I had to guess, maybe 20. This year we had 6 missional houses and next year we will have 10. This year we were blessed to have 15 staff, 20 student interns, 35 huddles, 50 people at Grad and Beyond, and we broke our record for most in attendance at our weekly worship and small groups night called the Well, with 175 people. God has done incredible things, and these were things that only He could do.

I don't know what God has in store for us next, but looking back on His faithfulness, creativity, and power over the last 50 years, I have a strong feeling that the best is yet to come. I am looking forward to seeing what God is going to do in the next 50 years, and I hope you and I will both be around to see it!

- Steve Kooy | Executive Director of Geneva House & Momentum 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

JANUARY- APRIL 2025

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 (45)

Queen's (35) SLC Kingston (7)

David Military Call

Royal Military College (1)

Loyalist (1)

Trent (1)

- The Well Worship (100-175 people)
- The Well Small Groups (40-90 people)
- Saturday 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

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: Questions About the Christian Faith, Deeper Relationships, Discerning God's Calling on Your Life, All the Places to Go - How Will You Know?, 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)

Saturday Socials

In response to feedback about the challenges stemming from not having a safe and fun place to spend Saturday nights, we introduced Saturday Socials. These are community building events every weekend at Bethel Church in Kingston where students can escape the partying and come to have fun and build relationships. This is also a great place for students 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. For more info go to SLC Momentum on Instagram.

Mentorship | 1-on-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. 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

Queen's University

A central theme in our ministry this past year has been fruitfulness. In John 15:5, Jesus reminds us:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

As we celebrate 50 years of Geneva House at Queen's University, we are in awe of God's enduring faithfulness. What began in 1974 with a small group of faithful believers has flourished into a vibrant, Christ-centered community. We are witnessing the fruit of decades of prayer, service, and steadfast devotion—young adults passionate about knowing God deeply, following Him wholeheartedly, and growing in the gifts He's entrusted to them. Truly, this harvest would not be possible without God's presence, grace, and provision. We had the joy of celebrating the last five decades of God's work with over 180 students, community members, and alumni at our annual End-of-Year Banquet. It was an evening of gratitude and testimony, as graduating students shared how Geneva House has shaped their walk with Christ.







In partnership with Power to Change, we launched second semester with Refresh—our second annual retreat at Bay Park Church. Over 160 young adults from across Kingston came together for a weekend of worship, encouragement, and equipping. The event featured dynamic speakers like apologist Jon Topping and Raptors chaplain Herbie Kuhn, along with practical, biblical workshops on spiritual disciplines, mental health, apologetics, discerning God's will, and faith in the workplace.







Our weekly small group and worship night, The Well, consistently welcomed around 130 young adults this semester. The Grad & Beyond Bible study had 50 regular participants. We housed 34 students across 6 missional homes, saw 35 Huddles meet regularly for discipleship, and were led by 20 student interns who faithfully served across various areas of ministry.

This semester marked the launch of new initiatives and the return of a beloved Geneva House event. Many first year students shared that they struggled to find a welcoming space on Saturday nights - faced with the choice of partying (which they weren't keen on), staying in their dorm, or heading to the library. In response, we introduced Saturday Social, a new weekly gathering at Bethel Church where students can relax, have fun, and build meaningful connections. Additionally, Soup Supper made its return once a month, as we deepened our commitment to fostering relationships within our community

As we look ahead to the next 50 years, we're filled with hope and anticipation. We know God is not done yet. He is still at work, still calling, still bearing fruit through this ministry.

St. Lawrence College (SLC)

This school year, we saw a big dream come true! Our SLC Momentum Ministry was able to launch a monthly worship night on campus called 'Campus Light'! Excitingly, around 20-25 people gathered almost every month of the school year to worship Jesus on campus and to hear powerful testimonies from students and to pray. Isn't that just incredible? We also built relationships around bonfires & hotdogs, going on hikes, playing games, solving escape rooms, and watching hockey games. And our campus also saw 7 Christian Huddles meet this year. There is so much spiritual hunger in our students and it brought our team great joy to be able to provide a safe space to explore faith and grow in their walk with Jesus.

