

Campus Ministry 2014 Report

Over the last five years the Synod has reduced support for Campus ministry by 28% from \$90,000 to \$65,000. As a result we have had to cut back on our programs and had to rely on a reserve fund that by 2015 will be fully spent. As we look to the future of this ministry in our Synod we will have to be deliberate about committing more funds to campus ministry and/or make significant changes in the way we conduct and support Campus Ministry. We have been looking at different models that other churches use for campus ministry trying to discern what would be best for us. It is obvious, however, that congregations in close proximity to colleges and universities will have to step up to the plate to help.

The ministry at George Mason University was put on hold for about eight months with the retirement of Pastor Terry Hannon. In February 2014 Pastor Heidi Moore restarted this ministry and is looking to bring a new model of campus ministry among the young adults here. Pastor Ray Ranker at the University of Maryland is also working on some new ways to reach out to students with the love of Christ. This fall you will hear more from Pastor Ranker about The Big Ten fundraising challenge that Ray will kick off at Maryland and at the other Big Ten Campuses. We certainly want to make sure that Maryland comes out on top.

In a small way the Synod still supports the ministry at American University thanks to the good people at St Paul's Lutheran and Pastor Tom Omholt. We also continue to support ministry at Howard University through the joint efforts we have with the Episcopal Dioceses of Washington, and Campus Pastor Robyn Franklin-Vaughn. The ministry at Georgetown University is on hold until Georgetown Lutheran calls a new pastor and discerns what it will do on the Georgetown Campus.

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