

Canadian Students Double!

Over the last two years, the number of Canadians being further equipped for ministry at Calvin Theological Seminary (CTS) has more than doubled! When the present academic year at the seminary began, there were over 60 Canadians enrolled – the most students from across Canada in perhaps as many as 20 years! We're thankful to God for the work you're doing in your congregations and in your classis to raise up new leaders for the harvest.

These men and women come from 8 of Canada's 10 provinces and, collectively, represent almost every Canadian classis. As I journey with them, I'm struck by their deep love for the Lord, their deep love for His Church, and their passion for the mission of His Kingdom! Their stories give me much hope for the future of the CRC in Canada!

As you may know, since early 2023, CTS has accepted tuition payments in Canadian funds (CAD) at par with the American dollar (USD). That in itself helps explain the significant growth of students from Canada over the last two years. But other factors play an equally important role, including the growing diversity of programs, the availability of distance-learning options, and the seminary's clear commitment to serve the Church in Canada well. Celebrate what God is doing!





New Student Housing

While 85-90% of Canadians enrolled at CTS are distance students, the remainder make Grand Rapids their home during their years of study. However, not just Canadians but students from over 30 countries around the globe pursue further theological education through our residential programs. They need family-friendly, safe, and affordable accommodations. The new 46-unit apartment building opened in December 2025 immediately across the road from the seminary offers exactly that. Spacious, 7 one-bedroom units, 19 two-bedroom units, and 20 three-bedroom units provided at well under market value provide more than just living space. They provide a place families can call home.



Celebrating 150 Years!

Recognizing the need for well-equipped ministry leaders, the Christian Reformed Church established Calvin Theological Seminary in 1876, making 2026 our sesquicentennial. The first year the seminary had a total of seven students and one "docent," or professor, Rev. Geert Egberts Boer. From those humble beginnings, CTS today continues to faithfully prepare leaders who nurture disciples and serve the Church. Join us as we build a foundation for the next 150 years!

From my home and office just east of Peterborough, ON, it's my privilege to strengthen partnerships between CTS and local churches, pastors, and ministries across Canada.

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