



English District – LCMS



Campus Mission/Ministry

There are two primary goals of Campus Mission/Ministry, to reach out to individuals currently outside the Kingdom of God with the Gospel of Jesus (Mission) and to encourage and strengthen individuals already part of the Kingdom of God through Word and Sacrament Ministry (Chaplaincy). These are summarized in Jesus' words "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ..." (Matthew 28:19a).

There are wide varieties of approaches to Campus Mission/Ministry with our English District. This variety stems from uniqueness of both context and leadership. Campus Mission/Ministry is focused on the total campus community, inclusive of undergraduate students, graduate students, post-graduate researchers, visiting scholars, international students, teaching and research faculty, and administrative and support staff.

Realizing the existing variety we have identified four aspects of this unique mission/ministry that we ask be reported on monthly. These aspects are: Pre-Connections; Creating Connections; Building Relationships – (Mission and Chaplaincy); and Making Disciples.

These five areas are defined by their functions as follows:

Pre-Connections

Function is to provide information to campus people about your congregation/fellowship group and/or the activities available. (e.g. advertising, campus activity fairs, open houses, community events, literature distribution, etc.)

Creating Connections

Function is to create a new connection between campus people and your current congregation/fellowship group. A "connection" is defined as someone with whom you have the ability to follow up (name and phone number/e-mail/address/social media connection).

Building Relationships

Function is to nurture a relationship between people new to your ministry and those who are currently participating in your congregation/fellowship group. (e.g. social events, retreats, movie nights, picnics, game nights, etc.)

Making Disciples

Function is to include campus people in the Word and Sacrament ministry of your congregation/fellowship group.

Leadership Development

Function is to train and equip campus ministry leaders to make more disciples.

In an effort to hear and celebrate, support and encourage, as well as to establish a level of accountability, both narrative and quantitative information is requested through the following monthly reporting. This form has been put into use by the Missions Council and Campus Ministry Task Force. It is an attempt to assess movement in these five areas.