

DENOMINATIONALLY RELATED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Dordt University

Greetings to the synod of the Christian Reformed Church.

Dordt University remains deeply grateful for its longstanding relationship with the CRCNA and for the shared Reformed commitment that continues to shape our mission and life together. While Dordt is not an official institution of higher education in the denomination, we remain steadfast in serving the CRC through Christ-centered higher education rooted in Scripture and committed to the Reformed confessions.

During the 2025-26 academic year, we have seen evidence of God's faithfulness as Dordt continues to grow while remaining anchored in its mission: to equip students for Christ-centered renewal in all areas of contemporary life.

Dordt remains committed to grounding every aspect of campus life in fidelity to Scripture. This year the university undertook a refreshing of its Task and Framework documents (dordt.edu/about-dordt/consumer-information/the-task-and-educational-framework-of-dordt-university), reaffirming Dordt's biblical foundations while clarifying how its mission is lived out in a changing cultural context. This work reflects a continued commitment to theological clarity, institutional integrity, and faithful Christian witness.

Spiritual formation remains central to the Dordt student experience. Chapel and faith-based small groups continue to play a significant role in campus life, alongside service-learning opportunities and local outreach programs. Nearly half of the Dordt student body participates in Bible study groups, and more than two-thirds of students engage in volunteer or community outreach efforts—purposely integrating faith and service.

Students' commitment to the church remains strong: approximately 94 percent of Dordt students regularly attend church, demonstrating ongoing engagement with local congregations during their college years.

Dordt also continues to encourage students to prayerfully discern whether God may be calling them into ministry and church leadership. In fall 2025, the university hosted "Called," an event that brought together area pastors and denominational leaders to help students as well as others from the region explore a range of ministry pathways, including congregational ministry, church planting, and overseas service. Dordt is also in the process of developing partnerships with Calvin Theological Seminary and Western Theological Seminary (an RCA institution in Holland, Mich.) to support students who are called to seminary training.

Dordt continues to serve the Christian Reformed Church and the intent of Article 71 of the Church Order to promote Christian education through a distinctive institutional commitment: all full-time faculty and professional staff are active members of congregations that subscribe to the Reformed confessions, and they commit to educating their children through Christian day schools or parent-directed education.

The university remains actively engaged with Christian day schools through the work of the Center for the Advancement of Christian Education (CACE), which supports teachers, administrators, and schools across North America. Through conferences, research, and professional development, Dordt continues to strengthen the pipeline between Christian K–12 education and Christian higher education.

For the fifth year in a row, Dordt achieved record enrollment (dordt.edu/news/dordt-achieves-record-enrollment-for-the-fifth-year-in-a-row). As of fall 2025, 2,077 students are enrolled, including 1,655 full-time undergraduates with a nearly even mix of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. This continual growth reflects the confidence families place in Dordt's Christ-centered education and the university's expanding geographic reach across states and countries, including an enduring Canadian presence.

The Dordt campus continues to be expanded and enhanced to support the university's growing student body. Recently completed projects include new upperclassmen cottages that foster community-focused residential living and a new nursing lab to support enrollment growth. Improvements have also been made to athletic and arts facilities, including expanded offices, training spaces, and locker rooms in the Rozenboom Family Athletic Center. The Jim and Marilyn Dean Recital Hall (dordt.edu/news/dean-family-performing-arts-center) is a newly constructed multipurpose venue intended to serve both artistic and academic needs on campus, including performances and rehearsals. The Atrium—Dordt's new dining commons—provides longer serving hours and enhanced gathering spaces that serve as a central hub for campus life. Construction continues on a new set of upperclassmen apartments, and work will begin on a new underclassmen dormitory in late spring (dordt.edu/news/dordt-university-launches-major-housing-expansion-to-meet-record-enrollment); in total, Dordt will add approximately 355 beds in the next two years.

Alumni remain deeply invested in the life of the university through annual giving and prayerful support. This year 21 percent of Dordt alumni participated in giving, and many current students are second- and third-generation Dordt graduates—signs of long-term trust in Dordt's mission among families and communities.

Dordt students and faculty continue to demonstrate excellence in academics, scholarship, and cocurricular life. A team of Dordt finance majors placed second nationally (dordt.edu/news/dordt-finance-team-places-2nd-nationally-at-elite-business-valuation-competition) at an elite business valuation competition. Faculty leadership was highlighted through Dr. Jeff Ploegstra's appointment to the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council (dordt.edu/news/dr-jeff-ploegstra-appointed-to-serve-on-iowa-governors-stem-advisory-council). New academic offerings, including the recently announced master of science in nursing: family nurse practitioner program (dordt.edu/fnp), expand Dordt's capacity to serve students called to advanced professional leadership.

