

2025 ANNUAL MINISTRY REPORT

The Lord Has Made Us Glad!



Dear Friends,

hank you for another year of support and partnership. As I think back on this past year, I am reminded that people



tend to like simple stories where things end with "and they lived happily ever after." But the real world is much more complicated.

Doesn't the Holy Spirit convict us, discipline us, and reform us? Doesn't God use persecution and adversity to shape us? Don't we have to die to ourselves in order to rise with Christ? We want ministry to be simple, but the real world is much more complicated.

Take Ezra 3:10-13 for example. As the returned Jewish exiles laid the foundation of the second Jerusalem temple in 536 B.C., the work sparked contradictory emotions of thanksgiving and sadness, hope and lament among those who were present. It certainly was not a "happily ever after" moment, and the next few years were not easy. The builders would have to endure twenty years of hard work and opposition before completing the temple. Yet, this moment was a major step forward on the road to the renewal and rebuilding of God's people.

In a similar way, I know that as you read the facts and stories in this annual ministry report, some of you may also have mixed emotions. You may be weary after years of hard work. You may be celebrating recent ministry successes. You may be lamenting the closing of some ministry opportunities. I hope that instead of seeking a "happily ever after" result, you will be able to see God at work in the CRCNA.

The ongoing work might be messy. It might sometimes be gradual and slow. But God is doing great things in and through our denomination . . . and it has made us glad. Thank you for being a faithful partner on this journey. In my role as general secretary, I am blessed to be able to witness God's use of your gifts and our shared ministries to make a difference in the world. I am grateful to be able to share glimpses of that work with you in this report.

Rev. Zachary King, Ph.D. **General Secretary**

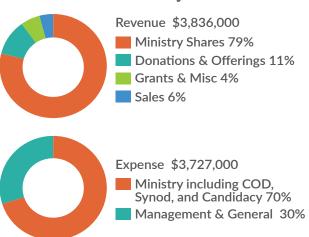
Cover: This past year, ReFrame Ministries' Spanish ministry celebrated 60 years of proclaiming the gospel, discipling believers, and equipping churches across Latin America and in Spanish-speaking communities worldwide.

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Office of General Secretary

The Office of General Secretary encompasses all of the ecclesiastical elements of being a denomination together. This includes an annual general assembly known as synod. It also includes coordinating Council of Delegates meetings to govern the denomination when synod is not in session. The Office of General Secretary builds bridges, maintaining strong ecumenical relationships with other denominations, and plays a crucial role in preparing our next generation of leaders by overseeing the candidacy process for new ministers of the Word. It also keeps churches informed and engaged with joint initiatives by serving as a communication hub for congregations and members. The Office of General Secretary, though generally behind the scenes, helps to keep the CRCNA thriving, making sure we're not just a collection of individual churches and ministries but a unified, dynamic denomination working together to spread the good work and ministry of God's kingdom. crcna.org.

Office of General Secretary Financials



Note: Unless otherwise noted, the financial figures in this report are in U.S. dollars and represent consolidated amounts from both the United States and Canada.



← Synod—The Christian Reformed Church's synod meeting took place on the campus of Redeemer University in Ancaster, Ont., in June 2025 and included discussions on virtual churches, church planting, medical assistance in dying, and more. (Photo credit: Steven Herppich, The Banner)

→ Prayer—Prayer is the first milestone or goal of Our Journey, our denominational ministry plan. A denominational prayer shepherd leads regular prayer times for staff as well as for classes. Prayer teams support synod and COD meetings. And prayer coaching cohorts help ministry leaders seek the face of God in the renewal of their congregations.



 Candidacy—Candidates for the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America were prayed for during Synod 2025. This year, 19 candidates were approved. (Photo: Steven Herppich, The Banner)

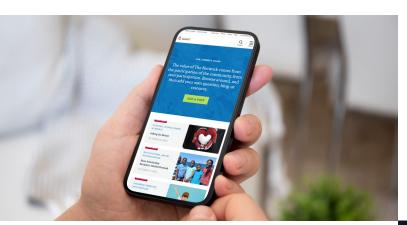
→ Gather—In 2024 and 2025, the Christian Reformed Church invited people to gather, bringing together 633 Christian Reformed members from 49 CRC classes and 367 congregations across North America in the spirit of fellowship, encouragement, and renewal. Together we celebrated how God is working in our communities, learned from each other, and came away inspired!



Keeping the Community Informed

The CRCNA provides various communication channels to serve you and help keep you in the loop about what is happening across the denomination:

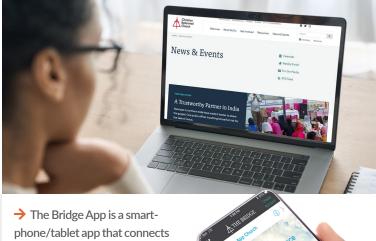
→ We look forward to celebrating The Banner's 160th anniversary in the coming year. As the official magazine of the CRCNA, The Banner is grateful for God's faithfulness and for the readers and partners who have walked alongside the magazine through the years. The Banner enjoys a wide and diverse readership in print and online at thebanner.org. It provides a forum for information, ideas, and fresh insights to equip readers young and old to be biblically rooted ambassadors of Christ's reconciliation in today's world. In 2026 The Banner expects to provide weekly web content and six print issues per year.



