



2024–2025  
Annual Report

A photograph of two young women sitting on a grassy lawn. One woman is sitting cross-legged, looking at a laptop, while the other sits beside her, looking at a small object in her hands. They are surrounded by pink flower petals. In the background, there is a stone wall and a tree with pink blossoms. The scene is bright and sunny.

# *Provision & Gratitude*

# President's Message

Dear Friends,

What a joy it is to share this report with you today. And what a joy it is to thank you for helping to make everything in this report possible.

As you may know, I assumed the role of Regent College President at the beginning of July. It seems very fitting that one of my first acts in this role is writing to you, Regent's donors. During this transition, I have been deeply mindful of the faithfulness and generosity of so many people throughout Regent's history. I am both humbled and inspired by their legacy—and by the vital contributions made by donors like you over the past year.

The stories you're about to read provide a taste of what your generosity has accomplished. I am particularly delighted to introduce you to the students you'll meet in these pages. Their stories reflect so much of what makes Regent unique. All three of these students were drawn to Regent by a desire to make meaningful connections between their faith and the world around them. Their interests differed, ranging from art and social engagement to science and creation care, but they were all searching for an integrative vision of theology and life. And they all found it here.



For those of us who have known Regent for many years, these are familiar themes. Through God's empowering Spirit, Regent's deep roots continue to nurture new growth, generation after generation. I see a similar thread of continuity in the remarks shared by Dr. Brittany Melton. While Brittany is one of our newer faculty members, her enthusiasm for her subject, her commitment to Christ, and her love for her students place her firmly in a long line of extraordinary professors who have shaped the Regent community since its founding.

Whether you are new to the Regent community or have been journeying with us for decades, I am profoundly grateful for your decision to give. It is a simple fact that Regent could not exist without donor support. Your prayers, your gifts, and your sacrificial care for this community are remembered and appreciated each and every day. Thank you!

In Christ,

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

**Paul Spilsbury**

# A Great Encouragement

Gisela Muñoz Cruz

Studying at Regent was a long-standing dream for me. My academic background includes work in comparative literature, law, and translation studies, but after serving in student ministry for several years, I was eager to receive more theological education. I was particularly interested in interdisciplinary learning, so Regent's focus on training the whole people of God and connecting faith with other fields of study made it especially appealing.

A summer 2018 visit to Vancouver to audit a few courses cemented my desire to study at Regent. The opportunity to begin a degree program finally arose in 2022: the time was ripe, and the generosity of Regent donors provided much-needed financial support.

Regent has been a great encouragement in my spiritual life and ministry journey. Serving in student ministry for the past decade brought up many questions and challenges, and Regent has given me an opportunity to explore and work through them. Along the way, I've studied alongside a diverse group of classmates who consistently bring up profound questions, ideas, and life experiences. I've also met and learned from intelligent, kind, and godly professors—highly competent academics who are also profoundly human, humble, and genuinely concerned for students' overall wellbeing in life and ministry.

In all of this, I have experienced a refreshing combination of intellectual stimulation and spiritual encouragement, and my commitment to Christ's church has been nurtured and deepened. To all the Regent donors who have helped make this experience possible, thank you so much!



MACS student Gisela Muñoz Cruz grew up in Puerto Rico, where she currently serves with the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students as part of the organization's Regional Team for Latin America.



# Bridging the Gap

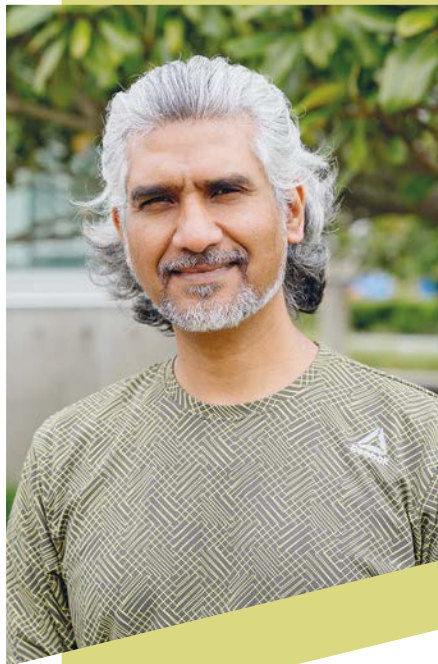
Vineet Jerry Samuel

I came to Regent to study Christianity and the Arts because I was seeking to merge faith with creativity in God’s service.

