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FEATURED STORIES:

- *New Faculty Members*
- *New Programs at Kingswood*
- *New Partnership with CampusEDU*

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A Word from the President



Last fall, at the urging of our Trustees, we began to reimagine Kingswood's future. Society and the church are changing; we need to contemplate what God is asking from us for the decades ahead.

These past six months of reimagining have felt a lot like home remodeling projects we've done. We start with an honest appraisal of current reality, envision our dream, then set about the challenging task of moving from where we are to where we need to be.

Our vision of Kingswood's future includes recognizing that education is changing. It used to be that getting an education meant moving to a campus and spending several years and lots of money. Now you can learn whatever you want, however you want, whenever you want, at whatever price you want to pay.

We will always need the on-campus experience where students live in community and experience the life-changing mentorship of mature Christian leaders. But in the years to come, not everyone will learn this way. Kingswood's future requires greater investment in the full range of learning options.

Our vision for Kingswood's future not only includes how we deliver education, but the education we deliver. We've always been a place where students learn how to actually do ministry, not just talk about how to do it. In the future we need to put even greater emphasis on practical ministry experience—to learn by doing from people who are doing it.

In every remodeling job, the process of moving from current reality to fulfilling our vision always encounters challenges, like discovering the wall you wanted to move was load bearing (ask me about that some time).

At Kingswood, the reimagining process has brought challenges way more painful than these. We have had to make the difficult decision to eliminate several staff positions, including Program

Directors for General Studies, Youth and Family Ministries, Intercultural Studies, and Worship Arts. All these programs will continue but in different ways.

We are going to miss long-time Professor Dave Trouten, whose wit could always be counted on to lift our spirits. This decision also means we must say goodbye to Professor Drew Donovan, Dr. Matt Friedman, and Professor Candice Jackson. When we reduced the full-time position of Director of Financial Aid to half time, Mrs. Shelley Vail chose to take employment elsewhere. We will certainly miss all who are leaving us.

Remodeling always brings surprises, and this reimagining is no exception. Unrelated to the reimagining, Professor Mike MacNeil announced his plans to leave Kingswood after forty years to join the staff of Kings Church. To honor Mike for his incredible service, the Faculty and Administration recommended, and the Trustees agreed, that Mike should be designated as Faculty Emeritus. You can read more about Mike's impact on Kingswood in the pages that follow.

We've also been surprised and delighted at how God has directed us to the right people to step into the open faculty and staff positions. Keep reading and you'll learn more about them, as well as about some exciting new directions for their programs.

You will also read about *Kingswood Learn*, a bold step that will allow Kingswood to carry out its vision of helping anyone, anywhere to grow in their faith and in their ability to minister in the church and as the church.

Remodeling is never easy, but it can lead to a better future, one that allows the vision to become reality. We're excited to see how God will use this season of remodeling to allow Kingswood to serve the church more effectively for decades to come. 🔥

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Rev. Stephen J. Lennox, Ph.D.
Kingswood University President



Honouring Mike MacNeil

40 Years at Kingswood

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“What has been the highlight in your 40 years at Kingswood?”

The overall highlight would be the different students that I have seen go from high school students to Kingswood students to friends and ministry partners. I have gotten to see them at all the different stages of development as they become leaders. In the new position I am taking on, all of my bosses are former students, an example of some of the lifelong friendships formed with people who started as students.

“Tell us a crazy story from your time leading the Evangelism & Compassion Ministry (Praxis) program.”

One time I was with a group of about fifteen students in Guatemala, and we were climbing the Pakaya volcano. When we got to the top, we were roasting marshmallows in the lava when a swarm of killer bees came out of a big hole in a rock. There were thousands of killer bees swarming around us, and our guide yelled, “Everybody down on the ground!” So we all stayed flat on the ground until the bees went away. Things like that become a once in a lifetime shared memory for people that experience them together.



“What has been the most rewarding part of your work here?”

The most rewarding part has been investing in people and seeing that come to fruition. I have gotten to see the long term continuation of the gospel being passed from generation to generation.”

“You have held a couple of different positions over the years at Kingswood. Tell us about your experience in those different roles.”

I have a Master’s in English Literature, and I first came to Kingswood as the English professor. As I got more involved in ministry, I was doing a lot of ministry on the side on top of my responsibilities at Kingswood.

