



Expanding Presence

Going Into All the World

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A Word from the President

Kingswood 2.0



Mom was very proud; she was just seeing a side of me she hadn't expected.

Something like this is happening at Kingswood University. Before our eyes it has developed into something surprising. We're calling it Kingswood 2.0.

Ten years ago, we were entirely campus-based. Now we have students across North America as well as in Sussex. All our on-campus programs can be taken fully online. Meanwhile, our Sussex campus continues to produce Christ-like servant leaders who have been nurtured in a "sanctifying context."

For most of our 80-year history, we employed one way of teaching: professor and students together in a physical classroom. Now Kingswood students also study through distance education at their own pace, in virtual classrooms, in hybrid mentored cohorts, and through competency-based education.

A decade ago, our primary product was undergraduate pastoral training. This is still our "bread and butter" program, but we also have degrees in Counselling, Business Management, and Marketplace Ministry. We've embraced the philosophy that you can minister as a vocation, but also through a vocation.

I still remember the look of surprise on mom's face. The curtain had just fallen on our high school musical in which I had played one of the leading roles. She wondered aloud how someone who could memorize so many lines and lyrics could still forget to take out the trash.

We have always had a small international presence among our student body. By this time next year, thanks to our partnership with Crandall University, Kingswood will have a much more multicultural flavour.

Just seven years ago, all our programs were credit bearing. Now, through Kingswood Extended, we also offer non-degree certificates to help people prepare for ministry and ordination. As well, we offer free non-degree micro courses through Kingswood Learn, allowing people to enrich their lives and their local churches.

Our mission hasn't changed: to serve the church by training Christ-like servant leaders. But today we do this in ways barely imagined only a decade ago.

In this issue you'll hear more about Kingswood 2.0. We'll introduce you to new staff and hear from current students. We'll explain how we're serving the church through Kingswood Extended and provide an exciting update on the amazing progress of Kingswood Learn.

As you learn more about what God is doing through Kingswood 2.0, we think you'll be pleasantly surprised. 🙌

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

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

CLASS OF 2024



Expanding Presence of Kingswood 2.0

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Kingswood University is growing! Through its on-campus programs, its online offerings via Kingswood Extended, and the growing number of users on Kingswood Learn, Kingswood's mission to form Christ-like servant leaders is expanding. Over 1100 people are now being directly impacted, including over 300 in our certificate programs and nearly 700 taking micro-courses through Kingswood Learn. In recent years, the offerings of Kingswood across these platforms have reached 27 countries outside of Canada and the U.S., as well as 7 Canadian provinces and 45 American states.

Kingswood Learn

The most recent addition to Kingswood's education offerings is Kingswood Learn. Launched in January, this free platform provides access to high-quality, engaging, thoroughly vetted, and practical micro courses. In addition to its use by nearly 700 individuals, this resource has also been implemented as a group

discipleship tool by local church congregations. All this before it reached its six month birthday.

Pastor Andrew Ross from Houlton Wesleyan, reflecting on his congregation's experience with Kingswood Learn, observes, "It allows congregations to more readily access instruction and teaching insights from qualified leaders. I see the impact being both theological and pastoral. When congregations are able to access high-quality courses, even at the more basic level, it helps feed a hunger many have for going deeper in God's Word and in theology."

Pastor Ryan Genereaux from Woodstock Wesleyan is another leader who has been involved in implementing this resource for a group of about 35 attendees from his church's congregation. Reflecting on the value of this resource, he said, "The courses on Kingswood Learn are a great discipleship tool. One big way I have seen it making an impact is in seeing our people have access to safe, trusted material online."



A group at Woodstock Wesleyan taking the Kingswood Learn course Spiritual Practices together.

As Kingswood Learn continues to expand in both course offerings and number of users, it is exciting to see the impact of having faith-based educational and discipleship tools so readily available. As lay leaders become empowered to learn and lead through this free resource, believers will become more engaged in the ministry and life of their local churches.

***Learn more about
Kingswood Learn
and sign up today!***



Kingswood Extended Degree Programs

With about 40 students currently taking degree programs online through Kingswood Extended (KX), Kingswood is providing individuals with a flexible and practical option to train for ministry wherever they are around the globe. This has proven to be a valuable educational tool both for individuals preparing for full-time ministry as well as for those seeking to expand their knowledge out of personal interest.