My journey began in 2017, when a program on the migration crisis hosted by the Council for World Mission introduced me to how some churches were using arts and creative processes for meaningful social engagement. This experience shifted my perspective on the spiritual use of art to foster a just society and inspired me to bring these ideas to my church in India. As I sought to deepen my expertise, I was drawn by Regent’s interdisciplinary approach to arts and theology, especially in the context of world issues.

My time at Regent has certainly deepened my understanding of the intersection between faith, arts, and theology. Academically, I’ve gained insights into theological aesthetics, exploring how creativity shapes spiritual expression. Personally, I’ve learned the importance of integrating art into worship and community life to foster a more inclusive and engaged church. Spiritually, my journey has been enriched by diverse perspectives from fellow students and faculty, broadening my understanding of God’s presence in culture and society.

Regent’s interdisciplinary approach has strengthened my commitment to Christ’s transformative mission in the world. My studies have equipped me to bridge the gap between theology and creative practice, empowering me to serve both church and community more effectively.



Vineet Jerry Samuel (ThM '25) was born and raised in Delhi, India. Prior to attending Regent, he studied applied arts and worked in creative advertising, and later attended seminary and served in pastoral ministry with the Church of North India.

# Connecting to the Creator

Craig Robinson

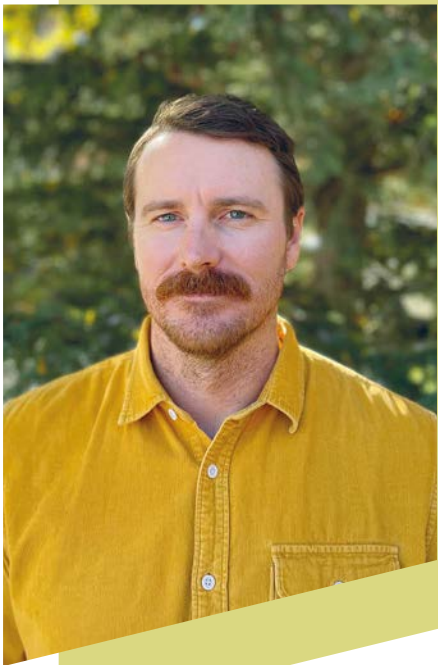
My family and I love the outdoors. That’s what led us to plant a church in the beautiful Alberta Rockies—we wanted to foster connection to the Creator among people who already have an attraction to creation. This was a large part of my own journey to faith, so I find resonance with many sojourners who are “seeking a homeland.”

I came to Regent because I’m interested in the overlap of ecology and theology. Through various relational connections, I learned that Regent is a school that fosters these conversations.

Last year I was able to take an amazing class on science and theology with Dr. Ross Hastings. It challenged the stories I’d always heard about how these disciplines relate to one another, and it allowed me to put to rest much of the discomfort I felt about tension between science and Scripture. It opened my imagination for how environmental science might influence the actions of the church, and it shaped how I see and experience God’s magnificent world.

My view of the church, too, has become more robust and beautiful during my time at Regent. I’ve learned so much from other students from different theological traditions and different parts of the world. I love Regent’s transdenominational ethos.

I’m immensely grateful for the financial aid I’ve received from Regent donors. Attending Regent wouldn’t have been possible without a scholarship that allowed me to step back from one of my jobs. The generosity of donors has been an incredible source of grace for myself, my family, and my church.



MATS student Craig Robinson, originally from Virginia in the United States, is a co-vocational church planter in Canmore, Alberta.



# Regent College Overall Finances

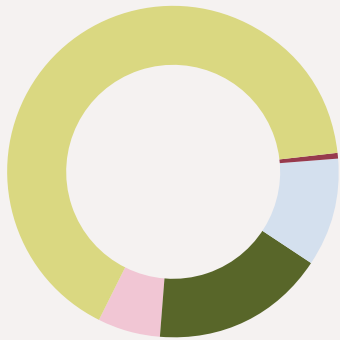
We are so very grateful for God’s abundant provision through your giving in 2024–2025. And we thank God for the surpluses of past years, which allowed us to operate with a Board-approved deficit this past year. The College’s cash position is strong, so there was no negative impact on our mission or on our support for students due to the deficit.

