

Dear Friend,

The House Community of Lutheran Campus Ministry - Saskatoon (LCM-S) has two purposes:

- to provide a supportive Christian community in which students can grow in the love of God and in friendship with others.
- to make the Lutheran Campus Centre a place of welcome in the spirit of Jesus Christ. The residents are invited to share in this ministry of hospitality.

These two purposes guide the life of the community. The House Community is more than a place to live. It's a home away from home. The community is a great resource to students as they face the everyday challenges of university life. It's a place where people can grow in all aspects of life: socially, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually. It is a place where life-long friendships are possible. Our goal is that the people who live in the house will feel accepted, respected, and loved. We hope to create a spirit of community where everyone knows they belong and everyone has a role to play. We all have gifts to share and to receive. Often those gifts are discovered and developed in community with others.

We ask residents to participate in three ways. First we ask them to write a community covenant. This is a team-building exercise on how they wish to live together as Christian Community. This will take place in the first week of the academic year. Residents are asked to discuss everything from housework to how they will deal with conflict and everything in between. Once they come to a consensus on each area, they are asked to sign the covenant in good faith.

Second, we ask residents to participate in a weekly meal that they take turns preparing. This is a time to take a breather from the rush of the week, to relax, have fun, enjoy a meal together, and to share the highs and lows from the week. It is also an opportunity to pray together by giving thanks for the meal and by lifting up the concerns of the community.

Third, we ask that residents participate in the life of the activities of Lutheran Campus Ministry. Worship is central to our life as Christians and so we ask that they attend one of the worship services during the week. We know from experience that even the busiest students can fit this into their busy schedules and that they are always glad they did. In addition, residents are invited to come to any of the other events that may interest them. Options include: discussion groups, retreats, speakers, bible study, social events etc.

The Lutheran Campus Centre is a two-storey building with both a private residence (second floor) and campus ministry space, including a chapel, Chaplain's office, and lounge area (on the main floor). The fully furnished residence consists of 5 separate single bedrooms and two full bathrooms, a living room, and private entrance on the second floor. The kitchen (with eating nook) is on the main floor but is for primary use by the residents. Occasionally the kitchen is shared with Lutheran Campus Ministry for meals shared by the whole community. The campus ministry space (on the main floor) is open to drop-in students to relax, study, and meet with friends from Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Each resident has their own bedroom, complete with single bed, dresser, desk, chair and mirror. The spacious living room is exclusively for residents and is equipped with a television. The kitchen is complete with a fridge, stove, microwave,

dishwasher, dishes, flatware, pots and pans. A freezer is available for the residents' use, along with a free washer and dryer.

If accepted as part of the community, we will ask you to sign an 8-month lease agreement. In order to keep rents as low as possible, parking is calculated separately. Rent is \$425.00/mo (Sept-April). Parking is \$216.00 for 8 months for non-electrified spots, \$299.00 for 8 months for electrified spots. Summer rent is \$375.00 (May-August). Summer parking is \$60 for May-August (or \$15 per month).

Next door, at 1306 College, is a house that currently belongs to LutherCare Communities but which Lutheran Campus Ministry also manages. The house has three furnished bedrooms with single bed, dresser, and desk. The living room, bathroom and kitchen (complete with dishes, flatware, and pots) are shared. The rent is \$415/month (Sept-April) and parking is the same as it is for the Campus Centre. Summer rent is \$280/month. The residents of 1306 College form their own house community along with a covenant and weekly supper. The two house communities may decide to eat together from time to time.

Both residences are conveniently located across the street from the U of S campus. It is a short bus ride or walk from downtown, and there is a drug store and confectionery just down the street, along with several restaurants.

Once accepted into the House Community, a deposit of \$425.00 will be expected in order to hold the room. In the event that the application is canceled, LCM-S may, at its discretion, charge a cancellation fee up to the amount of the deposit. Otherwise, the deposit will be returned when you move out.

Residency is limited to people who are in full time studies at the U of S or any other post-secondary institution in the city. "Full-time" is defined as three or more courses per semester at the U of S, or the equivalent at another institution. Upon being accepted into one of the house communities, residents are eligible to renew their residency for up to three years. This renewal is based on the three areas of participation outlined above: 1) participation in the weekly community meals, 2) living out the community covenant, and 3) participation in the activities of the Campus Centre (esp. worship life). Applications will be evaluated according to the purposes of this ministry, and returning residents will be given priority over new applicants.

