



Winter 2021 Classis Report: Redeemer University

As we continue to journey through this season of uncertainty, we are immensely grateful for God's provisions throughout the past year. We remain confident that the Lord holds everything together and will continue to sustain us.

The COVID-19 pandemic presented both a challenge and an opportunity for Redeemer University to preserve learning in community while simultaneously offering a choice to students to participate in classes either in person or remotely. We are thankful that our first semester of dual delivery was successful for our students. Redeemer has decided to continue to offer this mode of learning in the 2021/2022 academic year. The decision to offer this choice for students between synchronous remote and in-person learning allows for flexibility at a time when there is still uncertainty about the future of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This fall, despite many obstacles brought about by the pandemic, we welcomed the largest incoming class in Redeemer's history. A total of 896 students chose to enroll in Redeemer's unique offering of Christian university education that integrates faith, life and learning. With the growth of Redeemer's student body, there are exciting opportunities ahead.

One of these exciting opportunities is our new building project. We are currently in the process of constructing a new residence and learning facility in the heart of campus. We're pleased to have celebrated a groundbreaking ceremony for this project on October 1 and expect the building to open in September 2021. The building will help to accommodate steady growth in enrolment and will ensure that Redeemer can continue its mission on a modern and spiritually vibrant campus.

Lastly, we are thrilled to share that as of December 2020, legislative changes were made that allow Redeemer the ability to grant new degrees, providing new opportunities for many more students. Redeemer plans to offer three new degree programs next fall that will provide Redeemer students with a post-secondary education more tailored to their career path of choice. This legislative change is a historic milestone, building on the legacy of the university's founding vision.

We are so grateful for the Christian Reformed Church's faithful financial support to Redeemer University. Church members who believe in the mission continue to make a lasting impact on our students. We know that this year has brought significant challenges to your churches, and we continue to pray for wisdom and discernment during this time. Thank you for the very important work that you carry out each and every week, and we pray for God's continued blessings on your church.

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