

Redeemer University College Report to Classis Quinte of the Christian Reformed Church: Winter 2020

As the first semester of 2019 draws to a close, Redeemer is pleased to see the positive impact that tuition and fee restructuring has had on enrolment. A recent student expressed her gratitude in being able to attend this fall. “My mom works part-time, and my dad runs a non-profit, so sending four girls to university has become a difficult task for them. The only reason I was able to come to Redeemer was because of the drop in tuition. I’m here because I want to open a Christian women’s shelter in my hometown. This is the only school that would allow me to do Non-Profit Management in hand with Social Work. It has been a lot of work, but it is going to be so worth it!”

February 2020 will feature Gratitude Week once again where students thank a large community of donors who support Redeemer. Redeemer students are thankful for these generous contributions that make their Christian university education possible.

The campus theme for this year is “Come and See” from John 1:39, where Jesus calls to the disciples to see where he lives and who he is. Faculty, staff, and students have been blessed by the chapel services, held every Wednesday during the year, centred around this theme led by Rev. Josiah Bokma and many guest speakers.

Redeemer is blessed with a faithful faculty and staff, and this fall, we were pleased to welcome Kevin Johnson as the new Dean of Students and June Hulbert as the Associate Vice President-Human Resources. These are key roles as members of the leadership team that will help Redeemer’s mission move forward in God’s service.

This fall, Dr. Jim Vanderwoerd, Professor of Social Work, spoke on “Sex After the Revolution: Called to be Faithfully Comprehensible” for Redeemer’s bi-annual Pastor Professor Exchange. There was a time for questions and discussion following the talk, considering ways to bring these conversations back to churches. This winter, the Pastor Professor Exchange will run on February 26, 2020 with Dr. David Beldman, Associate Professor of Religion and Theology, speaking on “Reading Judges for the 21st Century.” Redeemer looks forward to hosting this event and connecting with pastors in the surrounding community.

For the past two years, Redeemer has been denied Canada Summer Jobs program funding. Redeemer has two cases before the Federal Court of Canada with respect to these denials. Please pray for those involved and for a timely and just resolution of these cases.

As the Re Campaign ends, and we see all that has been accomplished through it, we look forward to Redeemer’s new strategic plan which will be announced in early 2020. Redeemer is blessed and grateful for a community of believers who support the mission of preparing the next generation of Christians to bring the gospel’s transformative power to all kinds of careers and vocations. Your contribution through offerings and ministry shares is vital in keeping Redeemer

an excellent liberal arts and sciences university that is unabashedly Christ-centred. May God's blessings be evident in your work with your church families and in your broader community.

Sincerely,
Dr. Robert Graham
President