There was a man named Orval Butcher who came to Kingswood for a few years in a pastoral role. He took the President at the time aside and told him to ask me what I wanted to do and to give me the opportunity to develop a program around it. That’s how the program “Extreme Discipleship” started, which was a one year program similar to Praxis, but without the cross-cultural component. I did that for ten years before it expanded and changed into the Praxis program.

“What’s next for you?”

Next I’m going to Kings Church to develop and direct Kings Academy. It’s a program that has only been around for 8 months, so it’ll be one of those situations where you’re building the plane as you’re flying it. It is an in-house ministry training program for people who want to step into leadership at Kings. They have a great team and very strong leadership and mission that I am looking forward to joining.

The usual track is for people to move from local church settings to college positions, but I’m going in the opposite direction. I’ve been sensing this move to the local church for a while, so this is the fulfilment of that. A lot of what gives me life is the practical ministry side of things, so I think this is a good way to finish off this last part of my career. 📌



New Programs at Kingswood

Beginning in the fall of 2023

We are excited to announce four new additions to Kingswood's programs. Beginning in the fall of 2023, we will be offering a Christian School Education Certificate. The fall of 2024 will bring a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management, an online Certificate in Christian Counselling, and an online Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counselling.

Christian School Education Certificate

The Christian School Education Certificate is designed for individuals who are already working full-time in a Christian school setting but lack the education to equip them in current best practices in pedagogy. The certificate program consists of four classes that will equip and inform the student in instructional design, the history of Christian school education, classroom management, and specialized teaching. Gaining this certificate can be a stepping stone on the way to getting a full Bachelor of Arts in Christian School Education or it can be a stand alone addition to a teacher's toolbox.

Bachelor of Arts in Business Management



This 120 credit hour Bachelor of Arts in Business Management will prepare students to step into leadership in the business world, equipping them with foundational knowledge of business principles through the lens of a ministry mindset and Biblical worldview. This degree


will blend business and management courses, focusing on topics such as finance, marketing, project management, conflict resolution, change management, and entrepreneurship, with Biblical studies and theology courses, focusing on topics such as Biblical literature, basic Christian beliefs, and inductive Bible study.

Christian Counselling Certificate

The Christian Counselling Certificate is designed for the individual who wants to become better equipped and more effective in counselling situations for which they may otherwise feel unprepared. This postgraduate certificate consists of six courses, five fully online, with the sixth an on-campus lab where students will practice skills that they have been learning. The certificate is designed so a student can take one course at a time, finishing in a year. This will be a helpful resource for someone in a pastoral role who needs the tools to better counsel and minister to their congregation.



Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counselling

The Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counselling is a 66 credit hour degree designed to be completed in three years. Graduates from Kingswood's BA in Christian Counselling program will receive advanced standing of up to 18 hours towards their degree. This program is delivered fully online with the exception of a one-week on-campus lab hosted in the Kingswood University Counselling Centre. The intentional focus on practical application is supported through the lab experience, three month practicum, and two required six-month internships. This degree will equip graduates with the knowledge and skill they need to become licensed counsellors. 



Spiritual Formation

The Reimagining Continues

Because spiritual formation is one of Kingswood's core values, constantly ensuring the spiritual formation events on campus are edifying and engaging is essential to Kingswood's mission. As a part of the reimagining process, the spiritual formation component of campus life is being restructured to offer a higher quality, more relevant formational experience. According to Dr. Allen Lee, Kingswood's VP for Academic Affairs, "The hope is that it will edify the whole campus in a way that brings spiritual development to life."

The new weekly spiritual formation fixtures include:

Tuesday mornings will include times of intentional mentorship between cohorts of students and designated faculty members. These groups will focus on spiritual themes, life, academics, and practicum experiences, allowing for concentrated learning and spiritual growth.

On Tuesday evenings students will host Evensong, featuring student-led devotionals and worship. Evensong will serve the same purpose Tuesday morning chapels have served in the past, but in a more intimate, organic, and informal setting. The name "Evensong" has liturgical roots and refers to the wrapping up of the day in worship. In addition to providing

a more close-knit environment for worship, this event will be an approachable way for students to develop their ministry skills by giving devotionals or leading worship. Students will even have the opportunity to record themselves for self-improvement.