The Board of Governors has mandated that Regent achieve a balanced budget by 2026–2027. This will necessitate an increase in giving to our Annual Fund from this year’s \$1.7 million to \$2 million in each of the next two years. We would be grateful for your prayers and for your generous support in 2025–2026 and beyond.

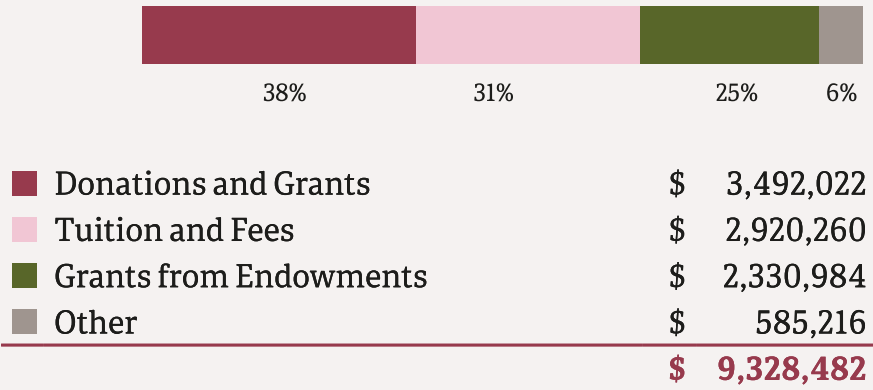
## Your Generosity

Regent is profoundly grateful to each of the 1,043 donors who helped fund the College’s mission in fiscal year 2024–2025. We praise God for his provision for the Regent community through the generosity of God’s people.

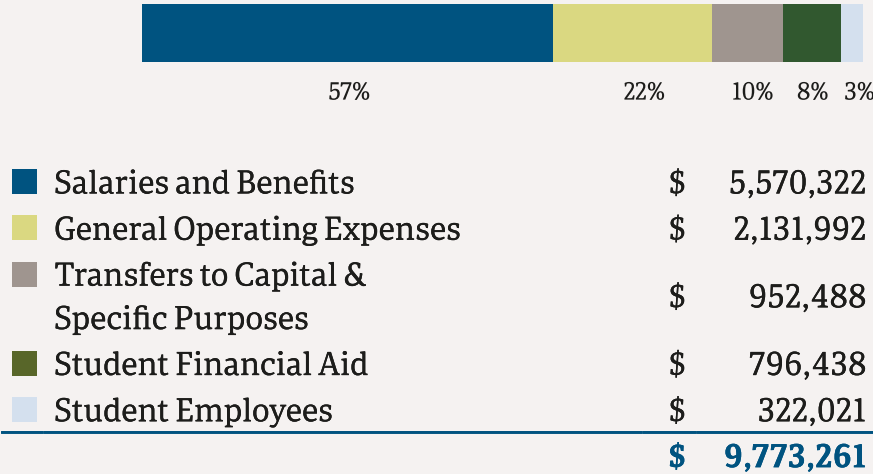
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### Revenues



### Expenses



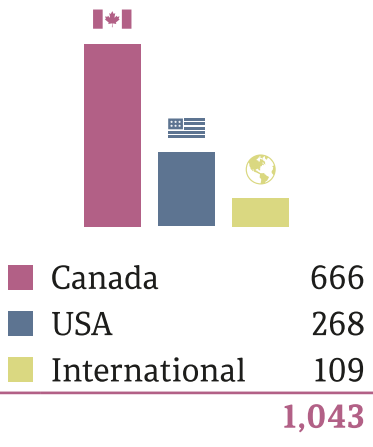
### Funds Received

■ Annual Fund	\$ 1,698,586
■ Bequests	\$ 12,231
■ Endowment	\$ 271,239
■ Donor-Established Scholarships	\$ 446,144
■ Specific Purpose Funds	\$ 158,849
	<b>\$ 2,587,049</b>