The Network (crcna.org/Network) celebrated its 15th birthday this year! Launched in February 2010 as a gathering place for people across the CRC, the site has become home to a growing collection of blogs, resources, and ministry questions. Content on the Network covers all areas of local church ministry (50+ topics), including pastors, elders, deacons, worship, finance, communications, justice, and much more. Join us!

- → Stay up-to-date on the latest happenings in the Christian Reformed Church in North America by following us on X, Facebook, or Instagram. You can also subscribe for a weekly enewsletter at crcna.org/subscribe.
- ▼ The Do Justice blog is a conversation starter for justice in the Christian Reformed Church. Together we're sharing ideas and perspectives, reflecting on ways to engage in justice work, remembering our biblical motivation to do justice and love mercy, and growing our faith. Join us! crcna.org/DoJustice





local churches in Canada to their members, and the members to one another, through features such as a membership directory, announcements, prayers, an events calendar, daily devotions, a space to donate to ministry causes, and various other features that can be customized to serve local needs. Learn more at crcna.org/canada/bridge-app.

U.S. Ministry Office

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are deeply grateful for your prayers, commitment to ministry, and faithful service in your CRC communities. The work of the denomination is sustained through Christ and our partnership together.

In the past year God has shown his faithfulness through the ministries of the CRC: Thrive supported congregations and church leaders with resources such as Employment Essentials and at events like Gather; ReFrame celebrated 75 years of sharing the gospel in creative new ways; and Resonate helped new churches take root around the world.

Because of your partnership, children in Latin America and beyond are discovering their God-given gifts through learning opportunities like extracurricular tutoring. At the same time, congregations in crisis are finding renewal through Thrive consultants, and people worldwide are engaging God's Word through ReFrame's global media ministry.

Looking ahead, Thrive will expand its Gather initiative, creating more opportunities for church leaders to learn and grow together. ReFrame will continue adapting to an ever-changing media landscape, reaching more people with the gospel. Resonate will keep sending missionaries and supporting church plants wherever God's Word needs to be heard.

Thank you for walking with us in this ministry. We pray that God will continue to bless our shared work in the coming year, and we wait with hope and expectation to see how his Spirit will move among us.

In Christ's service,

Dan Dekam Director of U.S. Ministry Operations

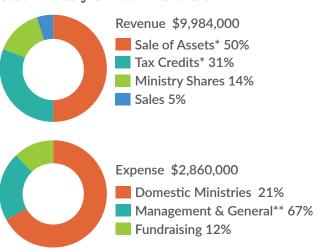
Governance

The U.S. Ministry Board oversees the ministry work of the CRCNA in the United States. Representatives from classes across the country serve on the board as it helps guide the CRCNA's vision and strategy, ensures financial accountability, and connects the work of our denominational ministries with the needs and interests of local congregations. Together with the Canadian Ministry Board and the Council of Delegates, the U.S. Ministry Board plays a crucial role in continuing the shared mission of the CRCNA.



1 In 2025, the Christian Reformed Church was blessed to open a new Ministry Support Center in Grand Rapids, Mich.

U.S. Ministry Office Financials



*Note: These on-time sources of revenue will not be repeated in future years.

**Note: The US ministry office provides support for other CRCNA agencies. This includes human resources, gift processing, information technology and more. By consolidating these expenses, we maximize the amount of your gifts that can be used for ministry.

Canadian Ministry Office

Dear Friends.

In my position it's a privilege to see the ministry in our churches and to hear countless stories about God at work in each of your contexts. In particular, as I participated in Gather events across North America, I was excited by the many opportunities churches are taking up in local ministry.

This year we celebrated anniversaries, embraced multicultural communities, and supported new church plants. Churches are finding creative ways to live out the gospel, demonstrating the Holy Spirit's ongoing movement even amid challenges.

Thanks to your generous support, we are able to provide a variety of resources for churches to grow in the area of our shared ministry plan, Our Journey. This includes cultivating prayer, uplifting every generation's voice, sharing the gospel, and fostering greater unity and diversity. These practices truly strengthen our denomination.

We remain committed to supporting you and strengthening your vital work through collaboration, support, and shared resources. We eagerly anticipate the 2026 Canadian National Gathering, a space for mutual learning and encouragement.

Thank you for your partnership. Together we seek the renewal of all things in Christ.

Blessings,

Rev. Albert Postma Executive Director-Canada

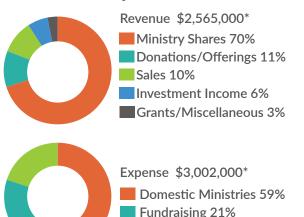
Governance

The Canadian Ministry Board oversees the ministry work of the CRCNA in Canada. Representatives from classes across the country serve on the board as it helps guide the CRCNA's vision and strategy, ensures financial accountability, and connects the work of our denominational ministries with the needs and interests of local congregations. Together with the U.S. Ministry Board and the Council of Delegates, the Canadian Ministry Board plays a crucial role in continuing the shared mission of the CRCNA.