Thank you for taking an interest in the House Community. We look forward to hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Contact Information:

House Manager
Lutheran Campus Ministry
Email: luth.chap@usask.ca
Mail to: House Manager
Lutheran Campus Centre
1302 College Drive
Saskatoon SK, S7N 0W5
(306) 653-2509

Application Form
Lutheran Campus Ministry - Saskatoon House Community

Name _____ Birth date _____ Sex M/F

Present Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Permanent Address (If different from above) _____

Permanent Phone _____

Name of Parent(s) _____

Home Congregation _____ Denomination _____

Year in University _____ College and/or Department _____

School attended prior to U of S _____

Vocational Goal _____

Will you require a parking space for a vehicle? _____

In the space below, please list the clubs and activities you have been involved with in the past two years. Be sure to include any volunteer work/activity as well as a brief note explaining your activities and/or responsibilities, if you feel it may be unclear. Please use another sheet of paper if you run out of space.

In the space below, please list any interests and/or hobbies that have not already been mentioned above.

References: Lutheran Campus Ministry - Saskatoon, requires at least two letters of reference from each applicant. One should be from your pastor and the other from a non-family member who has known you for at least two years and is familiar with you and your work (e.g. School teacher, employer or co-worker, community or church member). These references should either be sent directly to the Lutheran Campus Centre, or should be included with your application in sealed envelopes. These letters should address your suitability as a member of the U of S Lutheran Campus Ministry House Community.

To complete this application: Please provide a written comment answering the following questions:

- What are your reasons for wanting to live in the House Community?
- What do you feel you can contribute to both the House Community and Lutheran Campus Ministry at the U of S?
- What do you hope to gain from your time in the House Community?
- Have you had any experience living in a communal household (not including your immediate family)? If so, please describe the experience. *Note: Prior communal living is NOT a prerequisite to living in the House Community.*
- Please describe any other factors or experiences which you feel will help us to evaluate your application.

Return the completed application to:

House Manager
Lutheran Campus Centre
1302 College Drive
Saskatoon, SK S7N 0W5

HOUSE COMMUNITY COVENANT (A team-building exercise discussed at House Community orientation.)

We, the residents of the House Community of Lutheran Campus Ministry-Saskatoon, wish to be part of a covenant community, and agree to help each other develop and foster a community relationship, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. As part of this, we agree to respect each other, share the housework and share meals together, guided by the following ideals. (Please record your answers and type up a final signed covenant to put on your fridge.)

- weekly house community suppers...(day/time/length)
- loading/emptying dishwasher & dishes in sink...
- other household chores: kitchen, bathrooms, vacuuming living room and hallway, taking out garbage, shovelling/sweeping of back stairway, recycling, etc.
- sharing/dividing up storage space in kitchen cupboards, fridge, freezer, laundry area, upstairs living room closet.
- buying groceries (together? separate? rides to the store) ...
- laundry(clothes left in washer/dryer)
- recyclable material (what to save and where to store it)
- overnight guests will stay..... (where?)
- as a norm, guests will stay.... (no longer than ____ days)
- parties
- use of the television (Does it build community or hinder it? Just in bedrooms or in living room? Cable?)
- sharing phone lines
- being considerate of others (tidying up after ourselves, playing music, etc) ...
- quiet hours
- How will we respect each other's privacy & personal space, esp. in terms of gender issues?
- How do we offer hospitality to LSM and other visitors (esp. use of kitchen & dishwasher)?
- How will we handle conflicts or when somebody breaks the covenant?
- How do we want House Community messages to be communicated to/from the House Manager & Chaplain?
- Any other needs/concerns that you would like to discuss? (allergies, medical conditions, etc.)

By signing this agreement, we commit ourselves to this covenant in love and faith by the grace of God.

Resident

Resident

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RELATIONSHIP WITH LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY (1302 COLLEGE DRIVE)

PURPOSE OF THE HOUSE COMMUNITY:

- to provide a supportive, Christian community in which residents can learn, study and grow in all aspects of life
- to make the Lutheran Campus Centre a place of welcome in the spirit of Jesus Christ. The residents are invited to share in this ministry of hospitality.

BOARD COMMITMENT & GOALS:

- The Board agrees to provide a safe, comfortable, attractive and affordable place to live and to carry out all the responsibilities of a landlord.
- The hope of the Board is that the residents will form a community that will meet for a weekly meal, create a covenant, and participate in the activities of the Centre (worship and whatever else interest and time allows).