This year, we also started leaning into community service by walking & serving free hot chocolate downtown near Christmas. We were able to pray for a few people & have meaningful conversations on top of it! Our little but mighty team was so excited and encouraged to serve around 15 litres of hot chocolate!

- Ashlesha Gaur | MCM SLC Ministry Director











Royal Military College (RMC)

This year has been one of growth and deepening for our ministry at the Royal Military College (RMC). A faithful RMC huddle met every Tuesday throughout the entire year—without missing a single week. This consistency is a powerful testament to the growing commitment of students to Christ. In partnership with Bath Road Baptist and Kingston East End Community Church (KEECC), the campus huddle shared two meaningful evenings with a local men's group. These gatherings created a valuable space for RMC students to glean wisdom from seasoned believers, while also encouraging the church group with the faith and passion of the next generation. This partnership has been fruitful, and we are excited to see it continue in the coming year.

A strong group of first-year RMC students also began attending Bethel Church together forming a solid foundation for community and spiritual growth. It was a joy to witness two of these students take the step of baptism this year, and we're thrilled that another student is preparing to be baptized this summer.







Belleville - Loyalist College

This semester we were so excited that our campus ministry in Belleville was able to offer a weekly huddle on the local college campus and that we could partner together with some great local ministries to host a monthly young adult worship event called Within the Veil. But we were also sad to say goodbye to our wonderful team leader Wanda Thompson. Wanda stepped back after leading our Belleville ministry for 5 years and she took a well-deserved ministry sabbatical this semester. During her time with us, Wanda did an amazing job of providing pastoral care for students, especially internationals who came to Belleville without much support. Wanda organized fabulous community dinners for them as well as making sure their spiritual and physical needs were met. She often had students staying at her home or was driving them around Belleville to their jobs or appointments. Wanda has such a huge heart for those in need and she reflects Jesus so well. Wanda also did a fabulous job of building ministry partnerships, and we are so thankful for her and for the community that God built through her over this half a decade!





Wanda Thompson - Belleville Team Leader

Peterborough - Trent University

Micah House continues to thrive as a missional house for female students at Trent. This past year we had 6 residents who bonded as friends and sisters in Christ. The weekly huddles saw great spiritual growth, and missionally they put together gift packages and prepared meals for our homeless community through a local church mission. Several of the girls are also part of the InterVarsity group at Trent. A few local churches have come to support Micah House as well in the form of a monthly "blessing meal" where they prepare meals to bring in and share with our residents. This has been a wonderful opportunity to build relationships and provide mentorship and encouragement in the girls lives. At the end of the term, 4 of our students graduated or decided to move elsewhere so we are excited to bring in 3 new residents for next year.

We explored the idea of starting a second missional house for guys, and in fact, we had one ready to go but it's location to the school proved to be a challenge for students relying of public transportation and we were not able to line up tenants for this season. We will continue to pursue housing options closer to school for male students.

We will also continue to develop our partnership with InterVarsity as the main on-campus student led ministry here at Trent. This past year, we were able to be a part of a couple of their meetings and sharing in blessing them in outreach initiatives on campus. God is at work here in Peterborough and we are very excited to be part of it.

- Mike Broersma | MCM Peterborough Campus Mission Leader





How did God shape you this year?

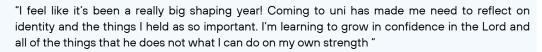
"God has shaped me immensely this year through my time leading a Huddle. God has challenged me to take on a different type of humble leadership, admitting when I don't know the answers. It was always important this semester to come back to the Bible and what God says about hard topics! Also, it was important to turn to leaders with new situations with girls in my Huddle that I have not encountered before. They provided excellent guidance in how to handle things with maturity, wisdom and grace. Additionally, the Lord grew my emotional maturity. I learned to set good boundaries in ministry spaces when caring for people, but not taking on the weight of their personal situation on my shoulders. It is all under God's soverign control."





