

PROVISION & GRATITUDE

2022-2023

ANNUAL REPORT



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

What a joy it is to write to you today! My role as President of Regent College comes with many duties and delights, but telling Regent stories and thanking Regent donors are two of my favourites. Today, I get to do both.

As many of you know, I spent most of the 2023 Winter term on sabbatical. I had a wonderful, refreshing time, but nothing beat the experience of returning.

I arrived back on campus just hours before Convocation, the absolute highlight of our academic year. At Convocation, we gather to celebrate with our graduating students. We celebrate the myriad families, communities, and cultures that formed them on their way to our community. We celebrate their time at Regent and what God has done in them during this time. And we celebrate their future.

We celebrate all the ways our graduates will use the knowledge and wisdom they've gained at Regent. We celebrate the people they'll serve, the places they'll build, the ideas and relationships they'll nurture. We celebrate in hope and expectation, knowing that the God who guided each of these precious students to the Regent community will continue to guide them onward.

If you would like to be in touch for any reason, please don't hesitate to email president@regent-college.edu or call 604-224-3245.



At Convocation, we celebrate Regent's students, work, and mission. We celebrate what God has done and is doing in and through this place and this community.

And, in doing so, we celebrate you. Because Regent's students, work, and mission wouldn't be here without you. Stories like the ones in these pages couldn't be told without *you*.

As I always say, God provides for Regent College. He provides through you. This year, and every year, donors like you make Regent possible.

So, thank you for being part of the Regent community. Thank you for being part of our students' lives. Thank you for giving of yourself to advance God's mission and God's kingdom. Thank you for caring, and thank you for giving. *Thank you.*

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey P. Greenman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JEFF GREENMAN

THREE LESSONS I KEEP LEARNING AT REGENT

SANDRA LEE

I'd like to share three highlights from my time at Regent so far.

First, embodiment. I don't think I ever heard this word before coming to Regent, but Regent people love to talk about embodiment! As I sink into this concept, it gradually yet radically changes my view of everything: the body matters. I am learning how to pace myself, to be in tune with my body, and to be physically present with my community and with God. This is life-changing for me.

Second, cultural diversity. I have been enriched by the international student body here at Regent. Despite the steep academic and social learning curve of coming to a new place, God met my needs by sending me good friends from many cultures. My Brazilian friends instill life and energy in conversations. My American friends encourage me to speak up. My Canadian friends teach me to appreciate outdoor activities. My Chinese friends remind me of my roots. The global family of God here at Regent helps me to appreciate the uniqueness of each culture, including my own.

Third, a surprising appreciation for scholarship. Coming from a business-minded, efficiency-focused culture, I never imagined myself sitting in a library and parsing Greek verbs for hours. I never imagined tearing up as I engaged with the writings of a fourteenth-century mystic. But Regent has taught me that I can love God not just with all my heart, but also with all my mind.

My Regent experience has been transformative and enriching. I am humbled to join so many donors in the kingdom work God is doing here, because it is through our interconnected family that God is forming me and my fellow students. I will forever treasure my time here at Regent, and hopefully I can embody all that I've learned!

Sandra Lee is a second-year MDiv student from Hong Kong. You may have heard from Sandra personally sometime during the past year—she works in Regent's Advancement Office as a student employee, calling donors to thank them for their generosity (and often swapping stories and blessings along the way).



COMMUNITY, STORY, AND TRANSFORMATION

PRAVEEN DESABATHULA

My name is Praveen, and I'd like to share a portion of my story with you today.

We hear about "story" constantly at Regent. We reflect on the biblical narrative—the biblical story—as well as the emerging stories of our lives. As for my story, my time at Regent has been life-transforming, to say the least. Honestly, I wish I could quantify the changes that have occurred in me. It has been amazing to experience how the Lord has moulded my life.