Cindy Halcrow, an A.A. in Biblical Studies student, shares her story of finding Kingswood Extended, saying, "I have always wanted to go to Bible school, but life, children, and work interrupted that dream. When I retired from a career in public service in 2023, I found myself with a lot of spare time so I started searching for an online program that would increase my knowledge of the Bible. A former pastor at my church recommended Kingswood University and suggested that I look at its online programs. The A.A. in Biblical Studies was exactly what I was looking for."

For Cindy and others like her, Kingswood Extended offers an affordable and accessible way to gain valuable knowledge without uprooting and leaving home to attend in person. Through KX, Kingswood is privileged to make ministry training accessible to people in all stages of life and to those who face obstacles to in-person learning.

Will Harvey, a B.A. in Ministry (Pastoral) student preparing for full-time ministry, says, "Choosing KX to study was one of the best things I did. As a person with a physical disability, it is hard to find a school with a campus that is ergonomically equipped for a wheelchair. It would be different if I were being called somewhere for employment, but a move to study for four or five years would be unfeasible, considering the circumstances. Studying through KX, I can stay in my current home, which I know is ergonomically equipped, and stay connected with my home church family while studying."

Will hopes to go on to teach and pastor others with the knowledge he has gained through his degree. "We all are

constrained by what knowledge we have," Will says. "The lack of knowledge can limit us. Before Kingswood Extended, I knew a few biblical truths for right living, the way to salvation, and who Jesus was. I didn't start to understand and learn the ebbs and flows of the Biblical meta-story and how the rest of the Bible relates to that story until I started studying it."

As Will says, lack of knowledge can limit people in both their personal and ministry potential. With Kingswood Extended's increased reach, individuals are growing and developing in ways that might not have been possible without an educational experience that meets them where they are and fits naturally into their everyday lives.

***Learn more about
degree programs
through Kingswood
Extended!***

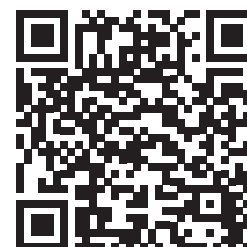


Kingswood Extended Certificate Programs

In addition to degree programs, Kingswood Extended also offers certificate-level courses for ordination and personal development. The most recent numbers show over 300 students enrolled in certificate-level courses through Kingswood Extended. These courses, utilized by individuals in a self-paced format, in hybrid classroom settings, and in mentored cohorts run by local churches, offer an affordable, flexible, and accessible way for people to grow in their personal and ministerial development.

Cyndi Bennett, who just completed a certificate in Biblical Studies through Kingswood Extended, reflects on her experience saying, "My education has already increased my ability to understand, question, research, and teach the Bible. I am certain this will continue as I follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit into the unknown paths God has chosen for me." Cyndi originally began courses through KX because she found herself teaching the Bible in her church and community, and she felt a desire to become a better teacher. Through her KX courses, she grew in understanding and was met by God in powerful and moving ways.

***Learn more about
Personal Development
courses through
Kingswood Extended!***





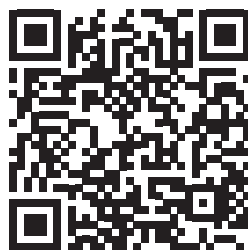
A mentored cohort from Healing Place Church.

Kingswood Extended certificate-level courses are also being used by churches in hybrid classrooms, combining distance and in-person learning, and through implementing mentored cohorts. One such partnership is with Healing Place Church in Waldorf, Maryland, where a mentored cohort meets every other week for up to three hours. The Kingswood Extended class they are working through currently offers an introduction to the Old Testament, and students in the congregation are given the option of auditing the course or paying to have it count towards a certificate. Rev. Moe Diggs from Healing Place Church says, "I see this impacting our congregation and community by giving them a deeper dive that continues to stir the hunger in their hearts for the Word, as well as theology and leadership training."

Kickstarter uses a network of professors, all from the Great Lakes Region, to run a ministerial training program that is made possible by their partnership with Kingswood Extended. With much of the cost of classes underwritten by the GLR, individuals in their district wanting to pursue ministerial licensing have an affordable and accessible route to do so.