Al Postma, Executive Director Canada, at Synod 2025 held at Redeemer University in Ancaster, Ontario, where the 2026 Canadian National Gathering will take place in May 2026.

Canadian Ministry Office Financials



*Note: Figures are in Canadian currency.

The Canadian Ministry Office provides support for other CRCNA ministries. This includes governance, management and general, and fundraising services for Canadian Justice Ministries, Office of General Secretary, and Thrive.

Management & General 20%

Fundraising expense includes a one-time comprehensive training program for ministry staff from across the organization.

In addition, centralized support services expenses including facilities, finance, gift processing, human resources, and information technology are allocated to the various ministries.



Indigenous Ministry

The Indigenous Ministry is made up of a national committee (Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee), three Urban Indigenous Ministries, and a senior leader for Indigenous justice and reconciliation, each using their strengths to support healing and reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and non-Indigenous people in Canada.

Your gifts allow us to offer high-quality programs for churches to use as they grow in their reconciliation efforts, such as Hearts Exchanged and On-the-Land-Learning. Over 150 people participated in Hearts Exchanged this year, bringing total participation to over 650 people.

← The Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee gathered in the ceremonial garden at the Indigenous Family Centre in Regina to discuss creating resources for churches.

Centre for Public Dialogue

Directed by the Committee for Contact with the Government, the Centre for Public Dialogue supports CRC communities in promoting the flourishing of all imagebearers of Creator God through faithful citizenship and advocacy in Canada.

Thanks to your generous gifts, the Centre for Public Dialogue was able to offer impactful workshops on biblical justice and effective advocacy, moving us closer to justice and welcome in Canada's refugee systems. Your support also enabled the creation of vital resources for faithful creation care and empowered our efforts to uphold Indigenous rights by honoring the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

→ Justice mobilizer Cindy Stover shares about justice workshops at a diaconal meeting.



Intercultural Ministry

The Intercultural Ministry is made up of a national committee and two senior coleaders. Their vision is for the CRC in Canada to be a holistic and reforming body of Christ in which people from all backgrounds experience belonging, unity, and flourishing through intercultural engagement.

Thanks to your gifts, we are powerfully addressing the vital shift toward developing healthy intercultural churches across Canada. Your generosity has enabled this ministry to provide intercultural cohorts for about 20 churches over the past two years, fostering vital spaces where churches can share the unique opportunities and challenges they are experiencing in their diverse communities, strengthening their capacity to minister faithfully in the Canadian context.

← Members of the intercultural cohort of churches pray together in several languages.

ReFrame Ministries

ReFrame Ministries is the global media ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. Relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we create contextual media resources that proclaim the gospel, disciple believers, and strengthen the church worldwide in 10 major languages. This work takes place through four strategic anchors:

- 1. Church rooted: We believe the Holy Spirit works through the church, so we partner with churches to build and strengthen the body of Christ.
- 2. Languages most-spoken: We strive to reach the widest possible audience, so we create content in the world's mostspoken languages.
- 3. Context driven: We work with local partners who faithfully contextualize the gospel message and use the most effective media for connecting with diverse audiences.
- 4. Relationship focused: Following the example of Christ, we seek to build long-term discipling relationships with individual members of our mass audiences.

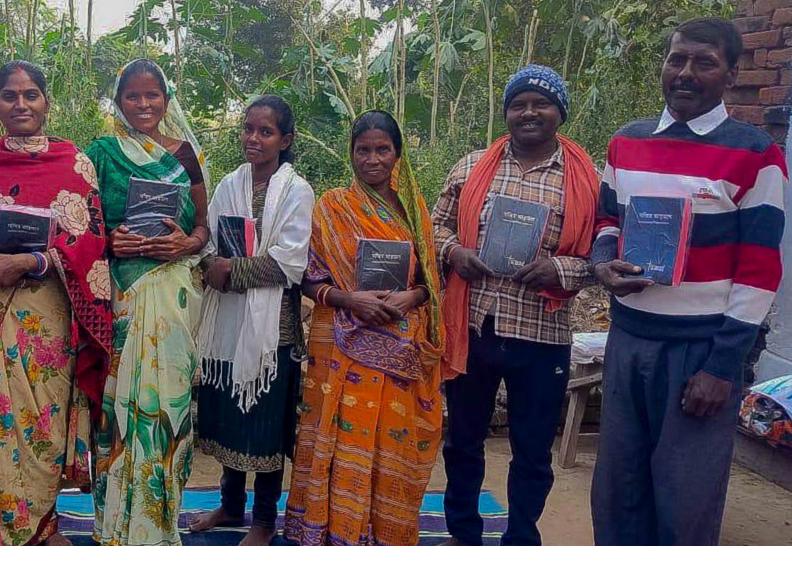
Highlights

 Uur Spanish ministry celebrated 60 years of proclaiming the gospel, discipling believers, and equipping churches across Latin America and Spanish-speaking communities worldwide. An anniversary gathering of over 350 people reflected on God's faithfulness and renewed the ministry's vision for the future.