### Number of Donors

\$1–\$99	44
\$100–\$499	382
\$500–\$999	197
\$1,000–\$1,999	175
\$2,000–\$4,999	128
\$5,000–\$9,999	59
\$10,000–\$24,999	43
\$25,000+	15
	<b>1,043</b>



# The Old Testament and the Regent Community

Dr. Brittany N. Melton

It wasn't until I took Hebrew in my last year of university that I realized how little I knew about applying the Old Testament to contemporary life. Perhaps that's surprising, because I'd grown up in the church—I'd been reading the Bible my whole life. But I'd never had to slow down to read the text so closely before. Through that Hebrew class and my further studies, I discovered how life-giving and relevant the Old Testament is for us today.

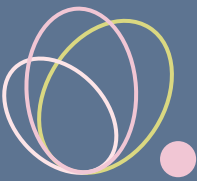
I love teaching the Old Testament to my students. In my classes, I hope they discover a new appreciation for the depth and breadth of Scripture. I hope they come to love God more because they've slowed down to spend time in his word. I hope they learn how important lament is to the life of the church. I hope they learn to trace the hospitality of God through biblical theology, and to see how this theme should translate to the way they view and treat other people. I hope this understanding encourages them to invite strangers to share their table for years to come.

I also love teaching at Regent College. Regent students are incredible—so bright, creative, and eager to learn and grow, with hearts that are open to care for God's creation, people included. The broader Regent community is a nuanced and joyful network of fascinating people from all over the world who are seeking to love Christ and his world well. That's a rare and beautiful thing.

Being part of this community looks like sharing deep conversations, delicious meals, and life with all its struggles and joys. I wish everyone could come taste Regent, even for a short season!



Dr. Brittany N. Melton is Associate Professor of Old Testament at Regent College. Her research interests include divine presence and absence, the Megilloth (the books of Ruth, Esther, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs), wisdom literature, and hospitality.



# Privileged to Watch It Grow

Dr. Nancy Leal

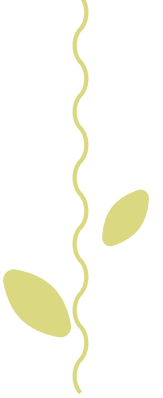
*"I knew some of the originators and early donors of Regent College. I have been privileged to watch it grow from infancy to become a living community of God's people who nurture the Christian experience and share it out into the world. I am a donor to Regent because I believe in the mission and want it to flourish into the future."*

As her comments suggest, Nancy has rich memories of Regent's early years and the many unique personalities who shaped the founding and growth of the Regent community. One such person is Mrs. Jean Sutherland, who was one of Nancy's patients.

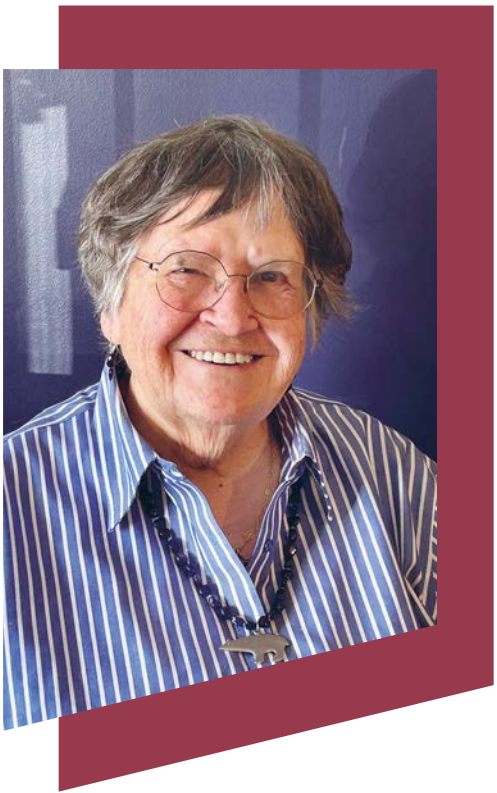
A gifted classics scholar, Jean balanced her deep love of learning with the demands of running a household with six children. As the wife of Brian Sutherland, one of the members of Regent's founding Board of Governors and its first Board Chair, Jean made a significant contribution to the Regent community in her own right through her hospitality and commitment to learning.

