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- Welcoming Dr. Ricky & Cheri Christman to Kingswood
- Celebrating 80 years of Kingswood University

A Word from the President



As I sit down to write my final article for this newsletter, my mind goes back over the past ten years since Eileen and I arrived in Sussex. We quickly discovered the beauty of the Maritimes and set out to see as much of it as we could. Ten years and lots of kilometers later, we're still awestruck by our surroundings.

Even more beautiful than the places are the people we've met. Staff, students, alumni, donors, other constituents—we've been given the incredible privilege of getting to know and love some of God's choicest servants.

We've faced some challenges over the past ten years, Covid-19 and the government's immigration decisions among them. Many colleges have closed during this time, but God has been faithful to protect and provide for Kingswood.

I'm especially pleased at the development of Kingswood Extended, our distance education arm. Currently, we provide ministerial education on the certificate, undergraduate, and graduate levels across North America and around the world. Recently, we've seen an explosion of interest, with new cohorts and partnerships developing. You can read more about what is happening at Kingswood Extended inside.

Another point of celebration has been the launch of Kingswood Learn. What started as only a heart burden now helps equip over 2000 learners from over 150 countries. We now have over 100 free micro-courses on the platform. Less than half of these were created by Kingswood, with the rest produced by ministry practitioners across the church. Thanks to the generosity of our partner, Campus EDU, we now have nearly a dozen courses each in Spanish and French to help strengthen ministry preparation around the world. You can learn the latest on Kingswood Learn in this issue.

Without any doubt, this has been both the most challenging and most enjoyable experience in my professional life. Despite the challenges, for the past ten years I've known I am exactly where God wants me, doing exactly what he wants me to do. It feels like a glove with a place for every finger.

Just as clearly as I sensed that this was the place I should come, God has made it clear that this is the time I should go. I struggled with the decision but remembered something told to me by my mentor and friend, Keith Drury. When I began at Kingswood, he reminded me that this was not my school; I was only a temporary caretaker who should always remember that one day I will pass off this privilege and responsibility to someone else.

I believe that "someone" is perfect for this role. Dr. Rick Christman understands Christian higher education, having provided executive leadership at several top-notch universities. He has first-hand understanding of both campus-based and distance education, enrolment and student life, undergraduate and graduate studies for both domestic and international students. Best of all, President Christman loves the church with a servant's heart. As you read the interview in these pages, I know you will come to appreciate Rick and his wife, Cheri.

I leave you with warm and heartfelt gratitude. Thank you for allowing us to serve at Kingswood University. I'm honoured to continue my service after retirement as President Emeritus, enabling me to continue as an ambassador for a school and people I deeply love.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve".

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

CLASS OF 2025



A Decade of Dedication

Celebrating the Faithful Influence of President Lennox

After a decade of faithful leadership, President Stephen J. Lennox will enter retirement on June 30th, leaving behind a legacy of unwavering dedication to the student leaders raised and released for Kingdom impact. Since assuming the role in 2015, President Lennox has guided the institution through an era of profound change and the unprecedented challenges facing all institutions of higher education.

President Lennox's tenure has been marked by numerous milestones that reflect a visionary approach to both academic and institutional advancement. Under his leadership, the college expanded its academic offerings, with the regular addition of new degree programs to meet the changing needs of ministry, ensuring students continue to receive comprehensive and contextual formation in their head, hands, heart, and habits for the 21st-century Church.

One of the hallmarks of President Lennox's presidency has been a commitment to access for training through the expansion of virtual modalities. The creation and expansion of Kingswood Extended has become an essential gift to The Wesleyan Church across North America. Last summer, the majority of those ordained in Canada and America had completed all or part of their academic courses as required by the denomination through Kingswood's parallel training pathways.

Additionally, the launch of Kingswood Learn has been warmly received by local churches as an incredible and high-quality investment in discipleship and leadership development. With well over 2000 participants, churches are using these micro courses to train ministry leaders and provide small group curriculum for raising disciple-makers.

Infrastructure has also seen a revitalization under President Lennox's leadership. These include campus additions with the Counselling Centre, the Benson Athletic Complex, and the Greg Mann Dining Commons, to name a few. These developments not only enhanced the student experience but also underscored the college's dedication to maintaining attractive residential education.



Colleagues, students, alumni, and community partners alike have praised President Steve & Eileen Lennox for their approachable leadership style, strategic vision, and unwavering focus on the college's mission.



One of his Kingswood staff colleagues expressed it so perfectly, "People cannot choose how others will remember them after they are gone. But for Steve and Eileen Lennox, their lives, well-lived before the Kingswood family, will evoke memories of joy, steadfastness, courage under fire, faithful service, creative innovation, and spiritual resilience. Kingswood University will long bear the marks of their godly leadership!"