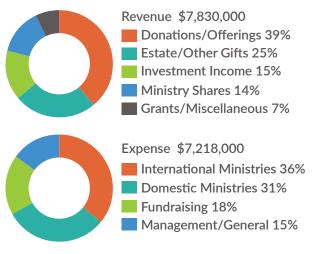
- ↑ In Indonesia our Bible study on the book of Revelation helped a woman named Setyawati overcome years of fear about reading the text, offering her new understanding and peace. A Sunday-school training series that was nearly canceled found renewed life when it was rebroadcast by partner channels, reaching thousands of teachers.
- In Brazil, Nivia Luz, a fourth-generation mãe de santo (Afro-Brazilian priestess), encountered Christ during a church service and is now studying the Bible, being discipled, and sharing her testimony.
- In West Africa our French ministry reached displaced communities in Burkina Faso, Niger, Mali, and Benin with radio programs proclaiming the hope of the gospel in the midst of violence and uncertainty.
- Our English ministry continues to create gospel-centered content through Today devotions, Groundwork Bible study podcasts, Kids Corner children's media, and our Prayer Ministry, which responded to nearly 5,000 personal prayer requests this year.



• **Un Japan**, a redesigned website with improved accessibility and an AI-powered Bible Q&A tool is helping users engage with Scripture in fresh ways. At the same time, online Bible study groups continue to meet and grow.



ReFrame Ministries Financials





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Resonate Global Mission

As followers of Christ, we are a part of a much bigger story— a global movement of believers called to join God's work in the world. Resonate Global Mission exists to walk alongside Christian Reformed churches as they discover next steps that God has planned and join in his mission together.

Wherever your church is on its journey, the time is right to take the next step. Resonate is here to step into that bigger story with you in three vital areas of mission for the Christian Reformed Church:

Global mission: Partnering with international missionaries and ministries around the world.

Local mission: Encouraging churches to engage with and serve their own neighborhoods and communities.

Church planting: Supporting the birth and growth of new churches, both locally and globally.

We can accomplish more for God's kingdom together than we can on our own. Resonate has six regional teams throughout the United States and Canada ready to equip and support your church on mission! At home in North America and overseas, Resonate amplifies your church's global impact, strengthens your capacity to follow God on mission, and supports your missionaries, church planters, and other ministry leaders in

more than 40 countries. And all of these servants on mission are trained, supported, and sent by you.

Thank you for all you do both in your neighborhood and around the world, and thank you for supporting your missionaries, church planters, and ministry leaders through Resonate.

Highlights

- More than 3,200 young adult leaders participating in mission with Resonate
- More than 7,100 lay leaders participating in mission with Resonate
- More than 140 missionaries serving in 43 countries
- More than 250 individual and group volunteers
- Partnering with 60 churches in North America, including three new ones in the past year
- Supporting 55 campus ministers and 33 campus ministries across 42 college and university campuses
- Countless stories of new life in Christ!





← A Pull Toward Cohort

Growing up in Nigeria, Hanis was used to being surrounded by a community. When he moved to Budapest, he felt alone—until he found a young adult fellowship hosted by your Resonate missionaries Jeff and Julie Bouman. Jeff and Julie also disciple young adults who are considering mission work as a career through Cohort.

Hanis began to ask about Cohort. He was intrigued by the way he heard God was working through the program, and he felt that God was calling him into the next step of his faith journey. It became clear to Hanis that Cohort was the reason God had brought him to Budapest.

With your support and the support of the Boumans, Hanis applied to Cohort and was accepted. Now, with the guidance of Jeff, he looks forward to serving, learning, and walking alongside others—especially other young people who are new to the city, like he was. Thank you for surrounding young people like Hanis with a family in Christ, and for equipping them to join God on mission! Read more at resonateglobalmission.org/hanis.

↑ Ripple Effects in Mission

Pastors and missionaries aren't allowed on university campuses in Mexico. That's why Resonate missionary James Lee works with COMPA Campus Ministry in equipping and discipling students to share the gospel at their schools—and that work is having ripple effects.

David, a student, first connected with James after seeing a flyer with a Christian fish symbol in the halls of his university. Now David is working on providing that same connection to a faith community that he found through James and COMPA.

"Sharing my faith with other students is important to me because [God's Word] has provided me with a clear sense of purpose in life. I believe that other students may also experience the joy and peace of God in their lives through the weekly Bible study," said David.

Read more about how James Lee discipled David to disciple others at resonateglobalmission.org/rippleeffects.



← Finding a Home at a Church Plant—If we have children someday, will we raise them to follow Jesus?