Sherry Laurence from the Great Lakes Region describes the resounding success of this program, saying, "In the little over a year and a half that Kickstarter has been available, we've had over 100 students engage in the Ministerial Development Journey through Kickstarter. By the end of the 2023-24 church year, we are set to have issued initial licensing to nearly 80 pastors, double the number from the year before."

***Learn more about
Mentored Cohorts
through Kingswood
Extended!***



***Learn more about
Ordination Studies
through Kingswood
Extended!***



Another partnership that is increasing the accessibility of ministry training is the Kickstarter program, an initiative started by the Great Lakes Region (GLR) of the Wesleyan Church in partnership with Kingswood. The GLR's mission is to equip and empower pastors and leaders to seek and save the lost. This mission sparked the formation of Kickstarter, a ministerial development pipeline for those who sense a call to ministry.

As Kingswood's presence expands, so does the capacity to accomplish its mission to serve Jesus Christ by strengthening the local and global church through forming Christ-like servant leaders. It is encouraging to see the ripple effect of equipping and empowering local congregations, as local churches are able to raise up and train leaders and teachers with affordable and accessible resources. 🙌

Prepare for What Matters Most

at Kingswood University

We believe students thrive when their education includes academic excellence, practical ministry experience, and intentional spiritual formation. Our goal is that your time at Kingswood will result in a passion for God, His Word, His Church, and His mission as you prepare for what matters most. Visit our website for a full description of the programs listed below.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS (ON-CAMPUS & ONLINE)

Two-Year Associate Degrees

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 an art-related field or a career in the marketplace.



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 six different majors and minors including:

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

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN WORSHIP ARTS

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.

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 MINISTRY

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



EARLY ENROLMENT/DUAL ENROLMENT COURSES (ONLINE ONLY)

Students in Grade 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 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-pack of courses required for licensing and the full 24 courses required for ordination in The Wesleyan Church as affordable, non-credit courses 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.



Spiritual Formation at Kingswood



Kingswood's Spiritual Formation Component is an integral part of campus life, creating a culture that prioritizes spiritual disciplines and personal growth. The Spiritual Formation Component features events like chapel services, Evensong, and mentorship cohorts as well as weekly check-ins for students to reflect on what God has been teaching them through both organized events and personal devotions. As we look back on the first year since adding Evensong and mentorship cohorts to the Spiritual Formation Component, we asked a few students to reflect on ways they have seen the Spiritual Formation Component impact their life and spiritual growth.

"A highlight of the Spiritual Formation Component for me is having the accountability every week and being able to sit and reflect. It's helped me to be on the lookout to hear God in every single space. I have found that I'm more receptive every time we gather together, and I'm always hearing from the Lord."

— **Mathapelo Galela**

First-year Christian Counselling student

"The most rewarding part of being one of Evensong's leaders has been seeing people become confident in the leading of the Holy Spirit and in the callings that God has placed upon them. I have people asking me if they can speak at Evensong that I know don't like public speaking, but they're simply being obedient to share something that they feel the Lord has laid on their heart."

— **Mathias Croft**

First-year Pastoral Ministry student, Co-Leader of Evensong

"My personal devotional life has been the most impactful part of the Spiritual Formation Component because consistency there has met me in all of the other spaces. I've been able to appreciate, enjoy, and seek God more fervently. Beyond whoever's speaking or wherever we are, it becomes a more enriching experience because I met God in the morning."

— **Hannah Bink**

Fourth-year Christian Counselling student

"All of the spiritual formation events set the culture of campus. And oftentimes, because those required things that are prominent on campus are setting the culture, other parts of campus life like relationships with friends or relationships with mentors lead to really good spiritual formation."

— **Emma Mullen**

Third-year Pastoral Ministry & Christian Counselling student

"Chapel has impacted me the most. It's a good way to start off your morning and to worship God as a community together."

— **Alice McCutcheon**

Second-year Evangelism & Compassion student

"I've seen Evensong impacting campus by multiplying and reinforcing the community aspect of Kingswood. It's an event that people aren't required to attend, but people still want to go because they crave God, they crave community, and they crave the presence of God with his people praising him."