A trustee also shared, "I have been blown away over the years by Steve's work ethic. He is impressively tenacious and seemingly never discouraged by a new challenge. Steve and Eileen are a warm, hospitable, caring, and dynamic duo!"

As President Lennox prepares for retirement, the campus community reflects with gratitude on the past ten years of perseverance and innovation. On April 11th, the trustees and Kingswood family celebrated their contributions with a special banquet culminating in a retirement ceremony that was both heartfelt and memorable. In addition to a monetary retirement gift, the trustees authorized a \$10,000 scholarship fund to be awarded for future students at the discretion of the Lennox's in honour of their decade of ministry.

The Board of Trustees also provided unanimous support to the request of President-Elect Rick Christman in conferring on Dr. Lennox the honorific title of President Emeritus effective July 1st. At the next President's full discretion, Steve will be available in a voluntary role to serve the ongoing promotion and support of the next chapter in God's plan for Kingswood University. Our sincere gratitude and appreciation are warmly offered to President Steve & Eileen Lennox for leaving behind an institution ready to embrace the future.

Stepping Into a New Season at Kingswood

Welcoming Dr. Rick Christman



Kingswood University begins a new season of leadership by welcoming Dr. Rick Christman as president-elect. With a career spanning pastoral ministry, academic instruction, and executive leadership, Dr. Christman brings with him a deep love for the Church, a heart for service, and a compelling vision for Christlike community.

Currently serving as Executive Vice President at Columbia International University, Dr. Christman's past roles include Dean and Associate Vice President at Trevecca Nazarene University, Vice President of Academics and Student Services at Ohio Christian University, and Associate Director for the Center for Life Calling and Leadership at Indiana Wesleyan University. Across these institutions, he has held both teaching and administrative responsibilities, giving him a well-rounded and deeply rooted understanding of Christian higher education.

But for Dr. Christman, leadership is more than a résumé. At the heart of his journey is a commitment to people.

"The most profound experiences I've had are the relationships I've built—whether as a pastor, educator, or administrator. These connections have shaped my leadership, my decision-making, and my relationship with the Lord."

Growing up on a beef cattle farm in southeastern Ohio, with his brother and two sisters, Dr. Christman learned the importance of integrity, perseverance, and hard work—qualities that continue to shape his life.

His call to ministry was affirmed during his time at God's Bible School and College in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he met his wife, Cheri.

"Going to Bible college was foundational to everything I've done in my life. It was there that I began to understand that God truly created me for a purpose. That realization has touched everything I've done since—as a husband, father, grandfather, and leader."



This sense of calling has led Dr. Christman to many diverse roles, but his desire has always been to empower others and live in obedience to the Great Commission. Whether serving in the classroom, the office, or the community, his focus remains relational and redemptive.

As he looks toward to his time at Kingswood, Dr. Christman hopes to foster an environment marked by mutual respect, meaningful connection, and spiritual growth.

"I want to lead in a way that cultivates a community where faculty, staff, and students feel valued, respected, and supported. It's going to take a steady dose of positive energy and collaborative work as we move forward together."

Intentional connection is central to his leadership approach:

"Relationships are essential to healthy organizations. I try to connect both organically on campus and through structured opportunities like weekly coffee with the president or monthly lunches."

Though he will bring his fuller vision to Kingswood this summer, Dr. Christman offered a preview of where he senses God is leading: a renewed focus on spiritual formation and prayer.

"We want to foster a vibrant spiritual environment. That includes all-campus prayer days, deeper engagement in spiritual practices, and ways to involve our online students more fully in the life of the university."

Through both personal and institutional transitions, one passage of Scripture has continued to sustain and inspire him: Isaiah 40:28-31—a timeless reminder of God's strength, faithfulness, and renewal:

"Even youths grow tired and weary... but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

As he and Cheri prepare to settle into life at Kingswood, they are expectant of the things God will do:

"We are delighted to join the Kingswood team and look forward to all that God has in store. Together, as God leads and blesses, we can accomplish great things for His Kingdom."



YOU'RE INVITED TO KINGSWOOD UNIVERSITY'S *Homecoming Weekend!*

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 17-18, 2025



Join us in welcoming
Rev. Dr. Ricky & Cheri
Christman

80 YEARS OF MILESTONES...

1945:

Holiness Bible
Institute was
founded in
Woodstock, NB

1947:

Moved to
Yarmouth and
renamed Bethany
Bible College

1965:

Moved to Sussex
- Stairs Hall and
Ingersoll House
were built

1972:

Lower Campus
was added with
the purchase of
land & buildings

1983:

Authorized to
grant degrees by
the Province of
New Brunswick



WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS:

Friday, October 17: Evening Celebration – Inauguration of Rev. Dr. Ricky Christman

Welcome our president as we mark the beginning of a new chapter in Kingswood's story. This formal service will include worship, special guests, and a charge to our new leader.