Students will spend Wednesday mornings at an apprenticeship placement relevant to their major. These apprenticeships will provide a space for students to apply what they're learning in classes and to experience ministry in a real world setting. This will broaden students' perspectives, allowing them to see not only the highlights, but the everyday hard work, meetings, planning, and crisis management that ministry entails. Students will graduate from Kingswood better equipped to apply the knowledge and information gained in classrooms. Faculty will work with students to find the right placement for each individual.

Friday chapel will continue as the opportunity for the campus to gather for worship and the word. This service will be live-streamed, allowing alumni and friends to join in what God is doing on our campus. 🕯️



New Partnership with CampusEDU

Church-University Partnership for Ministry Preparation

At their recent meeting, Kingswood's Board of Trustees approved a partnership with CampusEDU for the creation of *Kingswood Learn*, a discipleship and ministry preparation platform that offers high quality video courses to the church for free. Courses like how to share your faith, how to interpret the Bible, discovering and using your spiritual gifts, how to lead meetings, how to build stronger marriages, how to talk to your kids about tough topics, how to live your faith at work, and many, many more are being developed.

President Steve Lennox considers *Kingswood Learn* a natural and logical continuation of Kingswood's nearly 80-year investment in the church. "Our mission has always been to prepare people to serve the Lord in the church and as the church. Whether on campus or through Kingswood Extended, we want to help anyone, anywhere to grow as a Christian and in their capacity to serve the Lord. *Kingswood Learn* will allow us to do this even better."

Lennox considers *Kingswood Learn* an incredible discipleship opportunity for the church. "Through the pandemic, so many pastors told me that they saw a glaring need for more discipleship in their congregations. *Kingswood Learn* will be a powerful tool to help people grow in their faith and in their capacity to minister both in their churches and in the marketplace."

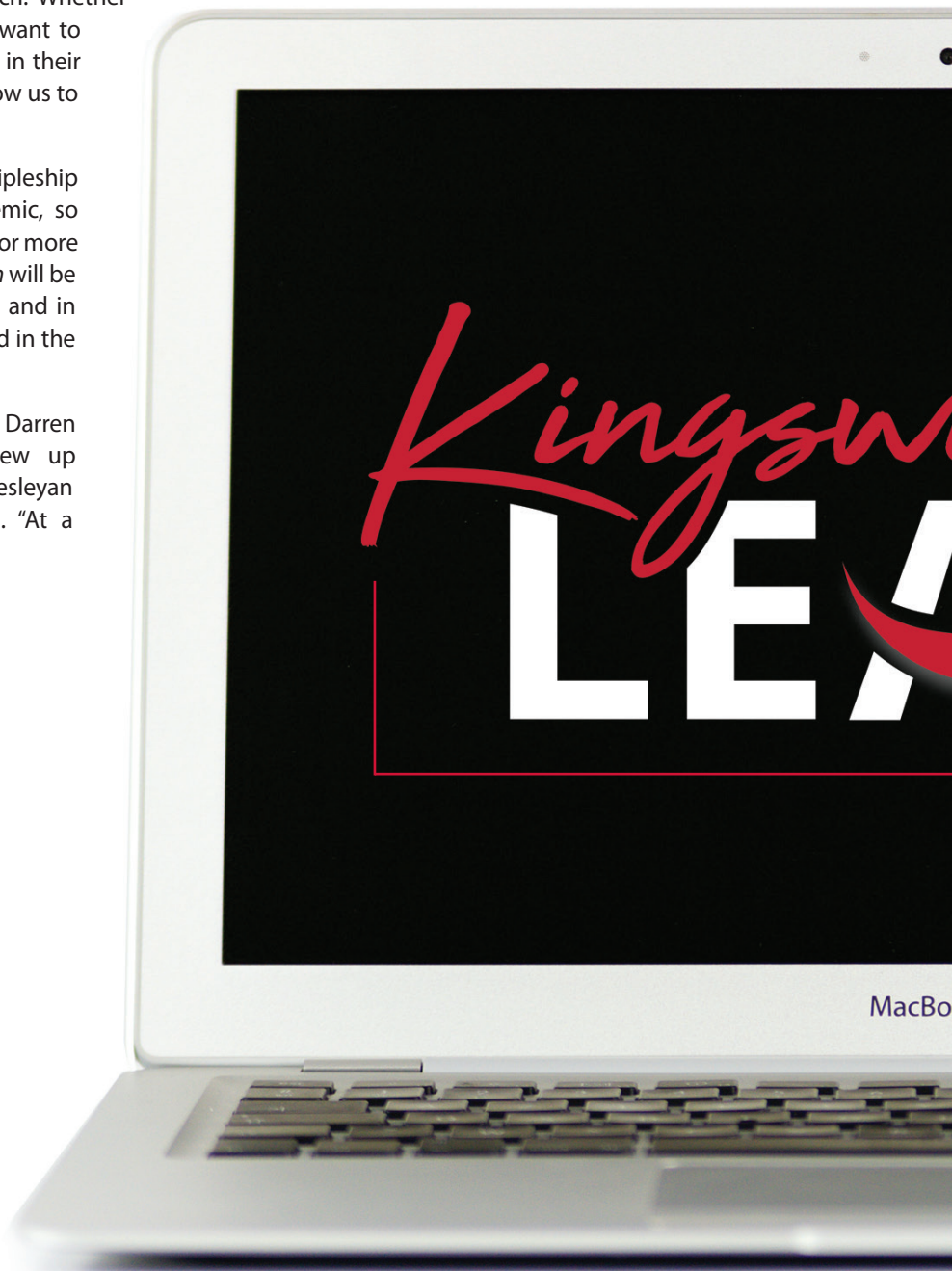
CampusEDU is a technology company led by Darren Campbell, a native New Brunswicker who grew up in Woodstock. His path led him to Indiana Wesleyan where he and Lennox became well acquainted. "At a