"This year, God has taught me a lot about living my faith on my own. I no longer have my parents taking me to church every Sunday or encouraging me to live a Christ-like life. Instead, I had to take the initiative to get involved with my faith on my own. This has also led to learning how to build a strong relationship with God in private, away from all the public things I got involved in. It was easy to see God working at The Well, church, huddle, and other Christian activities, but it was harder for me to see Him in my own prayer time or my own daily devotions. God consistently convicted and pursued me in order to help me draw close to Him and find the secret place. It's still hard sometimes, and I'm sure God will continue to grow me in this aspect, but some pretty major steps were taken this year."

"He really helped me with an independence of my faith. I had to learn how to make sure I was making time to read my Bible and just spend time alone with Him. My relationship has grown and deepened so so so much this year."







"This year he really taught me about what it means to trust him and fully let him in. I tend to pick and choose when I listen to him and pick and choose what parts of my life to give to him. Through seeing other Christians my age living fully for God it really showed me what fully living for him and trusting in him looks like."

"God taught me how to surrender, He showed me areas where my view/understanding of Him is skewed, and He showed me that He works even when we think things are stagnant."

"He really taught me more about myself, how I relate to Him better, what specific things help me to grow in my relationship with Him. Taught me to use my resources to serve Him, and how temporary our worldly worries are. He taught me ways to seek Him, and the incredible power of prayer. That sometimes silence to prayers is an answer itself, and that if He wants to reveal something to you, or answer a prayer it will be so clear."





"Despite my failures and unbelief, God has reminded me time and time again of His sovereignty over my life and His pursuing love. As I entered into my final year of university this year, I've had continued doubts and anxieties about what my future holds, what my purpose here on earth is, and what He seeks to do with my life. But I am learning that it's not about knowing all that, but it's about knowing how to surrender to God which ever way He chooses to direct me. It's a joy and it's a struggle, but I am learning this daily, and it has been a common theme throughout the past year."

How did our ministry help you?

"Geneva House has been a family that I can lean on during the good and bad times during university. It is always a gift to walk into Geneva and have that warm homey space on campus to work in, that is not the library. The Well worship and small groups have been such an encouragement to my spirit on hard school weeks. God uses the songs chosen and the conversations I have each time! He never fails to work. I love the pre-Well prayer time too! I'm glad that there is consistent time each week to lift the well up to the Lord beforehand and honour Him for the space/gifts we've been given to serve/this community! I also have grown so much through mentorship times (...) I so deeply appreciate having someone to talk to who understands the world of student campus ministry and all the interworkings of interconnected relationships in those spaces (it can get messy sometimes). God is so good and I'm so so grateful for Geneva!"





"My first experience with Geneva House was at the ice cream welcome back social in September. It was at the end of the first day of orientation and I was exhausted, overwhelmed, and honestly feeling really discouraged. I had felt really called to come to Queen's, so I was questioning why it was getting off to such a rough start. A friend invited me to come to the social, and while more socializing with people I didn't know was the last thing I wanted to do, I went anyway. As soon as I stepped in Geneva's backyard, I felt this all-consuming peace wash over me. It was such a stark contrast from the fear, anxiety, and stress from the rest of the day. As I met people involved in Geneva's community, I didn't feel anxious or overwhelmed; I felt loved. A few of the people I met at that social have become very good friends. Geneva gave me a strong community filled with love and peace from day 1, and I am immensely grateful to God for how He has provided for me."

"It provided me with a community of amazing like-minded people! I was so worried about making friends at the start of first year but even from the first ice cream social I knew that I belonged when a Geneva leader struck up conversation with me and I was able to meet so many awesome people!"

"[It] Allowed me to stay consistent and keep me accountable for things I said I would commit to do like reading the bible and prayer. Also allowed me to reflect on my week and what God was doing each week in my life."

"I've never had such strong Christian community until coming to school here. It's been a blessing to get connected to missional housing, huddle groups, and all of the wonderful people in servant ministry."





"A place to grow in leadership!"

"Helped me to be rooted as I went through the week."