— **Maverick Tsui**

Second-year Evangelism & Compassion student, Co-Leader of Evensong

**Learn more about studying on
campus at Kingswood!**



Catch the Vision

- February 27 – March 8, 2025
- 10-Day Journey through the Land of the Bible
- \$4,348 USD per person, double occupancy



ISRAEL
2025
(with optional 5-day Egypt extension)

“It’s all about catching the vision for what God has created and for what He’s creating at Kingswood.” That’s the way President Steve Lennox describes the purpose for Kingswood’s Vision Tours. The very first trip, held in May 1992, was a joint venture with the Best Years Fellowship ministry of The Wesleyan Church. Guests spent three days in and around St. Andrews, New Brunswick, staying at the grand Algonquin Hotel.

Since then, Vision Tour guests have traveled throughout Atlantic Canada, Quebec, and New England, including Newfoundland, Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, Ottawa, even the Magdalen Islands. “When you have a region as beautiful as ours,” says Lennox, “you want to show it off.”

In 2020, Vision Tours went international, as President Lennox and Pastor Joel Gorveatte co-led a trip to Israel and Jordan. International trips focus on places important to the Bible and

the history of Christianity. “As a Bible College, it makes sense for us to help people experience the lands of the Bible,” Lennox explained.

From the first trip to the present, Vision Tours have been about allowing guests to experience warm Christian fellowship, inspiring “words from the Word,” and a great touring experience.

These trips have also proven to be a wonderful way to introduce people to the ministry of Kingswood University. Whenever possible, tours include time on campus, allowing guests to experience a Chapel service and see the beautiful campus firsthand. They also share a meal with students and, if they choose, become a student’s prayer partner.

Once introduced, most guests become supporters. Since 1992, 375 households have traveled with Kingswood, the vast majority without any connection to Kingswood before their first trip. Those who came to know Kingswood through a vision tour have given almost \$2 million dollars. Giving from all 375 households now stands at over \$5 million dollars.

Key to the success of this ministry has been Tour Coordinator, Debbie Benson. Guests agree that Debbie strives to provide them with a worry-free trip so they can delight in the wonder of the natural beauty all around. “Many of our guests have served the Lord for years,” Debbie says. “I feel privileged to help make this trip a reality for them. They appreciate everything we do!”

The next Vision Tour will take in the gorgeous fall colours of the Gaspé Peninsula and the cultural riches of Québec City, September 19-27, 2024. For more information, go to <https://www.kingswood.edu/kingswood-vision-tour-2024>.

In the spring of 2025, President Lennox and Pastor Gorveatte will return to Israel, with an optional extension to Egypt. Learn more at <https://www.kingswood.edu/israel-2025>. You can also call and speak with Debbie at 506-432-4411 or 888-432-4444. ☎



Quebec City

Announcing Our New Staff & Faculty Members

Kingswood is excited to introduce three new staff members who will serve our on-campus students and a new faculty member who will serve as the Program Director of Business Management. These new members of the Kingswood community bring with them experience, knowledge, and a passion for seeing students thrive.



Jeff Hughes
Program Director of Business Management

"I want to equip business students with the real-world business development skills and experience they need to succeed."

Tell us about your background in business and ministry and how that has prepared you for this role.

For ten years, my wife and I served as youth and young adult pastors across North America. My ministry and vision were deeply influenced by my experience at a small Bible college that pioneered a unique approach, establishing businesses to equip missionaries with practical experience alongside their theological training. A decade ago, I recognized the growing disconnect between traditional education and the evolving needs of the workforce. Driven by this vision, I founded Skill Samurai to equip children with the future-ready skills they'd need to thrive. Today, Skill Samurai boasts 30 franchises across 7 countries. In 2023, I identified a need for more accessible franchise opportunities. Amplify Brands is my current venture, aiming to make business ownership a less risky reality for more people.

What are you most looking forward to in this new role?

I look forward to being a part of the Kingswood community and to finding ways to make an impact in Sussex and beyond. My unique background bridges ministry leadership and entrepreneurship. Having dedicated equal time to both, I'm passionate about empowering future generations. Specifically, I want to equip business students with the real-world business development skills and experience they need to succeed.



Andrea Mendez
International Student Liaison

"I envision a diverse and unified community of students."

Tell us about yourself and your background.

I've been happily married to my wonderful husband, Isai, for five years and have just graduated from Kingswood with a Bachelor's degree in Theology and Christian Counselling. My next goal is to pursue a Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counselling at Kingswood.

Why did you say yes to the opportunity to be the International Student Liaison at Kingswood?