As I discovered over the past few years, the beauty of Regent is the community. I'm a pandemic student—I started at Regent in 2020—so my education has taken place almost entirely online. Despite the fact that I wasn't able to attend in person, I found the community at Regent to be a real blessing. From classes, to small group meetings, to chapel, it's just been great. And it has shaped me. My perspective has changed on many things—on community, on the church. As I've grown in theology, I've changed in unexpected ways.

For example, a couple years ago I was struggling with depression. I joined Tuesday chapel via Zoom, and I heard another student share his struggle with depression and how the Regent community came forward to assist him. It was really encouraging. Listening to someone else's story made a real difference to me that day.

At Regent, I found a sense of belonging that I didn't have previously. And when I think about how my experiences at Regent have moulded me and shaped me, I feel like I'm a new individual altogether.



Praveen Desabathula is an MATS student living in Hyderabad, India, and pursuing a concentration in Interdisciplinary Studies. This story is adapted from a video message he delivered to his fellow students in chapel.

THEOLOGY THAT ENGAGES AND EQUIPS

DR. LISA SUNG

My personal aim in teaching theology is to foster the lived reality of personal integrity and flourishing in Christ as the catalyst for missional living. This involves explicitly reconnecting systematic theology to spiritual formation, moral transformation, and world service.

As complicated and existentially fraught as they are, I believe that theological education today must equip students to address complex, contested contemporary issues such as “race,” sexuality, and male-female relations, and do so with greater theoretical and conceptual clarity, with hermeneutical and theological integrity, and with intercultural discernment.

My approach is to help students examine and engage these issues as serious followers of Jesus who are willing to trust, obey, and be transformed into his likeness. Doing so requires a climate that is safe for inquiry, dialogue, and rigorous evaluation of differing arguments. As we employ substantive theological and methodological criteria to work our way through specific issues, the Lord meets us, challenging, correcting, sharpening, and enlarging us in discerning his ways and will.



For Visiting Associate Professor of Theology Dr. Lisa Sung, systematic theology is incredibly practical. Her research interests in theological anthropology and spiritual formation come together to inform her engagement with some of the most prominent and contentious questions in today's social landscape, making her a valuable guide for students encountering these issues in their own lives and in the world around them.

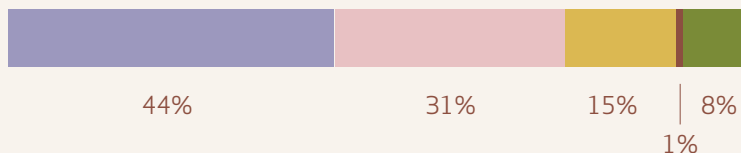
A STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

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When George Floyd was murdered, I realized that my previous theological education could not make sense of what was happening. That feeling only grew more acute over time. Dr. Sung's scholarship and instruction have given me a theological framework to think critically about the Christian tradition vis-à-vis the social sciences and to answer questions about myself, my family, my history, and my world that I couldn't answer before. Her example of incarnational theology that attends to souls, forms character, and pursues justice and wholeness has transformed how I desire to approach theology as I discern my own gifts as a pastor and a scholar.

REGENT COLLEGE OVERALL FINANCES

By God's grace and through your generosity, Regent maintained a balanced operating budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.



REVENUES

- Tuition and Fees
- Donations to Annual Fund
- Grants from Endowments
- Bookstore
- Other

EXPENSES

- Salaries and Benefits
- General Operating Expenses
- Student Financial Aid
- Student Employees

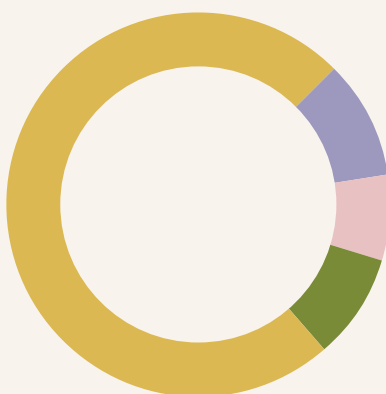
YOUR GENEROSITY

Regent is deeply grateful to each of the 1,284 donors who helped fund Regent's mission in fiscal year 2022-2023, and to God for upholding this community through the gifts of his people.