That's one of the first things Ashley and Steven talked about when they first started dating. While Steven had grown up following Jesus, Ashley didn't know much about the gospel. So she wasn't so sure how to answer that question.

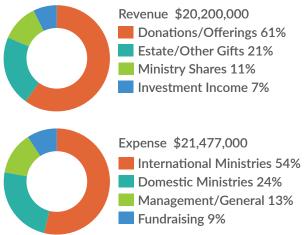
One of Ashley's coworkers told her about Bridge Church, a congregation that you helped to start through Resonate. They attended worship one Sunday—and their lives were never the same again, they said.

"We were welcomed into Bridge Church with open arms," shared Steven.

Bridge Church was exactly the type of church that Steven and Ashley had been hoping to find. For Ashley, who was learning about Christianity, the teaching and worship were easy to follow. They said they also loved the church's emphasis on reaching out to the local community. As the couple became more involved and Ashley started reading the Bible and praying more often, she also committed her life to Christ!

Read more about how God brought Steven and Ashley to The Bridge Church at resonateglobalmission.org/stevenandashley.

Resonate Global Mission Financials





ResonateGlobalMission.org

Thrive

Thrive equips churches and ministry leaders with the encouragement, connections, and tools they need to flourish.

As the congregational support agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, Thrive listens to the needs of your church, connects you to people and programs familiar with your circumstances, develops resources in response to your expressed needs, and offers consultation and guidance as you navigate each unique season of ministry.

Thrive staff are practitioners in the areas of pastoral support, abuse prevention, conflict resolution, disability access, justice, spiritual formation, chaplaincy, and congregational renewal. They are driven by the hope of the gospel, dedicated to holistic and wholehearted excellence, and eager to help your congregation thrive.

Highlights

- Facilitated 31 congregations participating in three learning cohorts.
- Created a Disability and Accessibility Survey to help churches identify and evaluate how accessible they are for their congregants and community.
- Hosted 13 listening sessions for parents and caregivers to discuss family faith formation.
- Helped launch Spark Dialogue, a podcast on intergenerational mentoring and ministry.
- Translated weekly Faith Formation Tips into Spanish and Korean.
- Hosted webinars on refugee resettlement for churches, creation care, accessibility for visual impairments, church renewal and leadership, and more.





Pastoral Support

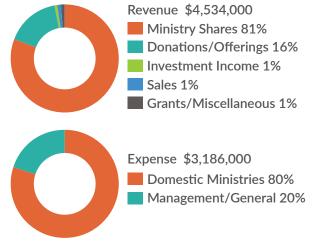
↑ For pastors over age 55, there is much to consider when entering their later years of full-time ministry work. Thrive supports these pastors through mentoring groups, retreats, and resources. Rev. Sid Couperus, a CRCNA pastor for 38 years, joined one of these cohorts. "I was spellbound and in awe," he said. "I heard the testimonies of so many who have followed their calling and have served their Lord well." Later-career pastors gathered for a retreat in 2024, held concurrently with a retreat for pastors who are just beginning their ministry (pictured together). Thrive also hosted a retreat for pastors' spouses and supported a first-time gathering for English-speaking Korean pastors.



↑ Church Renewal

Thriving Essentials is a course that helps congregations discern their identity and sense of mission as they seek to engage in the work God has for them in their unique contexts. John Greydanus, a representative of one of nine participating churches in New Mexico, heartily endorsed Thriving Essentials. "I would give a 'hooray' to the course. . . . It was definitely something helpful for the churches, and it fit into our continuing education model for the classis." The four-hour course guides church staff and volunteer leaders through conversations on mission, discipleship, discernment, and leadership. Thrive's Essentials series is now expanding with Elder Essentials, Deacon Essentials, and Employment Essentials, designed to assist churches with everything from hiring to annual evaluations and much more.

Thrive Financials



Note: Thrive expenses were lower than expected due to additional grant activities and unforeseen staff vacancies.



World Renew

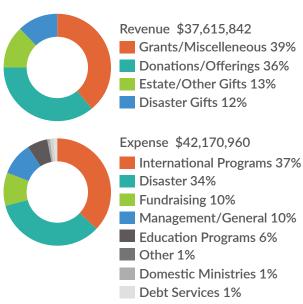
World Renew aims to live out biblical justice, demonstrate mercy and compassion, and serve Christ every day in 30 countries around the world. For over 60 years World Renew has walked alongside communities where hunger, poverty, and injustice are a reality.

World Renew began with requests from churches like yours for the establishment of a corporate benevolence ministry to help people in material need. Through your prayers and involvement, the organization has grown into a global development and disaster-response organization, working through churches and Christian partners to walk alongside families and community members as they recover dignity and hope while improving their lives and livelihoods.

World Renew focuses on integrated programs that depend on input from community members and help to build the capacity of our partner groups. Through these efforts, communities thrive, knowing they will have enough food, grow healthy and strong, and be able to afford the necessities of life such as education, food, and housing.

Colossians 3:12 reminds us: "As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Thank you for making this work of mercy and justice possible.