crucial point in our strategizing for Kingswood's future, God brought Darren and CampusEDU onto our radar. We had been looking for a way to expand our ministry and they had been looking for a trustworthy and nimble academic partner. God's hand has been evident through every conversation," said Lennox.

Campbell agrees. "God has been preparing us for this partnership for over 30 years! I have known Steve since I was a college student and then later as a youth pastor. I grew up in the Atlantic district and have had many close friends and family attend or work at Kingswood. I can see His hand in guiding and preparing us to



Scan for a sneak peek at
Kingswood Learn



work together to create a tool that the church can use to make disciples of all nations. We are excited to work with the excellent team that God has assembled at Kingswood to build *Kingswood Learn*, a learning platform for the entire church.


Driving this project is a shared passion to create a platform that helps Christians find trustworthy answers to their questions. "If John Wesley were living in our time," observes Campbell, "he would call the church to leverage the reach of digital platforms to 'make disciples of all nations.' That's the purpose of *Kingswood Learn*: to offer high quality, easily accessible micro courses that help make disciples."

Lennox agrees. "You can find all kinds of content now, but can you trust it? The beauty of the content on *Kingswood Learn* is that it will all be carefully curated by people you can trust."

Kingswood will develop the initial slate of courses and CampusEDU will develop the platform. Other partners, including pastors, local churches, church leaders, districts, and parachurch organizations, will be encouraged to add their own content. Churches can use the content in many ways, like for small groups, membership classes, Sunday School, and leadership development, and as a way to certify that volunteers are prepared to serve.

To assist these partners, CampusEDU will create tools to help others develop content that will then be vetted by Kingswood before being placed on the platform. Those who take the free micro-courses can purchase badges and certificates; they can even upgrade these micro-courses for academic credit.

The result: hundreds of easy to use, high quality, theologically sound micro-courses that will enable anyone, anywhere to prepare themselves to become a stronger disciple and to serve God more effectively, thereby strengthening churches across North America and around the world.

Course and platform development are underway even as Kingswood University enters a capital campaign to raise the needed start-up costs. The dream that anyone, anywhere, can grow in their faith and in ministry effectiveness is about to become a reality, for the glory of God and the good of the church. 



Discipleship and ministry preparation platform that offers high quality video courses to the church for free

Announcing Our New Faculty Members

Our reimagining process brings new faces joining our faculty, bringing with them a wealth of skills and experience. We are excited to introduce four new faculty members who will give leadership to the Worship Arts, NextGen, and Evangelism & Compassion (Praxis) Ministry programs.



Marc Joliceur

Worship and Creative Arts Pastor at Moncton Wesleyan Church

New Director of Worship Studies at Kingswood



Jay Muir

Worship Pastor at King's Church

New Director of Applied Worship at Kingswood

"If you can find the sweet spot between learning something and applying it in real time, something incredible happens."