Athletics also remains a vital context for discipleship and excellence. This year included historic achievements such as the Dordt women's basketball team winning the NAIA national championship (dordt.edu/news/dordt-womens-basketball-are-naia-national-champions-again), the Dordt football team capturing the GPAC championship (gpacsports.com/sports/fball/2025-26/releases/20251117kvo275), and continued national-level success in cross country, hockey, and other programs.

In the arts, Dordt's Wind Symphony represented the university while touring the East Coast (Feb. 27 - Mar. 9, 2026), including an opportunity to be guest conducted by the assistant director of "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band and performance in a joint concert with U.S. Marine Band Quantico at Quantico Marine Corps Base. These opportunities highlight both artistic excellence and Dordt's national presence.

We are grateful for the Christian Reformed Church's continued prayers, partnership, and encouragement. Dordt remains committed to serving the church by forming graduates who love God, serve faithfully in their vocations, and seek Christ-centered renewal in all areas of life.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Dordt University
Erik Hoekstra, president

The King's University

Greetings from King's!

We are thankful for God's continued blessings on The King's University and for the faithful partnership of our supporting community. New programs are being offered, and the construction of our new facility continues to progress.

Applications for Fall 2026 are trending very positively. We currently have 544 applications for the next academic year, representing a 24-percent increase in comparison to this time last year. While there is still important work ahead to support applicants as they progress toward enrollment, we are encouraged by continued and growing interest from students considering to study at King's. We give thanks to God for his ongoing provision of students who are eager to engage in Christian university education.

Construction of our new Centre for Excellence in the Sciences is progressing on schedule. The construction is on pace to be completed in July. We are thrilled to see this new addition to campus continuing to progress toward completion and are very excited about the new opportunities it will create for King's. New laboratories, additional instructional classrooms, collaborative research space, and faculty and administrative office spaces will all be a part of this new construction. Visit kingsu.ca/sciences for more information on this exciting development. We look forward to hosting a grand opening of the new science center on October 3, 2026, followed by an evening of food, fellowship, and celebration at our annual Harvest Banquet. We are eager to welcome our broader community to celebrate this milestone with us.

This past July, The King's University received final approval to offer a bachelor of kinesiology degree. The program equips students for careers in recreation, athletic performance, and health science and builds on King's strong reputation in the natural and social sciences. "Students who have a passion for sport and exercise will learn about the beauty of human motion through this program," said Dr. Kris Ooms, vice president of academics and research. "King's is bringing a Christ-centered perspective to the field of kinesiology by exploring how God created the human body, and how motion and exercise can be acts of worship." King's approach to the field of kinesiology stresses holistic connections between physical, mental, and spiritual wellness.

The King's Centre for Visualization in Science (KCVS) has received a \$1 million donation to support sustained programming, staffing, technical equipment, and expanded undergraduate research opportunities for King's students. This generous gift comes from Faculty of Natural Sciences alum Dr. Colin Wiebe ('85) and his wife, Patty. "KCVS is a very unique initiative," said Colin Wiebe. "It offers amazing opportunities for students who are passionate about changing the world through ethical chemistry and creating climate change learning tools. Patty and I hope that this donation will support these important projects and allow them to expand."

KCVS student-research teams create free digital-learning resources that are used by educators around the world to make topics in ethical chemistry and climate change more accessible. The KCVS learning suite currently includes more than one hundred interactive resources, with additional tools under development by this year's student-research team. "It's really valuable to have a Christ-centered viewpoint in the world," said Patty Wiebe, "and KCVS is an amazing platform for that. I did not attend King's, but I'm deeply impressed by the heart of this community and the impact of KCVS and other programs. We are grateful for the opportunity to support King's in this way."

Thank you for your continued prayers for The King's University and our students. The financial support we receive from many churches in the western Canadian classes of the Christian Reformed Church in North America is key in our efforts to keep a King's education an affordable option for anyone seeking a university degree grounded in our Christian faith. We are grateful for the vision that members of the Christian Reformed Church have had in establishing King's and in ensuring that this important option for Christian university education is available for students.

The King's University
Shannon Tuininga, vice president for
institutional advancement

Kuyper College

Greetings from Kuyper College!