Saturday, October 18: 80th Anniversary Celebration Service

Give thanks with us in a powerful worship service as we celebrate God's faithfulness through 80 years of ministry training—and rejoice in a significant milestone: becoming debt-free as an institution!

Daytime Activities

Enjoy campus tours, family-friendly activities, food, music, and more. It's a time to reconnect, reminisce, and experience what makes Kingswood so special.

Onsite Accommodations Available

Plan to stay right on campus—limited accommodations are available, so be sure to reserve early!

More Details Coming Soon!

Check our website for the latest updates, schedules, and registration information.

Scan the QR code or visit www.kingswood.edu/homecoming to learn more!



1987:

Accredited through the Association for Biblical Higher Education



2008:

Saunders Irving Chapel was dedicated



2011:

Bethany Bible College was renamed Kingswood University



2016:

Benson athletic fields and complex were constructed



2019:

The Kingswood Counselling Centre opened



New Seasons of Learning

French and Spanish Courses Now Available on Kingswood Learn

As we enter a new season at Kingswood, we're excited to announce that Kingswood Learn has gone multilingual!

Kingswood Learn, which was developed in partnership with CampusEDU, aims to create opportunities for transformational learning. And with our new multilingual course offerings, we are expanding our mission globally. We want to empower learners worldwide to grow in their faith, deepen their understanding of the Bible, and pursue God's calling.

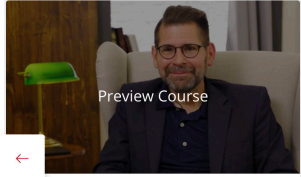
These courses are part of a broader vision to serve and equip the local and global Church. Courses such as "Creencias cristianas básicas" (Basic Christian Beliefs) and "Entendiendo la santidad" (Understanding Holiness) in Spanish, along with "Une brève introduction au Nouveau Testament" (A Brief Introduction to the New Testament) in French, are designed to be practical, accessible, and spiritually enriching.

These courses were created to fit into any schedule and are free on our website. So, whether you're preparing for ministry, looking to strengthen your relationship with Christ, or exploring your faith, Kingswood Learn is here to support you, wherever you are and in whatever language you may speak.

We believe God is opening new doors and creating new stories through Kingswood Learn. As we continue to expand, we are excited to see how these resources will inspire and equip servant leaders around the world.

Explore the courses today at kingswoodlearn.com.

Spanish Courses Now Available!




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Creencias cristianas básicas

La teología es el lenguaje de Dios. Este curso introduce las enseñanzas y principios...

Enroll For Free



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Entendiendo la santidad

La santidad para nosotros como humanos no es otra cosa que ser los humanos completos que Dios nos...

Enroll For Free



Equipping Pastors Where They Are

Empowering Pastors Through Local Partnerships

high-quality, contextually relevant ministry training directly within the local church community.

This partnership is more than a program—it's the fulfillment of a shared vision. As Adam Munshaw, CFO and Pastor at NEWLIFE Church, reflects:

"Partnering with Kingswood Extended made possible the dream of a different way of training our future pastors right here in our local churches. From an idea and an Excel spreadsheet

At Kingswood, we believe in the power of local churches to develop local leaders. That's why we are excited to partner with NEWLIFE Church and Pastor Adam Munshaw to provide

came the creation of a two-year training program that will graduate our first seven pastors this year. Kingswood brings academic expertise and blends it with our culture and values to bring the best content to our local context."

The training model offered by Kingswood Extended is flexible, affordable, and highly practical. It is designed to equip church volunteers, emerging leaders, and future pastors without requiring them to leave their home ministries. By combining academic excellence with the unique characteristics of each partner church, Kingswood Extended makes theological education more accessible, personal, and impactful than ever before.

As we enter a new season of equipping the Church, we're excited to see how God is using partnerships like this to shape the next generation of Christlike servant leaders.

Learn more about how your church can start a training site at: kingswood.edu/train-your-volunteers

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- Skiing
- NYC Mission Trip
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Estate Planning: Leaving a Legacy That Lasts

While serving as a local church pastor and hospice coordinator, I had many opportunities to sit with people as they faced the end of their lives. I heard some of them regret that they had not done more for God in their prime and at the height of their fiscal power.

Nothing is more painful than drawing near to eternity and realizing, "I could've done more for God and others!"

