

(Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

C.S. LEWIS INSTITUTE ANNUAL REPORT 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

America is experiencing the largest and fastest religious shift in the history of our country! We've gone from 90% identifying as Christian in 1972 to 64% identifying as Christian in 2023. And 30% of the population now have no religious affiliation – “the nones.” (Pew Research Center, 2023)

Yet, despite a decline in Christianity in the U.S., something is happening. Post-pandemic spiritual hunger is on the rise as 3 out of 4 Americans now desire to grow spiritually, and nearly 50% are more open to God since the pandemic. (Barna Group, 2022)

This presents an amazing opportunity for you and me to boldly share our faith with our spiritually open neighbors and colleagues. However, as David Kinnaman, CEO of Barna Group writes:

“The challenge facing the Church and ministries is whether they are ready and able to meet the spiritually open... Our data show the Church has real work to do to bridge the trust gap for people who are spiritual but not religious.”

How are you and I going to bridge the gap and be ready and able to reach the spiritually open in our culture? I believe it is by following Jesus' Great Commission to develop disciples who are equipped to obey and live out all that He commanded.

As a servant ministry to the church, the C.S. Lewis Institute is prepared as never before to help disciple and equip believers in American and globally to bridge the gap and offer “the Bread of Life” and “Living Water” to people who are spiritually hungry and are looking for authentic faith in God!

I'm excited to be able to share with you in this annual report the ways in which God is expanding and growing this discipleship ministry which is training thousands of Christians “to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,” (1 Peter 3:15, NIV)

Thank you to each of you who has helped make this ministry of heart and mind discipleship possible. To God be the Glory!

Your partner in ministry,

Dr. Joel S. Woodruff
President

MISSION AND VISION OF THE C.S. LEWIS INSTITUTE

MISSION STATEMENT

In the legacy of C. S. Lewis, we develop wholehearted disciples of Jesus Christ who will articulate, defend, share, and live their faith in personal and public life.

MINISTRY APPROACH

From its inception in 1976, the Institute has been interdenominational, has worked closely with a variety of churches and sees itself as a servant ministry, assisting churches and pastors in making disciples of Jesus Christ. This takes the form of discipleship programs, conferences/seminars, pastor fellowships and print and digital resources.

VISION STATEMENT

In furtherance of God's global discipleship movement, more disciples, more Christlike, more connected, more impact, more nations.

MOTTO

Discipleship of Heart and Mind

GROWTH FROM 3 TO 24 CITIES



C.S. LEWIS INSTITUTE MINISTRY LOCATIONS

The Institute has experienced significant growth in the past 14 years having grown from offices in 3 locations in 2010 to 24 locations in 2024 located in the United States, Canada, Japan, and Northern Ireland. This past year we added 2 new CSLI locations and 6 Satellite cities which are part of a new strategy for making the C.S. Lewis Fellows Program accessible to more people in more locations

CSLI OFFICES IN

CANADA
JAPAN
NORTHERN IRELAND
UNITED STATES

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COUNTRIES

1976 – 2000 • 1 CITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

2010 – 3 CITIES
ANNAPOLIS • ATLANTA • WASHINGTON, D.C.

2020 – 17 CITIES
ANNAPOLIS • ATLANTA • BELFAST • CENTRAL PA • CHARLESTON
• CHARLOTTE • CHICAGO • CINCINNATI • DALLAS • GREENVILLE,
LOUDOUN CO., VA • NAPLES, FL • NORTHEAST OHIO • SEATTLE •
TORONTO • VIRGINIA BEACH • WASHINGTON, D.C.

2024 – 24 LOCATIONS
ANNAPOLIS • ATLANTA • BELFAST • CENTRAL PA • CHARLESTON •
CHARLOTTE • CHICAGO • CINCINNATI • DALLAS • DISTRICT OF CO-
LUMBIA • GREENVILLE • JACKSONVILLE • JAPAN • LOUDOUN CO., VA
• NAPLES, FL • NORTHEAST OHIO, ORLANDO, PITTSBURGH, RICH-
MOND • SEATTLE, TORONTO • VIRGINIA BEACH • GREATER WASH-
INGTON, D.C. • WILLIAMSPORT



FELLOWS PROGRAM

This high challenge/high yield year-long discipleship program is the flagship program of the Institute. It is designed so that men and women can continue with their work and family life while becoming more effective disciples of Jesus Christ.

