

"The campus ministries of the LCMS, together with the national LCMS Campus Ministry organization, are vital links in the chain that keeps young adults connected with their faith - and puts that faith into action in service and faith-sharing. With 18 million students in the U.S., including over 100,000 from the LCMS, the opportunity and benefit of our ministry efforts on campus are evident every day."—Rev. David Dressel, Martin Luther Chapel, Michigan State University.

"For me, campus ministry provides a place of home and belonging in an unreceptive world, a place where I am nourished and strengthened. It's where God teaches me how to love His people in real and meaningful ways, because there I am loved in real and meaningful ways"—student Sara H, Washington State University.

"Sometimes a student will come to campus with little more than a glimmer in his or her heart of the identity of Christ that they were baptized into. As they encounter Christ in our campus ministry communities, many will see their own identities as His disciples; and, like the two disciples Jesus met on the road to Emmaus, their hearts will 'burn within them.' And they will do just as those two disciples did—they will run as fast as they can to tell their friends, 'The Lord has risen indeed.'" —Rev. Jay Winters, University Lutheran Church, Florida State University.



Connect a Student!

Students can be connected to Campus Ministry, local churches and student groups by using the "StudentConnect" link on: www.lcmscampusministry.org

Ministry Partners

Lutheran Student Fellowship (LSF) is the national LCMS student organization providing leadership, service and ministry opportunities to our students on campus: www.lutheranstudentfellowship.org

ISM, Inc. is the Gospel-centered fellowship and hospitality ministry to international students and families: www.isminc.org

We work closely with LCMS World Mission to help congregations and districts touch the lives of students. We support LCMS World Mission's *Ablaze!* movement: www.lcmsworldmission.org

Some of our partners also include Laborers for Christ (LCEF), Can-Do Missions, and Ysleta Lutheran Mission (YLM).

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Why LCMS Campus Ministry?



To Serve the Church

During the four short years young adults attend college, many put their faith lives on hold. Increasing numbers appear to be abandoning their faith after graduation; a recent survey revealed that only 3 in 10 young adults aged 25 to 29 attend church regularly. Look around your own church. How many of your prior confirmands are attending eight years later?

More than 100,000 current students are members of LCMS congregations. Many are away from their homes and churches for the first time. As they deal with new influences, they need Biblical truth and Christian fellowship to nurture their faith.

To Reach Beyond the Church

In every dormitory, in every student union, in every classroom, at every campus event, there are souls that need the Savior. A campus community is comprised not just of students but also of hundreds of faculty and staff. More than 18 million people, including nearly 700,000 from 188 countries, are enrolled in US colleges and universities. Many of these people know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Many, perhaps more, do not!

At least 80 percent of the international students on campus will return to their home countries. They have the potential to carry the message of the Gospel to untold numbers of people around the globe. What this means to all of us is that the world of higher education in the United States is a *vast mission field right in our "back yard"*.

How is LCMS Campus Ministry Making a Difference?

Equipping Leaders to Make Disciples Who Make Disciples on Campus

LCMS Campus Ministry helps districts, congregations and small groups establish new campus ministries and revitalize existing ministries. Our yearly ministry goals of starting 8 to 10 new ministries and revitalizing 4 to 6 are being accomplished. Often, new or resurgent ministry is begun in conjunction with one of our partner organizations, particularly Lutheran Student Fellowship (LSF).

Equipping Conferences

LCMS Campus Ministry hosts two national conferences. At the annual **LCMS Campus Ministry Confabulation**, students and campus leaders come together to learn, mentor, worship and serve. Our biennial **Campus Ministry Institute** provides new and resurgent ministries with an in-depth opportunity to learn how to plan strategically, minister to people in campus communities, and develop all of the various aspects of campus ministry.

Intensive Leadership Workshops

LCMS Campus Ministry also provides leadership and faith-based training to campus ministry and student leaders via **Peer Ministry Training** modules, which are offered at the local level and through regional and the national conferences. Modules include such varied topics as "Sharing our Faith," "Active Listening and Crisis Management," "Personal Finances for Young Christians" and "Outreach to the Campus Community."



Strong foundations translate into effective, sustained ministry within campus communities.

LCMS Campus Ministry's resources help build strong foundations:

- Through a task force of extensively experienced campus ministry leaders, face-to-face mentoring and encouragement is provided for districts, congregations, and small groups desiring to start, grow, or revitalize ministry and outreach on campus.
- Through Catalyst Events, associates are available to share the story of ministry on campus to a variety of groups nationwide.
- Support for leaders and groups to assist with connecting students, planning, training, servant events, partnerships, development support, grants, student job opportunities, scholarships, public relations and communications.



"Let's repeat this scene on 50 new campuses by 2015" —Executive Director, Jon Jensen.

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