World Renew Financials



Highlights

- Partnered with church and community leaders in global development programs, offering bold hope for a better future to 337,169 participants
- Assisted 382,018 participants in domestic and international disaster response last year. With our partners we provided emergency food, water, shelter, sanitation, economic assistance, and livelihood rehabilitation
- Worked in 1,439 communities in 35 countries
- Was assisted by 1,417 volunteers



↑ Growing Hope through Agricultural Training in West Africa

Keche, a dedicated farmer and father, struggled to grow enough food to support his family in West Africa. The produce from his harvests lasted only four months, forcing him into debt to pay for his children's education. But change came when Keche enrolled in a Bible school supported by World Renew, where he received agricultural training alongside theological education.

Through hands-on learning, Keche mastered techniques like making liquid fertilizer and planting with methods that conserve water and enrich soil. "Thanks to the work I've done in my field, my harvest now covers our needs for seven months," he shares.

This transformation has eased financial pressures and has improved his family's food security. "Even if I must borrow money, it won't be much," Keche says. His story reflects the power of equipping farmers with practical skills and spiritual support—helping them to overcome challenges and to build a sustainable future.





← Repairing Homes for Resilient Communities—Together

In eastern North Carolina, rebuilding after disasters is a challenge especially for low-income families. The Carolina Rebuilding Ministry (CRM), in partnership with World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS), is helping communities still affected by Hurricane Matthew and by ongoing flooding. Their mission: to provide safer, healthier homes for people living in substandard housing.

Since 2024, DRS volunteers have been repairing homes in Windsor, North Carolina, including one for Anna and her daughter. Anna had found a rent-to-own home, but it posed serious health and safety risks. Volunteers replaced siding, doors, and flooring and built a new deck, transforming the house into a safe haven.

Anna showed her gratitude by cooking weekly meals for the team. At the "last-nail celebration," she honored each volunteer with a certificate and trophy, recognizing the life-changing impact of their work. For Anna, the support from CRM and DRS was more than help—it was a blessing.

→ Seeking Hope after Disaster in Myanmar

When two earthquakes struck Myanmar in March 2025, Naw Htoo Baw, an English teacher, feared for her elderly parents. Rushing home, she found that their house had collapsed—but miraculously neighbors had rescued her paralyzed father and mother. "We embraced and thanked God for saving their fragile lives," Naw shared.

Now living in a makeshift shelter, Naw is the sole provider for her family. With her father in a wheelchair and having limited resources, she faces immense challenges. But hope arrived through World Renew's local church partner, one of the few organizations able to respond amid ongoing area conflicts. Naw's family received food, hygiene kits, and a water filter critical support during a time of great uncertainty.

"I am alive," her father repeats with gratitude. Volunteers also helped clear debris from the family's home, giving Naw hope for rebuilding. Her story reflects the resilience of Myanmar's people and the power of compassion in the face of crisis.

Note: Exact locations and pictures of participants are withheld to protect identities.



Calvin Theological Seminary

Founded in 1876, Calvin Theological Seminary has worked to form church leaders who cultivate communities of disciples of Christ. Calvin Theological Seminary offers a Reformed, theologically rich education that prepares students for biblically faithful, culturally mindful, and contextually effective ministry in the CRCNA and beyond. The education provided at Calvin Seminary aims to develop the whole person—in character, spiritual life, vocation, and academics-in order to prepare them for ministry wherever God calls them. This education is offered across nine degree programs and multiple delivery formats (on-campus, hybrid, online, competency-based), inviting students of all backgrounds, interests, and vocational aspirations to engage in the seminary's Reformed, theologically rich education as well as other enrichment activities including seminars, workshops, and January Term study tours.

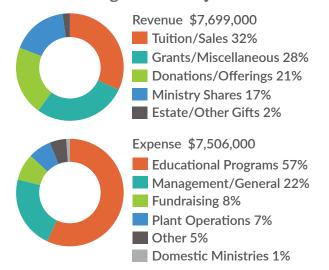
Highlights

- 150th anniversary celebrations We opened our 150th anniversary celebrations with our annual Convocation chapel, along with academic lectures and other events. Save the date to celebrate with us March 26-29, 2026, in Grand Rapids, Michigan! Learn more about these events at calvinseminary.edu/150th.
- Fall 2025 incoming class The fall 2025 semester brought us 100 new students, including 16 new residential, international students from Brazil, Canada, Chile, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Kenya, South Korea, South Africa, and Tanzania. We are grateful for their presence in the CTS community!
- Forum podcast and platform Over the past year, the Forum platform has expanded in content offerings—including articles, video teaching series, and podcasts—to engage our readers in conversations about theology, culture, and calling. Check out our free content offerings at theforum.calvinseminary.edu!
- Class of 2025 On May 17, 2025, we celebrated the graduation of 65 students in our certificate, master, and doctoral degree programs. These graduates included 13 master of divinity graduates, four doctor of ministry graduates, and four doctor of philosophy graduates. Join us on May 16, 2026, to celebrate the Class of 2026!



