

Lutheran Campus Ministry of Illinois Report

Lutheran Campus Ministry of Illinois is a joint ministry of the three ELCA Synods in Illinois (Metropolitan Chicago Synod, Northern Illinois Synod, and Central Southern Synod) organized to be a cooperative funding mechanism to support campus ministry in Illinois, regardless of the location of the campus ministry site.

Each Synodical Bishop appoints members from their Synod to the Board of Lutheran Campus Ministry of Illinois (LCMI), the governing body. The Board, along with the three Synod Bishops, provides guidance and financial support to six staffed campus ministry sites. Our primary funding comes from the three ELCA Synods, with a small grant from ELCA Churchwide, and with donations received from congregations and private individuals. The campus ministry sites include Illinois State University in Normal; Northern Illinois University in DeKalb; Northwestern University in Evanston; South Loop Campus Ministry in Chicago; University of Chicago in Chicago; and University of Illinois in Champaign. In addition, there are several Lutheran cooperating congregations, in communities with colleges or universities, that engage in programming with students, faculty and staff.

This past year the Board has spent time discussing how best to provide support to campus pastors, to local campus boards, and for aging campus ministry facilities. Stable funding is our biggest challenge in sustaining these vital ministries. We appreciate support received through your synod, contributions to local campus ministries fundraising appeals or to LCMI directly. Please contact our Treasurer, Carey Mayer by email at cmayer1302@yahoo.com for information regarding gifts to LCMI.

Together we work with a common goal in identifying programs and faith seeking opportunities for young adults living in communities and/or earning degrees from institutions of higher education in Illinois. Currently, financial support to six campus ministry sites include a monthly grant to support operations, a continuing education grant for campus pastors, and new this year, LCMI has offered a grant to cover LuMin annual membership dues. Across the United States, LuMin offers a network of inclusive faith communities in celebrating God's love and grace within the ELCA.

Thank you for your prayers and support for campus ministries.

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