In our 87th year, we give thanks to God for his abundant blessings on the Kuyper College community. We are grateful for steady enrollment, a diverse student body pursuing a Bible college education within the Reformed tradition, and a faithful constituency that helps to sustain our mission. In a challenging season for small faith-based colleges, it is a particular blessing to address unexpected maintenance needs, balance our operating budget, remain debt-free, and celebrate how our students are flourishing inside and outside of the classroom. These highlights demonstrate Kuyper's mission—to form lifelong learners for purposeful lives of work and service to God and neighbor:

I. Purposeful learning

- **Accreditation and partnerships:** Since 1964, Kuyper has been accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education. We will host a comprehensive accreditation visit in March 2026. In fall 2025 the Social Work program was reaffirmed for eight years by the Council on Social Work Education. Kuyper also signed agreements with Calvin University's education program and Dordt University's online program for the master's degree in social work.
- **Student scholarship:** In December the Scholarship Committee hosted Global Advocacy and Awareness Day, with students showcasing research, practicing professional presentations, and encouraging participation in restorative change.
- **Faith and sports experience:** In partnership with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Kuyper hosted a Faith and Sports Experience Day for over forty high school students, featuring guest speakers from professional teams and local Christian high schools who shared a Bible-based perspective on careers in sports.
- **Dual-enrollment partnerships:** Kuyper expanded partnerships with area Christian and charter high schools to offer dual-enrollment courses on their campuses, with 104 students participating this year.

II. Purposeful Work

- **Work college:** Kuyper celebrated five years as a federally recognized Work College—the only one in Michigan and one of ten nationwide. Through KuyperWorks, students integrate learning, work, and service to prepare for meaningful vocations while reducing debt. This year 81 percent of students participated in on- or off-campus placements focused on five core competencies: theology of work, professionalism, critical thinking, effort and productivity, and collaboration. Students received \$4,000–\$6,000 in tuition grants in addition to scholarships and other aid, allowing them to graduate with 52 percent less debt than the Michigan average.

- **Theology of work research:** With funding from the Work Colleges Consortium, five faculty members are completing research on the theology of work and its application within their respective vocational disciplines.
- **Teaching and writing:** While teaching “Introduction to Biblical Interpretation” at Kuyper College, Dr. Anthony Bradley was inspired to write a new book: *God at Work: Loving God and Neighbor Through the Book of Exodus*, designed for classrooms, churches, and small groups and featuring a built-in study guide and reflection questions.
- **Faculty scholarship:** Jennifer Colin, L.M.S.W., program director and associate professor of social work, presented “Supporting Those with Disability That Accompanies Aging” at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, exploring how social workers can help older adults navigate aging and disability with resilience and purpose.

III. Purposeful service

- **Campus theme—*Seek First*:** This year the Kuyper community came together in student-led chapels, classroom discussions, weekly emails, and personal conversations to focus on putting God first, following the call of Matthew 6:33.
- **Service trip:** Nine student leaders and our director of faith formation spent spring break serving with World Renew in Seminole, Florida, assisting with follow-up relief efforts from Hurricane Helene.
- **Prison initiative:** Through our partnership with the Calvin Prison Initiative at Handlon Correctional Facility in Ionia, Michigan, several faculty teach undergraduate courses.
- **Law enforcement partnerships:** We continue building strong relationships with local law enforcement agencies, hosting campus trainings, and inviting officers and first responders to our campus-wide Thanksgiving Dinner.

This is my final report to synod as president of Kuyper College, since I plan to retire on June 30, 2026. I am deeply grateful for thirteen years of service alongside faculty and staff who nurture students’ faith and prepare them for service in every square inch of God’s world. I am confident that Kuyper will continue advancing its mission—championing its identity as a Bible College within the Reformed tradition, deepening its Work College model, and expanding innovative learning opportunities—while inspiring supporters, partners, and students to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ.

At Kuyper we celebrate community and are grateful to be part of the CRCNA community. Thank you for your prayers and support, and thanks be to God for the gift of his church.

Kuyper College
Patricia R. Harris, president

Redeemer University

In 2025, Redeemer University celebrated a milestone year of student growth, the launch of Canada's only Reformed Christian master of education degree, and the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. Looking ahead to 2026, Redeemer remains steadfast in its commitment to prepare students to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in their careers and callings. We are grateful for God's provision, and in gratitude we share the following highlights from the past year.

I. Milestone year of student growth

It was a record-breaking year for overall enrollment and new students in residence, with a total of over 1,100 students and 585 in residence. Redeemer's students are growing academically and in spiritual formation as they study through a distinctly Reformed Christian worldview.

