



Discipleship of Heart and Mind

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (Romans 12:11-13; NIV)

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Dear Friend,

Next year, the C.S. Lewis Institute (CSLI) will be celebrating our 50th year in ministry! As I reflect on this wonderful milestone, I am taken back to C.S. Lewis's *Prince Caspian*:

"Aslan," said Lucy, "you're bigger."
 "That is because you are older, little one," answered he.
 "Not because you are?"
 "I am not. But every year you grow, you will find me bigger."

In recent years, I have often felt like Lucy. While watching God grow a small Washington, D.C. ministry founded in 1976 into an international ministry, I too continue to find God bigger, and **I am praising the Lord who does more than we could ever ask or imagine!**

Yet, we believe that God has **even more** in store for this discipleship ministry of heart and mind in the future. For that reason, we are striving to follow the apostle Paul's admonition to keep our spiritual fervor, to serve the Lord through joyful hope, be patient in affliction and faithful in prayer, generosity and hospitality. (Romans 12:11-13)

In other words, we're not going to rest on our laurels, but instead we will continue to love and serve the Lord and seek His guidance for the next 50 years if the Lord tarries. And as we do so, we know we will find God even bigger than we ever imagined. As expressed in the exhortation of Aslan, the Christ-figure of Narnia, to his followers in C.S. Lewis's book, *The Last Battle*, **we will seek to "go further up and further in" until we reach Aslan's country.**

Thus, we'd like to ask you to join us in celebrating our golden anniversary, and like Lucy, see and experience God as bigger through Three Golden Anniversary Initiatives:

- 1) Develop Next-Generation Christian Apologists to Address the Crisis in Meaning and Identity.
- 2) Train International Christian Leaders in the Growing Global Church.
- 3) Disciple This Generation and the Next to Christian Maturity.

To help CSLI accomplish these initiatives in 2026 as we celebrate our 50th anniversary, **a generous group of donors has established a matching gift fund to double your year-end gift. I'll give you more details later.**

Before I jump into more information on these exciting golden anniversary initiatives please give praise to the Lord for the following:

- ❖ CSLI has grown significantly and now has active ministry locations in 26 cities in 6 countries including USA, Canada, Japan, Kenya, Northern Ireland and Scotland. (15 years ago, CSLI had 3 locations.)
- ❖ The year-long C.S. Lewis Fellows Program is offered in 6 new cities this year and disciples 400 plus men and women annually.
- ❖ The CSLI website had nearly 2 million people engaging with its discipleship, apologetics and biblical resources from 180 countries – an increase of over 1,100% in 3 years.
- ❖ CSLI's Podcast, "eXskeptical" is in the top 1% of all podcasts worldwide!

Praise God who continues to multiply the "loaves and fishes" of the C.S. Lewis Institute's discipleship ministry of heart and mind.

The Three Golden Anniversary Initiatives:

1) Develop Next-Generation Christian Apologists to Address the Crisis in Meaning and Identity

Dr. Tyler VanderWeele, Professor in Harvard University's School of Public Health, states **today's youth are experiencing a "crisis in meaning and identity."** Some studies attribute this to the fact that many teenagers and young adults are struggling with social isolation and loneliness. The ill-effects of social media, AI, political party antagonisms, and a lack of church attendance and religious practice have served to distance them from healthy communities.

As a result, Generation Z and Millennials are searching and asking different questions than the generation of their parents in an unstable cultural landscape.

In response to this crisis of meaning and identity, the C.S. Lewis Institute is positioned well to address the questions of today's youth and point them thoughtfully and imaginatively to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are thrilled God recently brought some new and talented next-generation apologists and writers to the CSLI team including Cameron McAllister, CSLI Director of Apologetics, Dr. Kathleen Noller, the host of our new podcast, "Questioning Belief," and gifted writers Dr. Thiago Silva, and Dr. Matt Miller to help us thoughtfully address the younger generation.

Cameron's research has pointed out that while evidentiary questions such as the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the reliability of the Bible remain vital, many today are focused on questions surrounding meaning, identity, sexuality and significance.

Kathleen is addressing some of these questions through interviews with scientists, scholars and other experts through her new podcast to demonstrate the profound significance of biblical faith for a world gone wrong.

