



# ANNUAL REPORT

2023

*Cultivating thoughtful Christian presence*

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Dear Friend,

When we started the Consortium in 2008, I recall telling Drew Trotter that it was the most exciting project I expected I would ever have the privilege to participate in. And no kidding—fifteen years later, six centers have multiplied sixfold, and the Annual Meeting has multiplied tenfold.

The view out the windshield is even more striking than the rearview mirror. There are now 1,000,000 students on campuses with Christian Study Centers, and another 15,000,000 on campuses without centers. And yes, we are working diligently on a plan to reach as many campuses and students as possible over the next ten years.

I'm so thankful for your partnership in this unique and strategic work. The Annual Meeting and the Internship Program in particular combine to greatly advance the mission and work of our three dozen centers, which in turn serve thousands and thousands of students.

I really meant what I said to Drew, and I wouldn't put it any differently today. Amidst truly concerning headline news, it's so exciting to see what God is doing on college and university campuses around the country. Please know we couldn't do it without you.

Soli Deo Gloria,



Karl E. Johnson  
Executive Director



Closing Address at  
2023 Annual Meeting

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# LOOKING BACK

## 13th Annual Meeting

The 2023 Annual Meeting was held at Anselm House (University of Minnesota). For the first time, attendance exceeded 120 persons. Keynote speakers included sociologist Margarita Mooney Clayton and biblical scholar Oliver O'Donovan.



Opening remarks at 2023 Annual Meeting



Workshop at 2023 Annual Meeting

**20%**

increase in attendance  
from 2022.

**14**

workshops led by Study  
Center directors and staff.

*"It was a very encouraging and inspiring time! I appreciated hearing a wide variety of examples of study center programming, but even more valuable to me was the opportunity to make and strengthen connections with colleagues at other study centers."*



-Emily Wenneborg, Executive Director, Pascal Study Center

## Internship Program



**2022-2023:** Three full-time interns were hired, trained and deployed to serve at two different study centers in New York and North Carolina. Interns visited other study centers and attended foundation-supported trainings in New York City and the Cascade Mountains. Two interns received full-time job offers from the center they served. The goal for 2023-2024 is to double the size of this program.

# LOOKING BACK

## Vocation Project

From July 1st to the 15th, seven students representing seven different study centers attended the Consortium's Vocation Project in Vancouver, British Columbia. The Vocation Project, led by Chesterton House Board Chair Dr. Frederick Barber and his wife, Alice, provides scholarships to current students and recent graduates to attend Regent College's Summer School for two weeks. Participants attend open lectures, panel discussions, film showings and artistic performances.



Vocation Project participants

*"I'm reflecting with gratitude on the time I spent at Regent College this summer in Vancouver, Canada. One of the highlights of my time was learning the importance of studying the global roots of the Christian faith through guest lectures by Vince Bantu."*

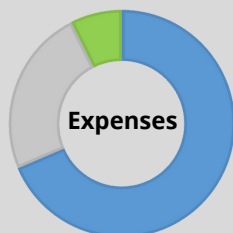
-Harmony, 2023 Vocation Project attendee

## Financial

January – June 2023\*:



<b>Program</b>	\$288,452
<b>Administration</b>	\$100,869
<b>Fundraising</b>	\$31,136
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$420,457</b>



2024 Operating Budget:

**\$720,080**

Fundraising Need:

**\$442,000**

\*2023 was a short fiscal year as the new fiscal year was amended to begin on July 1.

# LOOKING FORWARD

## 2024 Annual Meeting

The 14th Annual Meeting will be held at the North Carolina Study Center in Chapel Hill, NC. The featured keynote speakers are Greg Jones (right), President of Belmont University, and Chris Clemens, Provost & Chief Academic Office at UNC-Chapel Hill.



## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

2023-2024

### Internship Program:

- Grow the program from 3 to 6 interns.
- Secure funding to sustain the program for future years.

### Promote the Study Center Movement

- Create a video to communicate the movement's mission and purpose to a broad public audience.
- Promote findings from \$2.7M grant study on virtue formation at Christian study centers.

### Board Development & Planning

- Build out board recruitment, profile and policies.
- Embark on robust Strategic Planning process to guide the next 3-5 years.

*"The Consortium has been essential in the creation and ongoing development of the Michigan Christian Study Center. Without the Consortium, our Center would not exist."*



-Rick Ostrander, Executive Director, Michigan Study Center

### Ways to Give:

**Online:** [cscmovement.org](https://cscmovement.org)

**Mail:** 485 Hillsdale Dr. Ste. 112  
Charlottesville, VA 22901

**Phone:** 434.296.3333

# HONORING DREW & MARIE TROTTER

At the 13th Annual Meeting in June, Drew and Marie Trotter were recognized for their years of service to the study center movement.



*"For many of us, you have been a real mentor and guide and encourager. Drew, you have a great gift of encouragement, and it's a rare thing. The world needs more of it, and we all know the study center movement needs all of the encouragement it can get. You've provided that in some really wonderful and beautiful ways. We're all deeply grateful for you—for your vision, your sacrifice, and the leadership you've given to a whole movement. In so many ways, the imprint of your vision has been on this whole movement."*

-Jeffrey Greenman, President, Regent College



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*"The Consortium is a key way Upper House connects to other study centers and expands our work beyond our local context in Madison. We're able to learn from the wisdom of the Consortium and the other study centers, and we catch a vision for how our work fits into a national story of ministry to university communities."*

-Dan Hummel, Director of University Engagement, Upper House