One way to avoid an end-of-life lament is to exercise wise stewardship by planning how your wealth will outlive you.

It's never too early to secure a valid will or update an outdated one. A simple, legal document will give you peace of mind,

knowing that your resources will serve God's purposes when you are gone.

To learn more today or discuss how you can benefit God's kingdom in the future, call us at (506) 432-4400.

Remembering Kingswood University in your end-of-life plan will multiply your spiritual and financial influence and give expression to the things that matter most to you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dean'.

- Rev. Dean Brown — Director of Donor and Alumni Relations

Prepare for What Matters Most

At Kingswood University

At Kingswood University, we believe students thrive when their education combines academic excellence, hands-on ministry experience, and intentional spiritual formation. Our desire is that your time here will deepen your passion for God, His Word, His Church, and His mission—equipping you for what matters most.

Explore the programs listed below and visit our website for full details.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS (ON-CAMPUS & ONLINE)

Two-Year Associate Degrees

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

Deepen your grasp of Scripture and gain the skills needed to understand the words of God in their original language.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

Strengthen your foundation of Bible and theology through intensive study of Scripture and its application to ministry.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN EVANGELISM & COMPASSION MINISTRY

Be equipped with a Biblical foundation as you minister in evangelistic and compassionate outreach settings.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN GENERAL EDUCATION

Equip yourself with a Christian worldview before pursuing further education in the marketplace.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Prepare for a career in ministry with customizable tracks in Ministry Licensing or Christian Chaplaincy. This flexible program will equip you for diverse ministry opportunities or further study.



Four-Year Bachelor's Degrees

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Step into leadership in the business world equipped with the foundational knowledge of business principles through the lens of a ministry mindset and Biblical worldview.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING

This Christ-centered and therapeutically relevant degree provides the first step towards becoming a licensed counsellor.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EDUCATION

Invest in your classroom as your mission field with the practical knowledge and skills needed to effectively teach and manage a classroom.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MINISTRY

Prepare for effective ministry with a selection of five different majors and minors including:

- Evangelism & Social Justice
- Intercultural Studies
- Marketplace Ministry
- NextGen Ministry (Children, Youth & Family)
- Pastoral Ministry

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Lead others in meaningful and inspiring times of worship through a commitment to musical excellence and spiritual formation built on sound worship theology and prayerful planning and preparation.

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

Gain a comprehensive knowledge of the Bible, explore the challenging world of apologetics, and learn about Biblical languages, forging a better understanding of and deeper connection with God.



UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS

TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

TESL 1 certification is available. Includes six hours of course work plus a practicum.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EDUCATION DIPLOMA

Professional courses for classroom management and instruction in an accessible online format. Designed for those already in a school setting, all courses are available outside of school hours.

NEXT GEN DIPLOMA

Practical training for leading children, youth, and family ministries in an accessible online format.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS (ONLINE ONLY)

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLING

Become better equipped and more effective in counselling situations. Ideal for those in a pastoral role, this diploma can be completed in one year.

MASTER OF ARTS IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLING

Gain the knowledge and skills required to become a licensed counsellor with this 66 credit-hour degree designed to be completed in a two-year or three-year track.

MASTER OF ARTS IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY

Level-up your pastoral ministry leadership through content designed to speak to current ministry issues through integrating Biblical theology into every practice of ministry. Innovative, experience-based, spiritually enriching, and flexible, complete this streamlined 36 credit-hour degree in one year.

ELEMENTS: GAP YEAR PROGRAM

Elements is an 8-month program that runs from September to April with a break for Christmas. Students live, work, and study in the Elements cohort on the campus of Kingswood University. The weekly schedule is structured and full of daytime and weekend activities, courses, service projects, learning, group work, and free time.

The Elements program director will provide oversight and mentorship, along with other staff and professionals who will assist with the learning and service activities. Life will be full and fulfilling while you're in Elements!

EARLY ENROLMENT/DUAL ENROLMENT COURSES (ONLINE ONLY)

Students in Grade 11 & 12 can take KU courses online to satisfy high school graduation requirements and earn university credit towards a degree at Kingswood or another post-secondary institution. Choose from over twenty, cost-effective courses and benefit from university-level experience as you strengthen your transcript for university applications.

CERTIFICATE-LEVEL COURSES FOR MINISTRY PREPARATION (ONLINE ONLY)

Kingswood offers the 7 courses required for licensing and the full 24 courses required for ordination in The Wesleyan Church. Affordable, non-credit courses are available in either a self-paced format or a virtual classroom experience. In total, KU offers over 30 certificate-level courses designed for personal enrichment and equipping for local church ministry.







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