You will see “Challenging Questions” and “Knowing and Doing” articles produced by some of our new writers to address questions such as, “What is the good life?” “Where can I find meaning in life?” and “What is a biblical view of gender?”

Please join us in prayer as we seek to raise up the next generation of Christian thought leaders, disciple-makers and multipliers for the kingdom.

2) Train International Christian Leaders in the Growing Global Church

Are you aware of the fact there are now more Christians south of the Equator than north of it? God is on the move, and the church is young in the Global South, the majority of Christians being under the age of 25.

Thus, it probably should have been no surprise to us when Christian church leaders from Kenya, Pakistan, India and other countries reached out to the C.S. Lewis Institute and asked if we could help them by developing discipleship training for their young leaders.

After much prayer, CSLI felt led to move in this direction and over the last several years has been able to establish strong partnerships with church leaders from a wide range of evangelical denominations in the Global South, and we have begun developing biblically sound resources.

First, we have produced two beautiful and inspiring Bible courses in partnership with our Kenyan brothers and sisters who filmed, wrote, and developed *The Ufalme Experience on the Lord's Prayer*, and a new course, *Jesus and the Ten Commandments*.



One church leader shared, “We have enjoyed the *Ufalme Experience* as it is rich in explaining the word of God by giving practical examples in our day-to-day life. I highly appreciate your guidance and encouragement.”

These resources are not just for people in the Global South but recommended for those of us in North America, as our Kenyan brothers and sisters’ approach to living out their faith will challenge and inspire you in ways outside of our Western cultural norms through their art, music, teaching and stories.



We also ask for your prayers and financial support as we would like to develop a third discipleship course on “*Praying the Psalms*” for our international partners.

Second, CSLI has developed a means of training recent high school and college graduates in Kenya with the skills necessary to support some of the website and administrative tasks of the ministry of CSLI. This has resulted in a win-win situation in which CSLI is able to receive high

quality technical work from our Christian friends in Kenya while we're able to provide them with a livable wage and the opportunity to join in the global mission work of the C.S. Lewis Institute.

Third, CSLI is developing relationships with leaders of Bible Colleges in Pakistan, Kenya, India, Hong Kong and other places and is providing training courses online to help equip leaders in churches in the Global South.

Your generosity toward the Institute is helping to disciple men and women in the Global South and other parts of the world including those undergoing persecution.

3) Disciple This Generation and the Next to Christian Maturity

We are committed to doing all we can, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to help disciple this generation of followers of Jesus Christ and the next to Christian maturity by helping them become multiplying disciple-makers.

CSLI Website Connects with nearly 2 Million People in 2025

The greatest example of the CSLI finding Aslan bigger is that in the year 2025 our website reached nearly 2 million people! In fact, over the last three years, our website has grown by over 1,100 %, reaching people from 180 countries around the world.

Many of these are people from countries officially closed to the Gospel. They can access our materials since the name C.S. Lewis Institute doesn't sound religious. With this incredible growth in our worldwide reach via our website, it's imperative that we develop new content.

New CSLI Online Study Courses Website Launched!

Coinciding with the explosive growth in website reach and traffic, our boldest endeavor has been to create and launch a brand new CSLI online courses website. Created in response to a hunger globally for free, robust, biblically based courses, we now provide programs accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week which can be used by individuals, churches, small groups, Christian schools, and Bible colleges.



This new site provides video-based courses with quizzes, discussion questions, and even a printable certificate for those who complete a course. We plan to release new courses in the coming year, in addition to the 14 courses already available on the site.

We have already seen fruit from our earlier soft launch. One Christian School in Uganda wrote,

"I pray you are well. Here is some exciting news: 15 staff members (mentors) at our Christian school completed four courses on the C.S. Lewis Institute website! Please see attached the courses completed. Now, we want more courses for them over the next

four weeks that will stir and activate them towards intentional discipleship of the learners. Your guidance is needed ASAP on which courses to take.”

