Dear Friends,

We’re grown up now! The Charles Simeon Trust turned 21 this year, and I praise God for how he has grown and matured us.

From a single Workshop on Biblical Exposition at College Church in Wheaton, Illinois, we’ve grown into a ministry that spans the globe. Last year, we equipped 10,587 participants in 81 countries through Workshops, Online Courses, and the Chicago Course on Preaching. Our team lives on five continents—Africa, Asia, Europe, and North and South America.

As the work has matured, other organizations have increasingly looked to us to train their people to preach and teach God’s Word. We’re partnering with Radius International to train missionaries preparing to evangelize unreached people groups. We’re partnering with DiscipleMakers to train campus workers to disciple youth at colleges and universities. We’re partnering with the Great Commission Collective to train pastors. And these are only a few of our collaborative efforts.

Yet, over 21 years of growing and maturing, the reason we do the work has not changed. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the hope of the world. It brings life and salvation to all who call on his name (2 Timothy 1:10). Because of that, pastors are called to guard the gospel (2 Timothy 1:14). This is why the Charles Simeon Trust is singularly focused on equipping pastors and Bible teachers to proclaim God’s Word. We pray that the gospel of Jesus Christ will spread around the world as a result.

God keeps increasing the opportunities for this ministry. So, as we enter another year where our board, staff, instructors, host churches, and small group leaders will all be working hard, please pray that where we plant and water seed, God would grow an abundance of gospel fruit (1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

Thank you for your ongoing help. It makes all the difference.

In Christ,

David R. Helm
CHAIRMAN

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This always feels like I am trying to learn to drink from a fire hydrant, but it sure feels good to leave here soaking wet with the Word.

–Paul Ethington, Lead Pastor
Trinity Evangelical Free Church
Ripon, Wisconsin

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When the Word of the Lord goes out, it does not return empty, but succeeds in God’s purposes (Isaiah 55:11). So, we’re encouraged that more than 300,000 people heard God’s Word proclaimed by last year’s 4,721 Workshop participants. That reflects significant growth. After two years with understandably lower registrations, we were thrilled to run 100 Workshops, exceeding 2021 by 100%.

Even with the increase, demand for Workshops continues to outstrip our capacity to supply them. “The opportunities for growth are enormous, especially in the majority world,” says Mervyn Eloff, who serves as our Associate Director of International Workshops (Africa) and Rector of St James Church, Kenilworth, in Cape Town, South Africa. “But our ability to respond to requests is limited by the number of skilled instructors.”

In order to continue adding high-quality Workshops in new locations, instructor training is vital. Last year, we held gatherings to train 55 instructors for Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, and North America. As our group of likeminded instructors from around the world grows, so does our capacity to train preachers and Bible teachers everywhere.

And as we grow, more people are moving from everywhere to everywhere in order to train others to handle and proclaim God’s powerful Word. Last year, our team of 20 Spanish-speaking instructors traversed the Hispanic world to train pastors and Bible teachers. An instructor traveled from Dubai to teach pastors in Cameroon and Liberia. Pastors in the United States learned from Cuban and South African instructors. And more and more instructors are training locally. This matters, says Mervyn. “Workshops led by local instructors are a huge encouragement—a reminder that what the Trust does is both important and universally relevant.”

We look forward to seeing what God will do with more competent and confident pastors and Bible teachers around the world. Imagine: What purposes might God accomplish with his Word going out through so many?
"I was equipped with tools ... to communicate to others what is written in the scriptures: not to add to it or take away from it."

-Mercy Ngina Mulondo
Emmanuel Baptist Church
Nairobi, Kenya

"To be able to preach Christ from 1 Samuel was enlightening. This Workshop has helped me to look for these connections from now on."

-Iván Sosa López, Pastor
First Baptist Church in Morelia
Michoacan, Mexico

"This Workshop has given me a garage full of hand tools and a power tool with the emphasis on argument. It was very rewarding."

-Martin Burch, Discipleship Pastor
Mill Creek Community Church
Shawnee, Kansas

Storm Rhodes
PARTICIPANT
PHILADELPHIA WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN
Micah Siebert found himself needing support when he became Pastor of Redwood Alliance Church in rural Minnesota. Coming to the job in 2021 after spending equal time working in the restaurant world, manufacturing, and youth ministry, the task of weekly sermon preparation was overwhelming. He had been previously introduced to the Charles Simeon Trust by a friend, and attended a Workshop. It had deepened his commitment to Old Testament History, for seminary credit. Micah says it was “a resource I really needed, and I could just go grab. You made it so accessible online.”

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A year later, it has become part of his regular growth as a preacher. Micah feels he’s absolutely gained (and still is gaining) competence and confidence in his preaching. When Monday rolls around, and it is time to start the next sermon, he knows what to look for in a Bible text. “Scripture comes to life” when he follows the Charles Simeon Trust’s pathway for sermon preparation.

