

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON RELEASE:

Ottawa Invests in Research and Sustainability Initiatives at Redeemer

Announced: May 29, 2009:

Redeemer University College – www.redeemer.ca:

Redeemer University College (Redeemer) is a Christian undergraduate liberal arts and science university offering courses and programs leading to bachelor's degrees in Arts, Science and Education. Eight hundred and eighty five students, coming from nine provinces, five US states and five other countries, study at its 86-acre campus in Ancaster, ON. More than 3000 alumni work in a wide range of businesses, social service agencies, public institutions and a host of ministries in Canada and around the world.

Redeemer operates under a charter from the Government of Ontario and is a member of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) and the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU). Redeemer's Bachelor of Education program is approved by the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT).

Redeemer does not receive operating funding from the provincial or federal governments. These funds come mainly from tuition and fees, ancillary services revenue (Redeemer is the third largest conference services provider in Hamilton) and donations.

The announcement made today is the first time Redeemer has received capital funding from either level of government. However, Redeemer students and faculty have been able to access funding from a number of federal programs including the Canada Student Loan Program, the Millennium Scholarship Program, the Canada Council for the Arts, National Science Engineering and Research Council (NSERC) and Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), and an AUCC-sponsored Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) funded support program for student international outreach.

Redeemer's Academic Complex Renewal Project

The federal government's investment announced today will be used by Redeemer in four areas:

1. **Research and Development:** Three new labs will be created and three existing labs renovated, effectively tripling the capacity for conducting research. An on-campus weather station and a greenhouse will also be created to support research.
2. **Sustainability:** This investment will be used to implement a number of energy-saving initiatives, including the installation of a series of solar panels, which will allow the University to generate much of the energy that it uses.
3. **Safety and Security:** Some of the funds will be used to enhance on-campus security, such as installing a paging and speaker system, replacing locks and adding emergency phones campus-wide.
4. **Student Services:** The investment will also allow Redeemer to better serve students by expanding its Food Services area. Some of the cost for this venture is being paid by Sodexo Inc., Redeemer's food services provider.

Economic Impact Statement

A report by Regional Analytics Inc. notes that Redeemer's \$5.9 million Academic Complex Renewal Project has the potential to stimulate more than \$26 million worth of industry output (direct, indirect and induced economic impacts) over a two-year period. It also has the potential to generate more than 175 jobs and enough corporate and personal income tax revenue across Canada over the two-year period to more than recoup the federal government's contribution.

For more information about the Knowledge Infrastructure Program, please visit www.ic.gc.ca/knowledge-infrastructure.

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