↑ Dr. Yudha Thianto is pictured with Calvin Theological Seminary students JinSoo Park, Rachel de Jong, and Lucy Rucathi in Indonesia. During the Indonesia trip, students had the opportunity to learn alongside Indonesian seminary and university students, explore local culture, and engage in ministry opportunities. Read reflections from this trip at calvinseminary.edu/blog.

Calvin Theological Seminary Financials:



→ Master of divinity students Nathan Jansen and Evie Dykhouse spent time in Mexico connecting with Calvin Theological Seminary's various ministry partners and experiencing Mexico's diverse food, cultures, and places. Read reflections from this trip at calvinseminary.edu/blog.





Led by associate director of vocational formation Jessi Rowland, a group of Calvin Theological Seminary students ministered in Guatemala. During this trip, students had the opportunity to explore Guatemala and participate in learning and service opportunities at various schools, farms, and churches. Read reflections from this trip at calvinseminary.edu/blog.



CalvinSeminary.edu

Calvin University

Founded by the Christian Reformed Church in North America, Calvin University is a top-ranked Christian liberal arts institution dedicated to forming students who are rooted in faith and driven by purpose. With more than 3,600 students from 48 U.S. states, five Canadian provinces, and over 60 countries—and a global alumni network of 65,000—Calvin cultivates a diverse, Christ-centered learning community. Across more than 100 academic programs, faculty integrate rigorous academic study with spiritual formation, empowering students to think deeply, act justly, and live wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world. The 2024–25 academic year offered powerful examples of Calvin's mission in action and of its continued growth as both a Christian liberal arts university and a trusted global partner.

Highlights

→ A Transformative Year of Growth and Momentum—In 2024–2025 Calvin University launched several new academic initiatives—including an aerospace engineering concentration, the innovative Wayfinder program for adult learners, and a reimagined music education program that brought new energy to the arts. The university also welcomed its largest incoming class in over a decade, reflecting strong momentum in enrollment and student engagement. Campus enhancements included a new soccer stadium and adjacent football building, upgraded science labs, a major renovation to the library, and the debut of Calvin's first football season and marching band. National honors and bold sustainability efforts further underscored a year defined by innovation, access, and institutional growth.





Innovation—Calvin University continues to stand out as a leader in Christian higher education, earning top honors in national rankings. U.S. News & World Report named Calvin the #1 university for undergraduate teaching and #2 for innovation among Midwest regional universities, recognizing the university's strong focus on teaching quality, student support, and global engagement. Calvin also received accolades from Forbes, Money, and The Princeton Review, affirming its reputation for academic excellence, student outcomes, and value. These rankings reflect Calvin's ongoing commitment to preparing students for lives of purpose and impact.

→ Engineering Program Earns National Recognition—Calvin's engineering program was featured in the Fiske Guide and ranked among the top 50 undergraduate programs by U.S. News & World Report. Students also gained national attention for advancing Calvin's carbon neutrality goals through innovative design. The program continues to produce technically skilled, ethically grounded engineers.





Student-Led Prayer Gathering Deepens Campus Faith

Life—In addition to Calvin's chapel services led by Pastor Mary Hulst, a student-led prayer gathering created a new space for spiritual formation on campus. Held Wednesday mornings in the lower level of the Chapel, the gathering offers students a time for silence, reflection, and intercession, fostering a deeper rhythm of prayer within the campus community. This growing initiative reflects Calvin's commitment to nurturing a Christ-centered faith that is both personal and communal, and it exemplifies how student leadership continues to advance the university's mission.

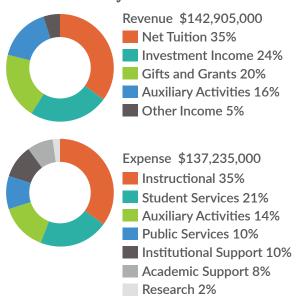


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← Calvin Ranks Among Nation's Best with Four Academic All-Americans—Calvin University continues to build on excellence within athletics by naming four Academic All-Americans for 2024–25. Their success reflects not only personal excellence but also the strength of Calvin's faculty and coaches, who support student achievement in every dimension.

This brings Calvin's all-time total to 165 Academic All-Americans, ranking ninth in NCAA Division III and 22nd across all NCAA divisions. It's a powerful reminder of Calvin's commitment to integrated, Christ-centered education where both minds and hearts are formed.

Calvin University Financials



Ministry Shares

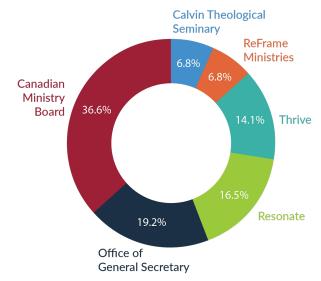
The ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America described in this report are made possible, in part, through an innovative system known as ministry shares. In 1862, Christian Reformed congregations recognized that many of the ministries Christ calls us to are challenging to tackle alone. So they made a covenant to pool their resources, allowing them to accomplish more ministry together than they could achieve individually. This system, still thriving today, is very cost effective and remains one of the key reasons why the CRC is able to support a range of ministry programs that is unparalleled for a denomination of its size.

