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Greetings from Redeemer University!

As we come to the close of this year, Redeemer University is tremendously grateful for the support received from the CRC churches in this 40th anniversary year. Many of you have supported us from the very beginning in 1982 (and even before that when it was still a dream!) This support has been vital in sustaining Redeemer financially and spiritually.

Redeemer welcomed 1,089 students this year - the <u>highest enrolment ever</u> - continuing a trajectory of enrolment growth. The university also saw the successful launch of the Innovation Centre, an initiative emerging out of Redeemer's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan (Key Strategy 2). Its purpose is to allow for an environment where all students, regardless of discipline, are encouraged to think creatively about solutions to problems in ways that combine faith, knowledge and innovative thinking.

Redeemer introduced its fifth degree with the <u>Bachelor of Kinesiology</u>, which will enhance graduate success by challenging students to honour God through a holistic study of human movement in sport, recreation, disease and fitness, while also preparing them for professional roles in kinesiology and related fields with a clearly recognized degree credential. This was the second new degree launched in the last couple of years, following the granting of the recent Bachelor of Business Administration, now in its third year.

The Albert M. Wolters Centre for Christian Scholarship will be hosting public lectures that will take place three times a year and highlight speakers who apply the Reformed scholarly tradition to their subject area. Annual lectures are rooted in the Arts, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences, respectively. Additionally, we launched an Awards page with a section dedicated to the Wolters Worldview Award, a directed award where donors may support Christian graduates who desire to deepen their practical understanding of what it means to have a Reformed worldview.

Finally, Redeemer offers a special thank you to CRC congregants who attended the <u>40th</u> <u>anniversary celebration weekend</u>. It allowed the Redeemer community the chance to reflect on the many challenges God has faithfully helped the university to overcome and the tremendous support Redeemer has received over four decades.

The university remains committed to teaching and research in the context of the Reformed Christian worldview, preparing the next generation of Christian leaders to reflect the love and hope of Jesus wherever they are called.

In Christ,

David Zietsma, PhD

President