NUMBER OF DONORS

\$1-\$499	614
\$500-\$999	244
\$1,000-\$4,999	319
\$5,000-\$19,999	83
\$20,000-\$49,999	14
\$50,000-\$99,999	4
\$100,000+	6
	1,284

This page represents a summary of Regent's unaudited financial statements for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023. Audited financial statements will be available upon request beginning in August 2023.



FUNDS RAISED*

- Annual Fund
- Special Purpose Funds
- Donor-Established Scholarships
- Endowment

**Capital campaign gifts are recorded on page 7.*

THE GOOD REGENT DOES

SARA & JANNE SAARELA

We want to support Regent College because of all the good it does. The College doesn't just train pastors and scholars in an excellent and faithful way, but it is also committed to equipping all Christians who are called to take part in God's versatile work in the world with all they are and have. Regent classes, public lectures, and podcasts, as well as articles and books written by Regent folks, constitute the fruit we hope we can continue to enjoy in the future.

Additionally, without our training at Regent, we wouldn't be able to do the work we currently do in churches and Bible schools in Finland.

We are truly grateful to and for Regent!



Sara and Janne Saarela both graduated from Regent with MATS degrees in 2019. They then returned to their home country of Finland, where they share their love of biblical studies with students and church communities.

\$ 3,462,476
\$ 2,474,442
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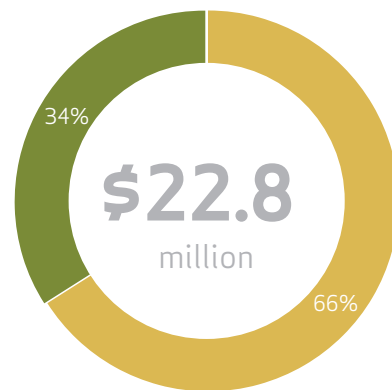
A CAMPAIGN FOR REGENT'S FUTURE FLOURISHING

In January 2023, Regent announced the successful conclusion of its Deep Roots Wide Reach capital campaign, which began in 2019 and continued through the end of 2022.

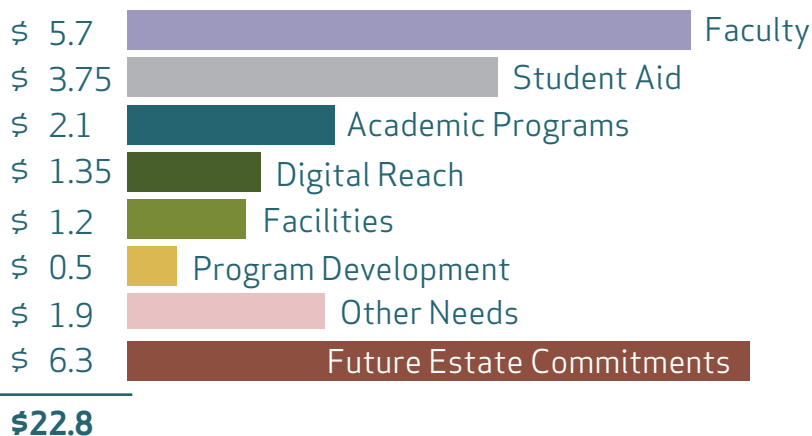
Thanks to an incredible outpouring of generosity, the campaign resulted in a \$22.8 million investment in Regent's long-term future.

GIFTS AND DONORS

Cash Gifts and Pledges	\$ 15.0 million	597 donors
Estate Commitments	\$ 7.8 million	40 donors



TOP AREAS OF INVESTMENT (in millions)



AN EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY

RICHARD THOMPSON, DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

As I reflect back on the journey of the Deep Roots Wide Reach Campaign, three things come to mind.

1. Wow!
2. Thank you!
3. Praise God!

Four years ago, we set a very ambitious campaign goal to raise \$21.8 million in cash and planned estate gifts. And we exceeded that goal by \$1 million! God is providing for Regent in extraordinary ways through our extraordinarily generous donors. Wow!