Last year \$14.6 million was received through ministry shares. These funds were allocated to ministry using the percentages in the charts to the right.

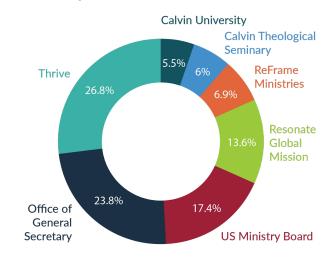


↑ Young Adult Representatives at Synod 2026 show off their timbits. The donut holes were handed out during coffee break to thank CRC members for "doing their bit" through the ministry shares program.

Canada Ministry Shares Allocations



U.S. Ministry Shares Allocations



Thank you for your donations, gifts, offerings, and ministryshare contributions. Your generosity is what makes our shared ministry possible.

Financial Summary

The funds you give for ministry shares each year support programs that enable your church to send missionaries around the world, advocate on behalf of people with disabilities, foster faith formation in persons of all ages, train chaplains, and much more.

This past year ministry-share gifts were down \$1.2 million in comparison to the previous year and about \$1.7 million less than was anticipated in the annual budget. In total, ministry shares generated \$14.6 million in revenue. Thank you to all of the churches, large and small, that continue to help provide this vital base of revenue.

In addition to ministry-share support, special church offerings and individual gifts this year generated \$22.5 million for Christian Reformed Church ministries. Thank you! This was about \$3.5 million more than offerings and individual gifts received last year.

We are also grateful for all who have continued their commitment to ministry through bequests through a will or trust. In the past year, estate gifts provided \$6.2 million of generous support to our shared ministry.

	2024	2025
Office of General Secretary		
Ministry shares	2,454,000	3,043,000
Donations/Offerings	495,000	417,000
Sales	331,000	239,000
Investment Income	0	7,000
Grants / Miscellaneous	566,000	130,000
Total	3,846,000	3,836,000
U.S. Ministry Office		
Ministry Shares	1,008,000	1,413,000
Donations/Offerings	20,000	36,000
Sales	565,000	447,000
Investment Income	56,000	36,000
Grants/Miscellaneous	4,784,000	0
Tax Credits* one time revenue	0	3,066,000
Sale of Assets* one time revenue	0	4,986,000
Total	6,433,000	9,984,000
Canadian Ministry Office (in CDN\$)		
Ministry Shares	1,835,000	1,805,000
Donations/Offerings	206,000	229,000
Estates/Other Gifts	52,000	0
Sales/Services	204,000	332,000
Investment Income	165,000	162,000
Grants/Miscellaneous	37,000	37,000
Total	2,499,000	2,565,000

	2024	2025
ReFrame Ministries		
Ministry Shares	1,552,000	1,063,000
Gifts & Offerings	2,980,000	3,069,000
Estate Gifts	1,870,000	1,939,000
Grants/Misc.	1,157,000	1,759,000
Total	7,559,000	7,830,00
Resonate Global Mission		
Ministry Shares	3,152,000	2,275,000
Gifts & Offerings	11,091,000	12,237,000
Estate Gifts	1,651,000	4,310,000
Grants/Misc.	2,234,000	1,378,000
Total	18,128,000	20,200,000
Thrive		
Ministry Shares	4,237,000	3,645,000
Gifts & Offerings	554,000	735,000
Estate Gifts	107,000	0
Sales	68,000	46,000
Grants/Misc.	102,000	90,000
Total	5,068,000	4,516,000
World Renew		
Gifts & Offerings	14,405,000	13,482,758
Disaster Gifts	3,507,000	4,622,419
Grants/Misc.	13,881,000	14,805,755
Estate Gifts	4,469,000	4,704,910
Total	36,262,000	37,615,842
Calvin Theological Seminary		
Ministry Shares	1,374,000	1,311,000
Gifts & Offerings	1,615,000	1,619,000
Estate Gifts	150,000	150,000
Tuition/Grants	4,101,000	4,589,000
Total	7,240,000	7,669,000
Calvin University		
Ministry Shares	914,000	634,000
Gifts & Grants	33,373,000	28,166,000
Tuition, Room & Board	67,324,000	49,943,000
Auxiliary Activities		22,669,000
Other Income	8,439,000	7,238,000
Investment Income	38,108,000	34,255,000
Total	148,158,000	142,905,000

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Thank you for your partnership with the Christian Reformed Church in North America as together we strive to carry out the kingdom work to which God has called us. Over the next few years, we believe that God is specifically calling us to grow in four key areas—namely, to become congregations and communities that

- cultivate practices of prayer and spiritual discipline.
- listen to the voices of every generation.
- grow in diversity and unity by seeking justice, reconciliation, and welcome.
- share the gospel, live it missionally, and plant new churches.

To learn more, or to take initial steps in your congregation, visit crcna.org/OurJourney.

