

History of Lutheran Campus Ministry in the U.S.A.

- 1907 ----University of Wisconsin, Madison is first campus ministry agency. Dr. Harry Gold is called as “student Pastor”
- 1922 ----Lutheran Student Association of America (LSAA) is formed
- 1928 ----Gamma Delta – the student organization for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is formed.
- 1945 ----World War II ends – veterans return and swell the ranks of campus ministry. National Lutheran Council (NLC) composed of 8 national Lutheran church bodies: AELC - ALC - Augustana - ELC - FLC – Suomi - UELC - ULCA
- 1946 ----Commission for Student Service formed under NLC
- 1952 ----“CSS” becomes “Division for Student Services”
- 1956 ----“DSS” becomes “Division for College and University Work”
- 1960 ----ALC merger occurred
- 1962 ----LCA merger occurred (now two national bodies in NLC)
- 1964 ----Joint LSAA and Gamma Delta Conference calls for the merger of the ALC, LCA and LCMS
- 1967 ----Lutheran Council in the USA (LCUSA) succeeds the NLC and Includes Missouri Synod but National Lutheran Campus Ministry (NLCM) an agency of the ALC and LA was extra-conciliar from 1967-1969
- 1969 ----NLCM becomes a “program unit” of LCUSA’s “Division for Educational Services”
Lutheran Student Movement-USA is formed - a merger of LSAA and Gamma Delta.
- 1975 ----“DES” becomes LCUSA’s “Division for Campus Ministry and Educational Services”
- 1982 ----“DCMES” becomes LCUSA’s “Division for Campus Ministry”
- 1985-----LSM-USA becomes the first Lutheran “Reconciled in Christ” organization. Gamma Delta withdraws and become Lutheran Student Fellowship
- 1988-----ALC, AELC and LCA merge to form ELCA in 1988. Campus ministry is placed under the umbrella of the Division for Education; later, the Division of Higher Education and Schools
- 1985-----A new endowment plan called, *We Care for the Future* was inaugurated as a long term strategy to provide financial stability to local ministries
- 2003-----A new set of Policies and Procedures were adopted more carefully delineating the existing accountability relationships among church-wide, synods, and area and local agencies
- 2005-----Lutheran Campus Ministry is lodged within the new Vocation and Education Program Unit
- 2007 ----Lutheran Campus Ministry Centennial celebrated throughout the country
- 2011 ----ELCA Assembly votes a 38% reduction in church-wide funding of campus ministry.



Lutheran Campus Ministry of Illinois

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Campus Ministry Mission

Campus Ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America invites people in academic settings more deeply into Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name, so that they can discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples.

The Campus Ministry Mission reflects the identity of this church which is defined by its historic mission to make Christ known to persons and places beyond itself. The college and university campus is one of those critical places where this church is challenged to find its voice in witness to God's saving work. With an emphasis on truth, discovery, creativity, and personal growth, the campus is a primary context for proclaiming, hearing, and living out the gospel. The interaction of this church and higher education provides for inspired education and informed faith. This search for truth and all its implications is a godly vocation and a gift of the Spirit. It springs from the very heart of Lutheran identity.

This ministry has its roots in the Christian community gathered by the Spirit through the proclamation of the word of God and the celebration of the sacraments. Campus ministry provides a strong witness at the point where education in the church intersects the church in education. Campus ministry is tied to the future strength of this church through the leadership gifts it develops in those who will serve the church as rostered leaders and active lay members. It provides an authentic experience in the life of the church for young adults on campus, inviting them into full participation with the church, even as their lives are undergoing change, challenge, and confirmation. Campus ministry seeks to grow the church by extending its work to an ever-increasing number of campuses across the country. It is a ministry of the whole church in all of its expressions.

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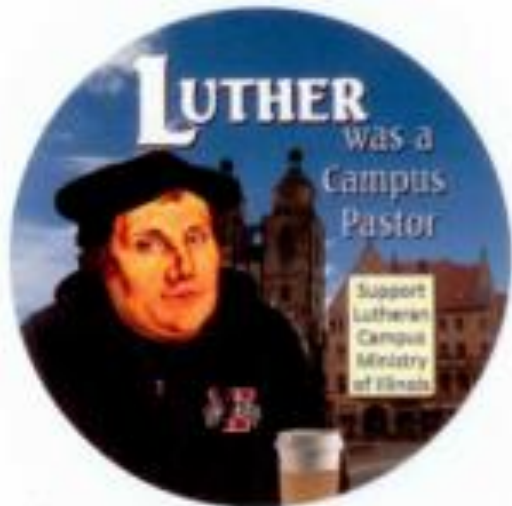


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Cooperating Congregations in Campus Ministry are those communities of faith located in reasonable proximity to one or more institutions of higher education that understand ministry to the academic community, and to students in particular, as an important part of their congregational mission to serve Christ. This cooperation may take any of several forms:

- + Congregations may agree to provide financial support for a specific campus ministry (under synod guidelines and beyond benevolence commitments to synodical and church-wide organization programs);
- + Congregations may agree to respond when Lutheran students, faculty, or staff at a nearby college or university call on them for assistance; or
- + Congregations may agree to become actively involved in welcoming and reaching out to the academic community, devoting staff and lay leadership resources to campus ministry.

Congregations seeking to become a Cooperating Congregation in Campus Ministry are encouraged to contact Lutheran Campus Ministry of Illinois at P. O. Box 862, Peoria, IL 60152



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