"Talk about your background and the ministry role you currently hold at Moncton Wesleyan." Born in Halifax and raised in Moncton, I am a Maritimer through and through. I was called into full-time ministry as a teenager, and this call took various forms over the decades as I travelled with worship teams and served as a deacon at my local church. About 8 years ago, those two strands of music and leadership coalesced into the role I serve in today as a worship pastor.

"Why did you say yes to the opportunity to be the Director of Worship Studies at Kingswood?" I am passionate about worship in the life of local churches and about learning in an academic setting. I have noticed that if you can find the sweet spot between learning something and applying it in real time, something incredible happens. I am excited about how Kingswood gives people things to learn and immediately gives them spaces to apply those things.

"How would you say your continued role at Moncton Wesleyan will affect your role at Kingswood?" I have a vantage point to share some real-world and real-time applications for those who are wanting to both study worship and apply what they are learning to ministry. I plan to always be someone who leads worship, and this gives me the opportunity to understand the questions people are asking in real time.

"What is your hope for the Worship Arts program?" The goal at the end of the day is for Spirit-filled lovers of worship who are able to lead other people in worship. We want to help the students be who Christ wants them to be first and then understand how to live out the calling they feel is being placed on them through worship leadership.

"Our churches need people who are passionate about worship as the activity of heaven and one of the primary things we're called to do as Christ-followers."

"Talk about your background and the ministry role you currently hold at Kings Church." I grew up in Moncton, New Brunswick, and found faith and a passion for worship at a summer camp as a teenager. For many years, I led worship on a volunteer basis before becoming the Worship Pastor at Moncton Wesleyan Church. Now I am the Worship Pastor at Kings Church and have been there for the past 7 years.

"Why did you say yes to the opportunity to be the Director of Applied Worship at Kingswood?" I am really passionate about worship—both the music and the heart transformation that happens through worship. I believe that our churches need people who are passionate about worship as the activity of heaven and one of the primary things we're called to do as Christ-followers. I look for any part I can play in transferring some of that passion to the younger generation and equipping them with the practical skills to pass that passion on to their congregation.

"How would you say your continued role at Kings Church will affect your role at Kingswood?" I think you can learn the principles of leadership in a classroom, but you cannot learn how to lead in a classroom. I have thirty years of practical leadership experience as a worship leader. I also have a platform that allows me to give opportunities to younger leaders, which is my intention.

"What is your hope for the Worship Arts program?" My hope for the Worship Arts program is that we would see some passionate people enrol in the program and gain an understanding of the role of a worship leader, which is to pastor the people of God in giving glory to God. That is something that is desperately needed in our churches today.



Jeremy MacDonald

Director of Operations for Youth Worker

New Director of NextGen at Kingswood

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“Talk about your background and the ministry role you currently hold at Youth Worker.” I grew up in Moncton, New Brunswick. After getting a ministry degree, I worked in multiple churches in New Brunswick and Ontario before returning to Moncton where I live with my wife and three kids.

I work full time with Youth Worker, a national organization that empowers youth workers to help the next generation know Jesus. Youth Worker assists youth workers everywhere by doing things like national research projects, conferences, and podcasts to give volunteers all the resources they need to do the job effectively, as well as equipping youth pastors at the Bachelor’s and Master’s level.

“Why did you say yes to the opportunity to be the Director of NextGen at Kingswood?” Kingswood has consistently made their mission clear— to form Christ-like servant leaders, preparing people for vocational ministry. It is an honour to be a part of that mission and make sure the Church is prepared to reach every new generation with the gospel.

“How would you say your continued role with Youth Worker will affect your role at Kingswood?” Because of my Youth Worker’s connections, students will be able to connect with churches across Canada. On top of that, my network of connections will allow me to help current students find jobs. We also hope to inspire many more adolescents to think about ministry as a vocation, filling the gap that exists in leadership in churches across Canada and beyond.

“What is your hope for the NextGen program?” We’re really excited to focus on apprenticeship ministry, allowing students to run with their chosen ministry right from their first year at Kingswood. Regular time spent in mentored apprentice ministry will enrich the questions, conversations, and learning in classrooms.



Shaun Miller

New Director of Evangelism & Compassion Ministry (Praxis) at Kingswood

“I want students to have an expansive ministry toolbox and to know how to use each of those tools.”

“Tell us about your background.” I’m from Corning, New York. I graduated from Kingswood with my Bachelor’s degree in Praxis in 2020 and my Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology in 2022. After graduating, I worked in Kingswood’s Enrolment Department before returning to Corning, New York, to be the youth pastor at Victory Highway Wesleyan Church.