I am so deeply grateful for the way you, the Regent community, have embraced the opportunity to contribute to the College's future flourishing. From helping students and caring for our building to hiring faculty and refreshing degree programs, the projects you've made possible through this campaign are already helping Regent dig deeper into our calling while reaching out to the whole people of God.

And the impact of your campaign gifts will shape Regent's ministry for years and decades to come. They'll fund new initiatives to serve the church and the world. They'll contribute to Regent's long-term financial stability. They'll bring students into this community who wouldn't make it here without you.

The Deep Roots Wide Reach campaign has been an extraordinary journey, full of surprises both challenging (a global pandemic!) and thrilling (gifts we never saw coming from friends we'd yet to meet). It's been a roller-coaster, but the emotions that stick with me are wonder and gratitude.

Throughout this campaign, I had the joy of seeing God provide more than we could ask or imagine, financially and otherwise. I also had the pleasure of witnessing just how much people love Regent College, how enthusiastic they are about what God is doing here, and how much hope they have for this community's future. The support and encouragement we received in response to this campaign was just overwhelming.

So...wow! Praise God!
And thank you.



SOMETHING THAT LASTS

MARY LAM

My time at Regent transformed me and my relationship with God. After graduating, I felt the call to return to the marketplace. Since then, I have worked in a variety of settings, from businesses, to charities, to churches, to the government agency where I've spent the past 15 years. There was no manual telling me how to be a Christian in these places, but Regent equipped me to be contemplative and to keep seeking God in everything that I do. It's my relationship with God that allows me to serve wherever he places me.

I put Regent in my will because I want Regent to continue equipping Christians to integrate their faith in all aspects of their lives, especially in the workplace.

A Regent education is expensive—having served as the College's accountant, I know the high costs of operating a graduate school. Regent students do not necessarily come from financially well-off circumstances, so many students who could benefit from a Regent education would not be able to come study at Regent without assistance. I hope to see that finance is not a barrier to Regent students.

For anyone thinking about estate planning, my only suggestion would be to think about how to leave behind something that lasts, something that will help the next generation. If Regent has transformed your life, making a legacy gift is a good way to support the life of Regent so it can continue doing what it does best.

Mary Lam (MATS '99) worked at Regent for four and a half years as the College's Accounting Manager and Chief Administrative Officer before resigning to become a full-time Regent student. Mary has maintained a close relationship with Regent since graduating—for example, you may recognize her as a contributor to the ReFrame series. She's also a faithful donor to the College.



FINANCIAL AID CHANGED MY LIFE

AUDRY GOERTZEN

There are not enough words to express what receiving financial aid meant to me. For starters, it meant I could actually continue studying at Regent for more than one semester.

It meant I could afford to live in Vancouver and not commute for three to five hours a day, leaving me much more rested and safe than before. It also allowed me to work fewer hours per week (10 to 15 rather than 20 to 25), giving me more time to engage with the Regent community. It relieved a massive amount of stress, bettering my health in every aspect.

Financial aid also allowed me to maintain good grades. I was able to take the time to actually learn from my assignments, rather than just getting through them as quickly as possible in the few hours I had available to do homework.

Finally, financial aid has allowed me to imagine spending my career innovating in the church, reaching out to those not interested in stepping into a church building. It's helped me overcome a fair bit of self-doubt, and to believe in myself just a little more than before.

I'm so grateful for the donors who made my time at Regent possible. If I hadn't been able to come to Regent, I wouldn't have used my gifts and talents for the kingdom the way I've done here, and I wouldn't be nearly as prepared to use them for God's glory in the future. At Regent, I've learned how God has gifted me and what I'm capable of doing for the sake of serving others. That is a great gift.



Audry Goertzen (MDiv '23) grew up primarily in Manitoba before coming to Vancouver to be part of a church plant. During her time as a student, Audry served as Regent's MDiv Program Administrator, helping to implement many aspects of the MDiv program refresh that was funded by the Deep Roots Wide Reach Campaign.



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