400 participants in 2023-2024 in the U.S., Canada and Northern Ireland

1000's of Fellows to-date have been equipped since 1999

500 plus participants expected in 2024-2025

100's different churches and dozens of denominations represented among the Fellows

1000's of Fellows are now serving in leadership positions in many different sectors of society and implementing intentional disciple-making plans

C.S. LEWIS FELLOWS AS LEADERS IN THEIR PROFESSIONS

The C.S. Lewis Fellows Program is making an impact as it is training and sending out Christian leaders into the secular world where they are leading people to faith in Jesus Christ and contributing to human flourishing in many different domains of society.

They lead efforts against human trafficking, provide relief following natural disasters or terrorist events, and write legislation based on biblical principles, and lead entire government agencies. CSLI Fellows are serving in leadership positions in government, military, intelligence agencies, business, technology, education, law, medicine, and the church..

They are also making an impact as homemakers, parents and grandparents who are intentionally discipling the children, grandchildren and others in their families and neighborhoods.

C.S. LEWIS FELLOWS IN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Many C.S. Lewis Fellows are also serving in leadership roles in their churches as elders, deacons, and teachers, often starting new outreach ministries and supporting the discipleship efforts in their congregations. They facilitate neighborhood and workplace Bible studies, and volunteer in ministry and non-ministry organizations in order to disciple and evangelize others.

ORGANIZATIONS LED BY CSLI FELLOWS

CSLI Fellows are leaders in ministry, mission, humanitarian, relief, and development organizations around the world including:

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP • CHRISTIAN CIVICS (PROMOTING CIVIL DISCOURSE ON CAPITOL HILL) • CHRISTIAN EMBASSY (MINISTRY TO CAPITOL HILL STAFFERS) • CHRISTIAN LEGAL AID (PROVIDING LEGAL HELP TO THOSE IN NEED) • CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY • HUMAN TRAFFICKING INSTITUTE • INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION • NEW LIFE RADIO • OFFICERS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (MINISTRY TO OFFICERS IN U.S. MILITARY) • RATIO CHRISTI ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES • THE MARKET PROJECT (MICRO-BUSINESS MINISTRY IN UGANDA) • THREE ROOTS INTERNATIONAL (HUMANITARIAN MINISTRY IN ETHIOPIA) • TRINITY FORUM • TUN TAVERN FELLOWSHIP (MINISTRY TO THE U.S. MARINE CORPS) • WASHINGTON AREA COALITION OF MEN'S MINISTRIES • WORLD VISION (RELIEF ORGANIZATION) • WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

PASTOR OUTREACH



The Institute hosted pastor-only events to provide safe, thoughtful opportunities for pastors to gather for fellowship, prayer and mutual encouragement. This took the form of luncheons, Zoom calls, prayer meetings, and special events in which a topic of interest to pastors is presented. Hundreds of pastors participated in these events which were held in CSLI cities in the United States, Canada and Northern Ireland.

WEBSITE WITH GLOBAL OUTREACH

150,000 Over 150,000 visitors a month

In May of 2022 CSLI launched a new website. At that time, CSLI had 15,000 visitors per month on the website. Today in 2024 over 150,000 visitors per month read, view and download discipleship, apologetics and biblical resources from CSLI's award-winning website. This is an incredible 1,000% increase in the number of people coming to the website who come from over 185 different countries worldwide, many coming from countries closed to the open proclamation of the Gospel. The website includes small group courses, video lectures, articles, podcasts and a host of other resources which are benefitting over a million people annually.

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

250 Over 250 Volunteers serve as Mentors, Editors, and help with events.

19 City Directors: These men and women serve in 18 cities, and some oversee the work in CSLI's 6 Satellite cities. They oversee the full suite of programs offered by each C.S. Lewis Institute including: The C.S. Lewis Fellows Program; Pastor Networks; Special Events to encourage Christians in their city. Some of these City Directors are "Tentmakers" – earning their living from other jobs, some are retired, and others are paid.

6 Fellows Program Satellite Facilitators: These folks coordinate with a local CSLI City Director to run the Satellite program in their city.