"Strengthened my relationship with God and gave me the community I really needed."

"Geneva is where I feel at home: seen, known, and supported. This ministry especially helped me to step out in service this year by equipping me to bring newcomers into our community, getting experience in teaching, and encouraging me to support and pour into others in a new way. Truly, it's been a blessing to be poured into by this community, but now also being able to give back in more tangible ways. Especially now that I am graduating and moving on, I feel grateful for the opportunity to have seen a bit more behind-the-scenes of running and leading a ministry. It makes me hopeful that I can bring the things I learned here to my next community."



"This year, I was brought to obedience about getting baptized. It was amazing to celebrate along side all my friends that are basically family. I wouldn't have been able to meet the people that I did all these years and develop these deep connections if it weren't for Geneva House, who were my whole cloud of witnesses that day. Always incredibly grateful for this ministry."













Testimonies of God at work



"This year, I think God has really been opening up my eyes to see how He is a part of each step I take. That even though He is there at the end, He is also very much present through every step, walking with me through every up and down."

"I can't speak to what the first year circles looked like in previous years; but this year, the first year community was STRONG. It was such a testament to His love and grace in the ways He brought us together this year. Not only was our year involved in many Geneva and P2C events, but we started to plan things on our own too. Board game nights in res became frequent; intentional coffee dates, walks, and chats were common; and incredible friendships were built and fostered. I have heard so many testimonies from fellow first years of how God has used our community to work in all of our lives. First year would not have been the same without the group of people walking in the very same stage of life; God knew it and He used it."





"Looking back on the year I now see all the no's or uncertainty were because he had bigger and better plans for me."

"Many of my close friends experienced Jesus's transformation and Love and I can see God moving through them."

Staff Intern Reflections



Jess (right) at The Well Kick-Off



Jess helping at Soup Supper!

"This past year, I've had the privilege of serving as a Staff Intern with Geneva House (Momentum Campus Ministries). In this role, I've been involved in many areas of leadership and ministry-including leading a student intern team, facilitating a small group at The Well (our midweek gathering), mentoring students, and helping to plan and run various events.

Looking ahead, I believe this experience will continue to shape how I serve God's kingdom beyond my time on campus. I've seen how meaningful and transformative spiritual mentorship can be, and I hope to carry that forward whether in formal ministry or everyday life. I want to continue growing in how I care for others spiritually, possibly by exploring new models of discipleship or learning from those experienced in pastoral care. I also recognize the importance of developing confidence in areas like communication, initiative, and decisionmaking, and I hope to step into leadership opportunities that stretch me in those ways. Whether I find myself in a church, a workplace, or simply within my community, I desire to lead with a posture of humility, attentiveness to God's voice, and a deep-rooted rhythm of prayer and Scripture. My hope is to bring a spirit of compassion, attentiveness, and Christ-centred leadership into every space I enter-anchoring my efforts not in striving, but in trust and dependence on God."

Jess MacLean, Geneva House Staff Intern

This year, I had a large focus on the first year and newcomer aspect of our ministry. I ran many events throughout the year; at the beginning of the school year during 'frosh week', we set up booths on the front lawn of Geneva House. I hosted an event at Geneva House specifically for first years or those new to our ministry, a first year Christmas party full of games and activities; and we ran a soup supper and other socials specifically for first years. My aim in all of these events was to welcome people to our community, highlight other areas of our ministry that they could get involved in, and to create a fun and welcoming environment for individuals to join in fellowship with one another.

Going forward, this experience has opened my eyes to the world of ministry and how many opportunities there are that I am not aware of! I know that I have a heart to serve and would love to keep serving in ministry. While I have thought about working in children's ministry for a while, my experience this year has shown me that I am interested in continuing to work with youth and young adults in the future. I now understand that I can live missionally wherever I end up. I don't need to rely on other people, and with God's leading and guidance, I am capable of creating a loving community just like I have found here.

Christina Felker, Geneva House Staff Intern



Christina (second to the right) at the Queen's Sidewalk Sale



Celebration

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.













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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