“How did your experience in leading ministry trips as a Praxis student prepare you to step into this role?” Having experienced the uniqueness of what Praxis is, I have an understanding of what successful ministry trips look like. The opportunity to follow Mike MacNeil means I inherit a network of ministry connections and offer a familiar face who can jump in and continue growing relationships that Kingswood has with different organizations and ministries.

“Why did you say yes to the opportunity to be the Director of the Praxis program?” Kingswood’s Praxis program is intentional about joining academics with practical experience in people-focused ministry. Knowing that and having experienced it myself, I am excited to work with the next generation of people who are where I was. I’m excited to partner with Kingswood in giving students the opportunity to go beyond academics and get tangible, practical feedback from the reality of introducing people to Jesus. It’s a dream come true.

“What is your hope for the Praxis program?” My hope is that the students in Praxis graduate with experience, knowledge of who God is, and knowledge of who they are in light of who God is. I want students to have an expansive ministry toolbox and to know how to use each of those tools, which is what Praxis is all about. 🔥

Online Undergraduate Degrees & Certificates

Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies

Associate of Arts in General Studies

Associate of Arts in Evangelism & Compassion Ministry

Bachelor of Arts in Business Management*

Bachelor of Arts in Christian School Education

Bachelor of Arts in Christian Counselling

Bachelor of Arts in Ministry

- Business
- Church Planting
- Evangelism, Compassion & Social Justice
- Intercultural Studies
- Marketplace Ministry
- NextGen Ministry
- Pastoral Ministry

Bachelor of Arts in Worship Arts

Bachelor of Theology

Christian School Education Certificate

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Christian Counselling Certificate*

Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counselling*

Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology (MAPT)

Online Certificate Courses

Ordination Courses

Personal Enrichment Courses

Early Enrolment

Certificates

Kingswood offers certificate-level courses and whole programs. These can satisfy ordination requirements in The Wesleyan Church. They're also for anyone looking to build their faith. Courses are offered online and in many other formats. The most popular are self-paced courses you can start and finish whenever you like, and virtual classroom courses which incorporate video conferencing technology to provide you with a learning community. We offer certificates in Biblical studies, discipleship, ministry, Biblical theology, marketplace ministry, and church planting & church multiplication.

We can offer certificate-level courses in your church with as few as four students. Take your Sunday School class on a tour through Acts and Romans with the guidance of our expert faculty, or pursue an entire certification in Biblical Studies together. Maybe your board members need more training in Church Management and Leadership. Kingswood can help.

Degrees and Concentrations

We also offer entire degrees online! Pursue our Bachelor of Arts in Ministry with several available concentrations, as well as an Associate of Arts in Ministry. By doing these programs online, you can pursue a degree while remaining connected to your family, your church, and your community. We also offer all courses required for credentialing in The Wesleyan Church, The Church of the Nazarene, and The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

Early Enrolment

Students in Grade 12 can take Kingswood University courses online. Satisfy high school graduation requirements while earning university credit. Courses are two months long with several options each term and are offered at a steep discount through our Early Enrolment program.

MA in Pastoral Theology

Take your ministry effectiveness to the next level with our streamlined, 36-credit MA in Pastoral Theology. It is offered entirely online, leverages your current ministry context, and can be completed in as little as 12 months. Kingswood's tuition, grants, and Wesleyan Loan/Grant combine to make this degree very affordable.

* Fall 2024

We believe students thrive best when their learning includes both academic and experiential/hands-on learning components. Our objective is that your time at Kingswood will result in a passion for God, His Word, His Church, and His mission through:

Academic Excellence

Academic Excellence is more than a catch phrase at Kingswood – it is a commitment to the quality of the education you will receive in any of our high calibre and engaging academic programs. Whether you choose one of our Associate of Arts degrees, bachelor degrees, or our graduate degree, you will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to succeed.

Practical Ministry Experience

With a 12:1 student-to-faculty ratio, we provide a small class environment to effectively mentor students in personal and professional development. And with practical ministry experience built into each degree program, you will graduate with the confidence, skills, and experience you need to step boldly into ministry.

Intentional Spiritual Formation

Our focus on spiritual formation means you will graduate with more than a degree. Be transformed as you discover what God wants you to know, who God wants you to be, and what God made you to do.



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