WORKING GUIDELINES:

- The **kitchen** (stove/dishes/pots etc) will be shared with Lutheran Campus Ministry for the Tuesday night supper. - The **dishwasher** will be shared by both the House Community and Lutheran Campus Ministry throughout the week. LCM will try to respect privacy of residents in kitchen by knocking and limiting entry as much as possible.
- LCM will put their **dishes** in dishwasher and leave kitchen as they found it. They will try to **respect** personal property of residents and not use your fridge, freezer, or items from your shelves.
- **Cupboard** space above fridge will be used by the Lutheran Campus Centre.
- The **dining room fridge** is for Lutheran Campus Ministry. If you wish to temporarily store something in it, ask the Chaplain. Please do not take cookies out of dining room freezer. Please eat out of the cookie jar in the lounge. Also, any leftovers in the dining room fridge belong to the LSM. Ask before munching.
- the **dining room phone** is primarily for use by students who drop in. It is on the same line as the office phone.
- residents are welcome to use the equipment in the **downstairs storage room** (vacuum cleaner, mop, ladder etc) but not cleaning supplies (paper products, cleansers etc). It is to be kept locked during the day.
- When the **downstairs lounge** is not in use for Campus Ministry activities, residents are welcome to use it. The **dining room** is shared by both communities. We ask that you leave them as you found them. Clean up dirty dishes from dining room and homework when you leave.
- LCM has a **no pet** and **no smoking** policy.
- **Visitor parking** is shared by those who are coming to visit residents at 1302 & 1306 College, by those coming to visit the Campus Centre, and by parking spot holders when someone is in their assigned spot. Please try to restrict use of the visitor spots during the day to a minimum. (Cars that abuse the use of the spot will receive a warning.)
- The **Board** is composed of volunteers who serve as Landlord for the Lutheran Campus Centre. Rent and parking fees are to be paid to the House Manager. Concerns regarding the building, rents, receipts, or maintenance issues can be directed to the House Manager. Requests/concerns that the House Community would like the Board to consider can be put in writing and signed by all and given to the House Manager or Chaplain. Or, one resident can be designated to attend a Board meeting in person. The Board meets once every two months.
- No one from LCM is to **go upstairs** or enter the residence unless invited. The House Manager and Chaplain will try to give 24 hour notice before needing to enter the residence. If this is not possible, we will try to call ahead.
- The Board agrees to respond as promptly as possible to **concerns** of the House Community.
- **Regular Hours** of the Campus Centre are: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Since the Chaplain has responsibilities off-campus, at times the Centre will be unsupervised.
- **Security**: kitchen door: Since the Campus Centre is a public place, the dining room door should be thought of as the front door of the Residence. Rule of thumb: the person who opens the door is responsible for closing it. If you leave the kitchen or dining room area, please lock the door behind you! Since the kitchen provides access to the residence, please do not leave the kitchen open and unattended so that you don't get any unexpected visitors!
- **Bikes**: Never leave bike unattended and always use a heavy-duty lock or your bike will be stolen.
- The **Chaplain** is NOT the Landlord or House Manager! The Chaplain is available to be a listening ear in bad times and good, to offer informal counselling and pastoral support, to be a resource person for your spiritual questions, and finally, to walk beside you as a friend. She is there as part of a ministry of presence to accompany the community as a whole as it experiences the highs and lows of university and community life together. The role of the Chaplain at the House Community supper is to be a catalyst in creating Christian community.

SAMPLE COVENANT

We, the residents of the House Community of Lutheran Campus Ministry - Saskatoon, wish to be part of a covenant community, and agree to help each other develop and foster a community relationship, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. As part of this, we agree to respect each other, share the housework and share meals together, guided by the following principles:

- the kitchen will be cleaned after each meal, by the person cooking.
- the bathrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen and hallways will be cleaned weekly. A list of duties will be posted so that each person knows what their responsibility is each week.
- the walkways will be cleared by each of us, on a rotating basis, as soon as possible after each snowfall
- each person will be responsible for their own long distance phone calls, and those of their guests. Service charges will be split equally. Payment will be made to (name of person in whose name the phone is in) within one week of the phone bill arriving.
- due to allergies, no one will be allowed to have a pet.
- garbage will be emptied as needed, on a rotating basis.
- recyclable material will be taken to the depots once a month. Sorting is an ongoing process.
- overnight guests will stay on the Campus Centre couches. Guests are limited to a two day stay.
- parties will only be held upon agreement of all of the residents.
- to allow for proper sleep, and adequate study time, it is expected that there will be quiet from 9:30pm through to 7:00am, while on weekends, Midnight is when quiet time would start. These hours will likely be adjusted, by mutual agreement, for exam periods.
- to help build community, and provide a regular forum of discussion, bi-weekly _____ suppers will be community suppers, with rotating cooking responsibility, and joint clean up.
- the privacy of each person will be respected. No one will enter another's room without being invited.
- if any other problems come up, due to the closeness of living in the same house, they will be dealt with as a community, through the discussions at the bi-weekly house meeting.

Date

Name of Resident

Signature

Name of Resident

Signature

Name of Resident

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