

# *Guelph Campus Ministry*

A ministry of the Christian Reformed Church at the University of Guelph



## *Interns Lead Bible Study On Ecclesiastes*

By: Allie Grady and Leah Hart (Two of GCM's Interns)

Part of our mission here at GCM is to spend time together immersed in Scripture, equipping ourselves and others to live faithfully in today's world. This semester, we had the opportunity to lead an exploration of the book of Ecclesiastes. For an hour each week, we gathered as a small group to delve into the themes of purpose, time, and relationship, considering their impacts on all aspects of our lives. Neither of us had facilitated a group Bible study before, and we were inspired by the interpretations of our peers and their support as we grew together in faith, confidence, and humility. We look forward to taking what we have learned and the skills we have acquired with us into the next semester and all that lies ahead. Thank you for your continued support as we consider God's marvellous plans for our lives!

## *A New Look for a New Chapter Rooted in Christ. Growing in Community.*

Following a visioning process that took place over the last year, Guelph campus Ministry has a new logo that embodies its refreshed mission and vision.

The design speaks to GCM's community, rooted and growing in Christ. It's fresh, fluid and colourful, welcoming all students, staff and faculty to live joyfully and faithfully without fear and with hope.



Our mission: To be a community where all who are curious about life and God wrestle with scripture and are challenged to root their identity in Christ. Our vision: Resilient graduates who know that Christ calls them to live faithfully without fear and with hope, stepping into the challenges of their time.

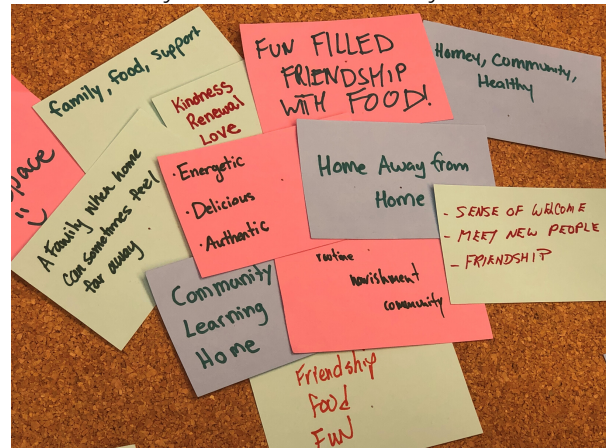
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## Connecting At Community Dinner *Student Quotes*

By: Cassandra Farrugia

As someone who struggles to meet new people and create new relationships, Community Dinner was a good starting point when doing something as nerve-racking as starting university. The people I have met through Community Dinner really helped me feel welcomed in the first few weeks of school, with the added benefit of having a good and healthy meal at least once a week. Without the friendships and connections I have made from seeing these people every Wednesday evening, the adjustment of being at university would have been much more difficult. Sometimes, going to Community Dinner has been the first time I left my residence in days. Personally, the weekly commitment of Community Dinner motivates me to dedicate time to relax and forget about school, something that is desperately needed for anxious first year students.

We asked students: What does Community Dinner mean to you?



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## Grad Group Encourages Reflection



By: Ryan O'Byrne

My name is Ryan and I'm a completing the second year of a master's degree in Clinical Psychology at the University of Guelph. Graduate studies are a time of intense changes and challenges. GCM's grad group has been an important part of helping me manage this huge life transition with joy, confidence, and a sense of purpose.

For me, grad group is the opportunity to step away from the hectic pace of grad school life to spend some quieter moments reflecting on what God is doing at the University of Guelph and how my studies and my work can be apart of His mission. It is a place where I am reminded of the importance of rest, community, and spiritual refreshment. It is a place where I feel safe to share my questions, doubts, and frustrations as well as my realizations, hopes, and successes. Thank you to everyone who makes places like grad group available to students. You are meeting an important need in the life of graduate students and we are so grateful.

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