6 Full-Time Paid Staff

11 Part-time Paid Staff

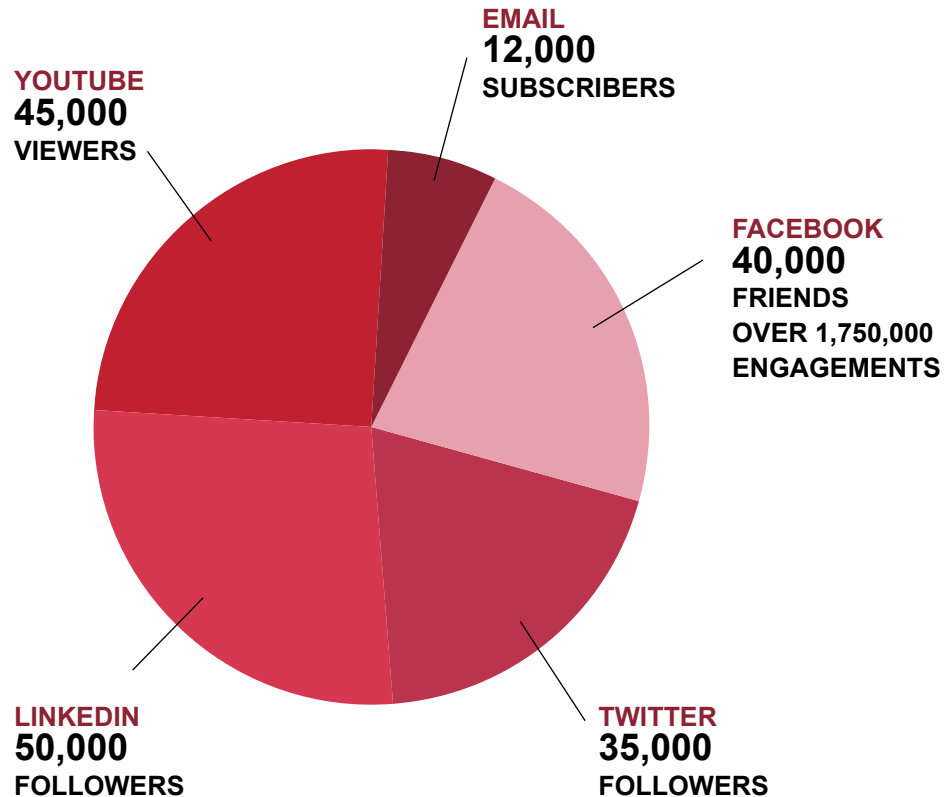
15 Unpaid Staff

PUBLICATIONS

The thoughtful, enriching publications of CSLI such as *Challenging Questions*, and the popular *Broadcast Talks* are being distributed to over 50,000 people around the world through a variety of multimedia platforms.



PIE CHART OF MULTIMEDIA REACH

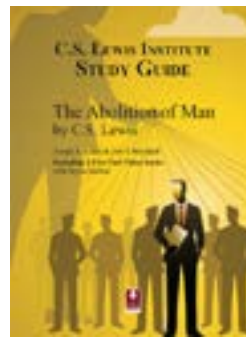


SMALL GROUP RESOURCES

Over 10,000 people globally have registered for CSLI's online small group courses. These are being used by churches and ministry groups throughout Asia, Europe, North & South America and Africa. One participant in a CSLI small group studies shared,

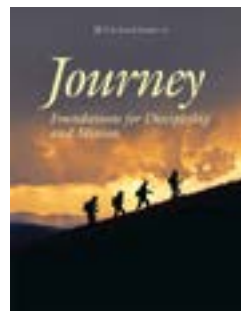


I am emailing you solely to let you know that the C.S. Lewis Bible Study is not just an intellectual exercise for the sake of saying I am intellectual in Christian philosophy but rather, in my life, the Bible Study has practical implications. Thank you for all you do!



A GUIDE TO C.S. LEWIS'S THE ABOLITION OF MAN WITH LECTURES BY DR. BRYAN HOLLON

When C.S. Lewis gave his lectures which became the book *The Abolition of Man*, he sought to point to the logical inconsistencies and dangers of a worldview that doesn't hold to the idea of absolute truth. He did this in part by highlighting the natural law or moral law which is visible in all civilizations and written on the consciences of all human beings. In this series, Dr. Bryan Hollon takes us through each chapter of *The Abolition of Man* and helps us to understand Lewis's argument while also providing key insights from the Bible.