II. Advancing Christian scholarship

The Albert M. Wolters Centre for Christian Scholarship hosted a conference in celebration of the 1,700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. The event was a rich time of learning and reflecting on this central creed of the Christian faith.

At this year's "The World and Our Calling" lecture, Dr. Katie Day Good (Calvin University), winner of the 2025 Emerging Public Intellectual Award, addressed how digital platforms intended for connection often lead to isolation.

Redeemer also commemorated the fortieth anniversary of the publication of Dr. Wolters' book *Creation Regained*, a seminal work encouraging the exploration of every aspect of God's creation from the perspective of the renewing hope found in Jesus Christ.

III. 2035 strategic plan—every career and calling

Redeemer's 2035 strategic plan lays the foundation for the university's undergraduate growth and expansion into graduate programs and professional studies. The strategic plan is intended to be dynamic, ensuring mission alignment while adapting to the changing needs of the university. The 2035 strategic plan is available at redeemer.ca/about/strategic-plan-2035.

IV. A distinctly Christian master of education degree

In fall 2025, Redeemer announced its first graduate degree. The Master of Education degree is the first program of its kind in Canada to provide advanced learning for educators and school administrators from a distinctly Reformed Christian worldview. Interest in the program has been strong since its announcement in October 2025, attracting applicants from across Canada. At the time of this writing, the first cohort is anticipated to reach full capacity, with a waiting list of additional applicants.

Following this successful launch, preparations are now under way for Redeemer's next graduate degree, a master of arts in counseling, in 2027.

V. H. Evan Runner Reading Room

Redeemer has unveiled the H. Evan Runner Reading Room, within the Peter Turkstra Library, to house the personal library and papers of Dr. Calvin Seerveld. This room stewards significant resources and materials of the Reformed Christian academic and scholarly tradition, including the personal library of Dr. Albert Wolters. The Reading Room has capacity for approximately 11,500 volumes and is available to faculty, external scholars, and students interested in neo-Calvinist and Reformational academic traditions.

VI. Church and student placements

In the past academic year, Redeemer helped more than 150 students gain practical workplace experiences through co-operative placements and internships. Redeemer's co-op and internship students are studying in programs such as mission and ministry, worship music leadership, media production, business/marketing, and social work.

VII. Thank you

We are thankful for the CRCNA's faithful support and prayers. Redeemer remains committed to the mission of preparing students to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in every career and calling. Thank you for making it possible for students to follow their God-given purpose.

Redeemer University
David Zietsma, president

Trinity Christian College

Note: On November 4, 2025, Trinity Christian College announced that it would close at the end of the 2025-2026 academic year. The general secretary shares the following announcement from the Board of Trustees at Trinity Christian College and invites you to pray for the Trinity Community.

For additional information, please see the Trinity Christian College website at trnty.edu/announcement-2025. News reports are also available through *CRC News* (crcna.org/news-and-events/news/trinity-christian-college-close) and *The Banner* (thebanner.org/news/2025/11/trinity-focused-on-closing-well-for-students-cccu-has-sustainability-index-for-member).

The Board of Trustees at Trinity Christian College has voted to close the 66-year-old private institution at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 academic year. Trinity will hold its final commencement ceremony on May 8, 2026.

Despite strategic efforts to adjust its growth model and eliminate its deficit, Trinity has faced fast-evolving economic and cultural realities: post-COVID financial losses, persistent operating deficits, a decline in college enrollment, increased competition for students, and shifting donor giving and financial circumstances. These challenges impacted Trinity's ability to continue providing a transformative, affordable education rooted in its Christian mission. After reviewing the assessment of multiple advisors, projections for future revenue and enrollment, and strategic alternatives, the board voted on November 3, 2025, to close the college and facilitate a smooth transition for students.

"Our deepest commitment in this season is to care for our people, particularly our students, faculty and staff, as we mourn this ending. Trinity will provide advising, support, and a multitude of resources to our students to help them complete their academic pursuits here or at other institutions," said Jeanine Mozie, acting president of Trinity Christian College. . . .

Faculty and staff will receive resources and guidance to transition to new professional opportunities. . . .

"We thank our God for the impact of this community, and we thank the faculty, staff, alumni, donors, and dedicated board members who have worked tirelessly to serve our students for 66 years," said Mozie. "The Trinity story is enduring. It lives in the generations of people who have been formed by the faithful service of this community and will continue to impact their own communities for years to come." . . .