Nancy established the Jean Sutherland Prize in 1984. Awarded each year at Convocation, the prize is awarded to a student, selected by the faculty, whose character and skills are reminiscent of Jean's quality of life. Nancy enjoys learning about each year's recipient and seeing how the qualities she recognized in Regent's early life continue to flourish today.

Nancy has maintained her support of the Regent community for over 50 years. In addition to giving regularly as a monthly donor, she has named Regent College in her will. Donors like Nancy play an invaluable role in passing the Regent legacy forward to future generations. Thank you to Nancy and all our other monthly donors and legacy giving partners!



Dr. Nancy Leal is a retired family physician living in Victoria, BC, and a faithful donor to Regent College.



# From Strategic Plan to Strategic Action

As Regent concludes the first year of our current strategic plan, we are deeply grateful for your contribution to this work. Donor support has been and will continue to be absolutely crucial to Regent's strategic action. Your prayers, student referrals, contributions to our community, and financial support are irreplaceable gifts. Thank you for making this journey with us!

Here are a few updates regarding our six strategic priorities.

## Priority 1: Healthy Community

In spring 2025, Regent adopted revised policies on community life and safety that help concretize the College's commitment to cultivating a respectful community in which each person is treated with dignity. Faculty, staff, and students will receive training in the new policies and related procedures this summer and fall.

## Priority 2: Grow Enrollment

Regent's new Director of Recruitment, Ryan Klassen, is providing invaluable expertise and leadership as he works with the Admissions team on new strategies to help prospective students find their way to Regent College. Early initiatives, such as changing registration timelines to encourage earlier enrollment, are already bearing fruit, and there is much more to come.

## Priority 3: Deepen Formation

The year's focus on deepening students' spiritual formation was realized through a number of efforts, including the creation of new avenues for the intentional pursuit of spiritual friendship, periods of silence, and communal prayer. In addition, Regent has convened a group of student, staff, and faculty representatives to provide insight and leadership as we strive to grow as a community in which everyone is able to bring their whole selves to our shared life and where all voices are heard and honoured.

## Priority 4: Extend Impact

Regent is working with like-minded partner organizations to develop resources for lifelong learning—including a new video series—that will engage new audiences while serving our existing community. We have also deepened our collaboration with The Rabbit Room, a major hub of activity and connection among Christians engaged in the arts. Professor Jonathan Anderson and Ryan Klassen were delighted to attend the 2024 Hutchmoot conference, where our students helped them make many new contacts.



## Priority 5: Achieve Sustainability

Regent has successfully completed the sale of Lot 3 (our former parking lot), the proceeds of which will significantly strengthen our long-term financial position.

The past year also saw the implementation of policy changes around the use of student financial aid that are already increasing uptake and allowing students to take more credits each term, allowing our financial aid resources to be used more efficiently and with greater impact.

## Priority 6: Fresh Expression

Regent is close to finishing a complete redevelopment of its website that will introduce an exciting new look and improve the experience of online visitors. The site will also include a new online platform to distribute high-quality video, audio, and text resources for the whole people of God. We are excited to see this project launch in the coming months!

## Caring for Place

In spring 2025, Regent completed a series of much-needed projects to upgrade and refresh our building. Launched nearly three years ago, the Caring for Place project unfolded in stages, culminating in a major overhaul of our Chapel space last fall and winter.

After months of holding Tuesday Chapel offsite, moving back into our own space was a joyful occasion marked by deep gratitude. In a brief welcome-home address, Jeff Greenman recognized the tremendous contributions of Building Operations Manager Josh Bennick, the Facilities team's student employees, and the many workers who carried out the upgrades. He also led the community in thanking the more than 450 donors who gave generously to make it all possible.

Thanks to you, our donors, Regent's building is more conducive to learning and sharing life together. Fresh paint, carpets, bathrooms, Chapel seating, and classroom furniture (no more tiny tablet desks!) have made this a more beautiful and welcoming place. We couldn't be more grateful!



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