New Course with Dr. Os Guinness on Calling

If you haven't gone through the new online course with Dr. Os Guinness based on his modern classic, *The Call: Finding and Fulfilling God's Purpose for Your Life*, we are pleased to announce that it too can now be found on our new online courses website. We encourage you to check it out by scanning the QR code.



No matter what stage of life in which you find yourself, it's always a good time to reflect on your gifts, education, experience and life situation and seek the Lord's lead as to how you can best live out your calling. This course includes insightful new videos with Os; readings from his book; a study guide for working through the course individually, in a class format or small group; fun quizzes for comprehension and an inventory for discovering your calling written by Dr. Guinness.

Your generosity enables CSLI to continue to develop and offer these amazing courses free of charge so anyone can access them regardless of economic status.

A Conversion and Baptism Because of CSLI Virtual Classes

For years, we've received requests from folks in parts of the country without a C.S. Lewis Institute asking if there is any way to participate in our in-person programs. Sadly, we couldn't offer anything other than our website resources. However, this has changed! In the past two years we have piloted and developed a new approach to learning in virtual communities, the **CSLI Live Virtual Classes!**

These synchronous classes are facilitated by trusted CSLI teachers like Pastor Steve King and his wife, Mae Belle, Dr. Mike Unger, Dr. Jim Phillips, Itinerant Minister Aseka Taabu and others who are adept not only in teaching but in developing a learning community. They have been able to develop communities of people within each course who, though separated by distance, are able to foster deep relationships, pray with each other, and grow in their faith.

One participant wrote to our CSLI teacher about his virtual class experience which led to his conversion and baptism,

“Thank you so much! You played a key part in my transition to Christianity. I am excited about what is next! God has plans for me. Thank you, Lord!”

We believe we are being called to expand this approach to ministry. In fact, we already have over 500 people from around the world registered for the 2025-26 live virtual courses. **Your prayers and generosity have enabled CSLI to develop these new and strategic methods for reaching people throughout the world, including areas that are hard to reach.**

CSLI Fellows Program Adds 6 New Locations – Offered in 26 Cities

And finally, we continue to see Aslan bigger as our year-long C.S. Lewis Fellows program is offered in 26 cities across the United States, Canada, Northern Ireland and Scotland – **an increase of 6 cities from last year!** We are training over 400 men and women to become disciple-makers in their churches, workplace, homes and families.

Your Financial Support Will Help Reach Millions as we Celebrate 50 Years of Ministry in 2026!

We receive no money from the C.S. Lewis Estate, and we have no major donors who bank roll the ministry. Instead, for 49 fruitful years, God has provided the finances for CSLI through thousands of individual donors like you who give generously to make this ministry possible.

We are thrilled to be celebrating 50 Years of Ministry, and like Lucy in Narnia, we are filled with great anticipation to finding God even bigger in the years ahead.

Will you consider making a special year-end gift to commemorate our 50-year Golden Anniversary in ministry?

Year-End Matching Gift Opportunity

I am pleased to announce that a team of donors has come together to create a Matching Gift Fund which will double any year-end gifts to the C.S. Lewis Institute up to a total of \$166,000 if given before midnight of December 31, 2025.

This year-end is a wonderful time to maximize your financial gifts to CSLI by taking advantage of this matching gift fund opportunity and investing in eternal things.

I invite you to give generously to the life-changing ministry of the C.S. Lewis Institute as we celebrate **50 years of ministry** in 2026 and look forward to all the ways God will work through this ministry to make millions of disciples in Jesus' name in the years to come!

Your Partner in Ministry,



Dr. Joel S. Woodruff,
President

P.S. Remember, the matching grant will double your year-end gift if it is given by December 31!



Special Year-End Matching Gift Opportunity

Please help us continue to develop effective disciples of Jesus Christ in the United States and internationally. We have a great opportunity between now and the end of the year to match donations to Global Ministry dollar-for-dollar up to \$166,000. Approximately one-third of our total budget is raised through end-of-year giving; you can see how important your generosity is to our ministry! We greatly appreciate any help you can provide.

ONE TIME GIFT: *choose option for a one-time gift and the amount*

☐ I would like to make a **one-time**, tax-deductible year-end gift which will be matched to support CSLI.

☐ \$10,000 ☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$2,500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$ _____

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