When Redwood Alliance finishes their sermon series in Old Testament history, he’ll sign up for the Online Course on whatever genre is next. Observing competent handling of God’s Word has been “addicting.” It has encouraged Micah to keep making progress. “Even if I can’t yet fully dance to the beat of the expositional greats, I am finding I very much like the groove!”

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5,844 ONLINE COURSE PARTICIPANTS

Romell Williams, Jr.
PASTOR
FEATURED IN THREE ONLINE COURSES

RESOURCES

OUR WEBSITE CONTAINS 1,533 FREE RESOURCES IN ENGLISH AND 48 IN SPANISH. FROM VIDEOS TO HELP PASTORS GET STARTED ON A NEW SERMON SERIES, TO AUDIO RECORDINGS, TO CURATED PLAYLISTS, THESE RESOURCES ARE CREATED AND CURATED TO SUPPORT PASTORS AND BIBLE TEACHERS IN THEIR WORD WORK.

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FEEDBACK

“This is the best training out there for learning how to dig into the text of the Bible. It reveals your inadequacies as an exegete, but as you work hard you will improve and grow.”

–Andre Sexton (’22)

“After the Chicago Course, I am more confident in approaching any part of the Bible. I am more excited to disciple others in God’s Word.”

–Caleb Aulie (’22)

“I did not enjoy preaching before the Course. But it gave me the chance to try new things, and now I truly enjoy preaching as I have found my voice and freedom in the pulpit.”

–Nathan O’Brien (’22)

W hen Erik Veker first visited the Chicago Course on Preaching, he was a Wheaton College graduate (2018, B.A. in Biblical and Theological Studies) feeling a call to ministry while working in real estate. After visiting, he was sold, so he enrolled. By the time he graduated, Erik had prepared 240 Sermon Preparation Worksheets and preached 30 sermons. The workload “drives you crazy,” says Erik, “but also trains your instincts for the legs of the sermon writing process, from exegesis to theological reflection to persuasion.” During his time as a student, he visited Addison Street Community Church with guest preacher and CCP Director Jeremy Meeks. Erik was introduced to Pastor Will Pavaja, and the connection resulted in an internship, which turned into a Pastoral Residency. A few months after graduating from CCP, the congregation extended a call to join the pastoral team.

As a bi-vocational pastor—half time in real-estate and half-time pastoring—another benefit of CCP has become clear: “it teaches you to work faster.” That’s essential for Erik who preaches 15-18 times per year on Sunday plus every other week at a mid-week service. He also became comfortable with all biblical genres—a plus since he’s currently working on Genesis, 1-2 Kings, Psalms, and 1 Timothy. In other words, CCP gives busy pastors just what they need.

Erik is convinced CCP is “the gold standard education for preachers.” Combine that with a reasonable price point, flexible in-person format, and world-class instructors and there’s only one thing to add: “the gospel is the hope of the world,” says Erik, “and CCP trains people to communicate the saving message of Christ clearly.”

There are now 13 graduates of the Chicago Course on Preaching. They have been equipped with the best possible practical training in Bible Handling, and have graduated to continue ministries or enter into new ministries with tools to continue refining their craft.
**FY22 PEOPLE**  
**THE LORD HAS RAISED UP A TEAM OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD TO CARRY ON THIS MINISTRY OF TRAINING.**

**9 BOARD MEMBERS** provide vision and leadership.

**31 TEAM MEMBERS** live on five continents, consisting of 5 full-time, 25 part-time, and 1 volunteer.

**89 HOST CHURCH PASTORS** provide space, food, and volunteer support to help Workshops.

**90 INSTRUCTORS** are pastors and Bible teachers committed to training others.

**418 SMALL GROUP LEADERS** volunteer their time to help Workshop participants practice and make progress.

**217 DONORS** gave generously to fund the ministry. We couldn’t do it without you. Thank you!

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**FY22 FINANCES**  
**SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 – AUGUST 31, 2022**

**INCOME**

- DONATIONS TO OPERATIONS...................................... $884,171
- DONATIONS TO ONE WORLD CAMPAIGN......$15,000
- WORKSHOP REGISTRATIONS.................................$277,685
- ONLINE COURSE REGISTRATIONS..................$59,091
- CHICAGO COURSE TUITION..........................$39,757
- ROYALTIES AND INVESTMENT INCOME........$148,070

**TOTAL..........................................................**$1,424,217

**EXPENSES**

- WORKSHOPS..................................................$749,117
- ONLINE COURSES......................................$149,070
- CHICAGO COURSE.........................................$227,434
- LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION..............$346,081

**TOTAL..........................................................$1,486,718

**FY23 DONATION INCOME NEEDED:**  
$971,364

The Charles Simeon Trust is committed to spending within our means. The difference between expenses and income was covered by funds raised during the One World Campaign, which were designated for the Chicago Course on Preaching. The CCP fund is intended to pay down over the next few years. Additionally, note that a few donations to that campaign, which formally ended August 31, 2020, were given in FY22 to fulfill outstanding campaign commitments.
We exist to promote the growth of the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world by training up the next generation of Biblical expositors.