JOURNEY: FOUNDATION FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

Journey is a nine-month small-group Adventure designed to help thoughtful believers become better-grounded disciples of Jesus Christ who faithfully follow and actively serve Him. It's ideal for churches, campus ministries and neighborhood groups. The learning and growth take place through video lectures, study, small-group processing, fellowship, prayer, and obedient response.

PODCASTS

Over the past several years, CSLI's podcasts have grown and expanded.



**SIDE B STORIES
WITH DR. JANA
HARMON**
now in the top 1% of all podcasts
worldwide in listens.



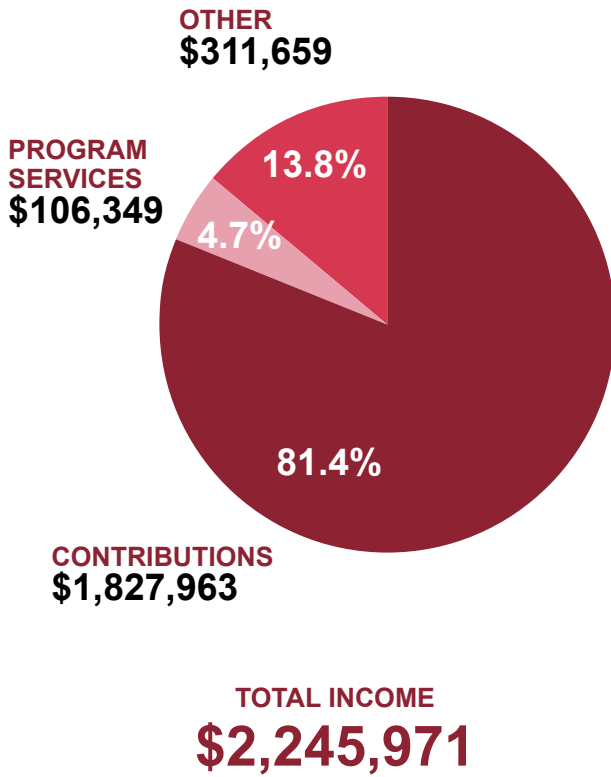
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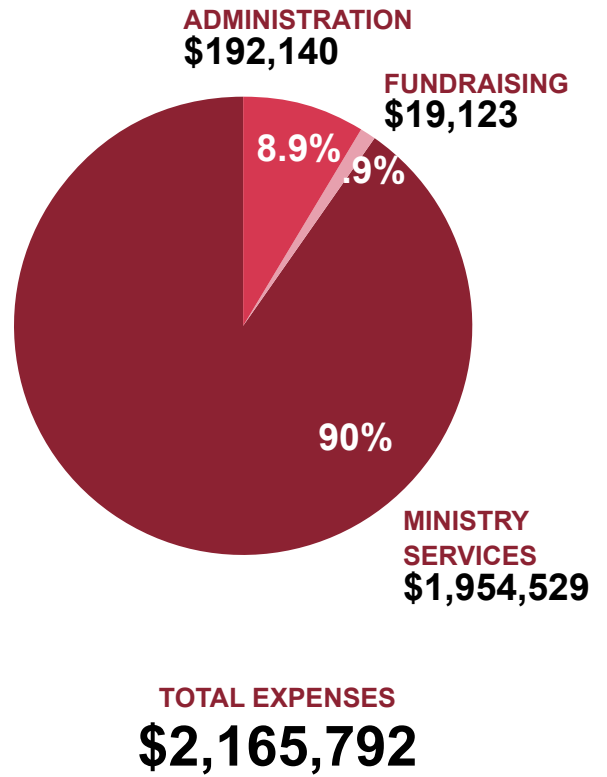
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MATTER WITH DR.
RANDY NEWMAN**
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FINANCIAL REPORT

**REVENUE SOURCES
PIE CHART**



**WHERE YOUR GIFTS GO
AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS
PIE CHART**



FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

VISIT [CSLEWISINSTITUTE.ORG/FINANCES](https://cslewisinstitute.org/finances)

for our complete financial statements reviewed by Morrow, P.C.

CSLI is recognized by **Excellence in Giving** and the **Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability** as an organization of financial integrity and commitment to transparency.

IN GIVING SEAL & ECFA SEAL



Volunteers provide thousands of hours of service to CSLI through mentoring, office support, and other efforts which enable CSLI to stretch every dollar for kingdom work.