I said yes to this opportunity because I envision a diverse and unified community of students. Taking on new responsibilities as a member of the Kingswood staff is not just a job for me; it's a calling. It's an opportunity to positively and meaningfully impact the community.

Tell us a bit about your vision for campus life and international student inclusion at Kingswood.

My vision includes creating meaningful connections, long-lasting friendships, and a new multicultural family. I am passionate about helping to create an enriching student experience by offering support.



Isai Calderon
Resident Director

"I believe that each student has the potential to thrive at Kingswood, and it's my goal to help and support them."

Tell us about yourself and your background.

Growing up in a Christian home in Mexico, I always sensed a call to ministry, and at 29 years old I experienced a clear calling from God that led me to embark on this fulfilling journey at Kingswood. During my years as a Kingswood student, I was able to study Scripture, develop my leadership skills, and gain hands-on experience.

Tell us a bit about your vision for campus life at Kingswood.

My passion lies in establishing a community where each student feels valued, supported, and empowered. I will work to ensure that our initiatives align with our mission of cultivating a vibrant and dynamic student body, creating an environment that fosters meaningful connections and encourages personal growth.

What is your hope for the students at Kingswood?

My hope is that they feel a sense of belonging and are equipped with the tools and resources they need to succeed. I believe that each student has the potential to thrive at Kingswood, and it's my goal to help and support them.



Katie-Lynn Mansvelt
Discipleship Coordinator

"I want to teach tools and principles that students can use to continually develop who they are in Christ."

Tell us about yourself and your background.

I graduated from Kingswood in 2009 with a Pastoral major, and now my husband and I live in Saint John with our three kids. I am the founder of Design Disciple, and over the past decade, whether it has been in an official capacity (pastor or discipleship coach) or not (workplace, neighbour), my heart loves to learn with people how to pay attention to all that God is inviting them into.

Why did you say yes to the opportunity to be the Discipleship Coordinator at Kingswood?

Nothing matters more than knowing how to be with and follow Jesus. I feel protective of the students already and would love to create intentional spaces where they are looked after and supported.

Tell us a bit about your vision for discipleship at Kingswood.

I want to teach tools and principles that students can use to continually develop who they are in Christ. My hope is for them to graduate and become confident that they can surrender their decisions to Christ and live by the Spirit no matter where they find themselves. 📖

Estate Planning

Significant renovations in two of our residence halls . . . crucial support for the launch of Kingswood Learn and other new initiatives. . . new scholarships which enable students to pursue their calling.

These are just some of the blessings made possible at Kingswood University in the past few years thanks to estate gifts. Thoughtful planning has allowed these donors to leave a legacy for future generations.

Surprisingly, most of us do not have an estate plan. According to a recent survey, although 91% of Canadians think wills are important, less than half have one. The situation in the United States is similar. An estate plan, including a will, helps ensure that your wishes will be fulfilled with your resources.

Some think this is only an issue for those who are older and have significant resources. The fact is that an estate plan is a good idea for anyone of any age and any financial situation. Your resources, whether ample or scant, should go where you want them when you're gone.

For many, the problem is uncertainty. They know they should have a plan but aren't sure how. Kingswood University has

recently taken steps to make the process understandable for all. A series of estate planning seminars are being planned for the coming months.

On Wednesday morning, July 3, a seminar will be held at Chambers Camp in Beaver Dams, NY. This will be a joint effort between the Camp, Houghton University, the Penn York District of The Wesleyan Church, and Kingswood University. It will feature a presentation from an estate planning attorney and plenty of time for questions.

Another estate planning seminar will be held on Thursday afternoon, July 11, at Beulah Camp and Conference Centre, Browns Flat, NB. This information-packed session is jointly sponsored by the Atlantic District of The Wesleyan Church, Beulah Camp, and Kingswood University. If you would like more information on either seminar, or to arrange for someone to talk with you about your estate plan, contact Debbie Benson (bensond@kingswood.edu, 888-432-4444).

"Many of us live our lives wanting to be good stewards of God's resources," says President Steve Lennox. "It just makes sense to take the time to consider how to steward your legacy as well." 📖



Newsletter

 **Kingswood Vision Tours**

September 19 - 27, 2024

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ALL inclusive 8 day (9 night) tour with shuttle provided

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