



# Lutheran Campus Ministry Saskatoon

## THE BODY OF CHRIST FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

The story is often told of the church convention at which someone asks, “Who in this room was involved in Campus Ministry at one time or another?” Hands immediately go up around the room; some say one third of the hands, some say it’s closer to half. The point of the story seems to be this – Campus Ministry strengthens faith, and it prepares people for lifetimes of leadership and service in the church.

It’s a good story, but I’ve always had a vague uneasiness about it. The problem is that it tends to look inward, asking the question, “What does Campus Ministry do for the church?”

This may be an important question, but it forms an incomplete picture.

Why is that picture incomplete? A few evenings ago I listened after worship while two students talked about political philosophy and social theory – you know, the everyday conversation of twenty-year-olds (?). I was amazed by their maturity and their conviction in that moment, and then it struck me:

These two young faithful Christian people are spending their days at University engaging – as Christians - with all kinds of people and ideas everywhere they go. These two, and so many like them, are a gift to the campus and a gift to the academic community, as they bring their voices and their perspectives to the ongoing conversation of University life.

These are the kinds of things I see and hear all the time as I interact with the students who are involved with Campus Ministry: One student struggles with some of the ideas she encounters in a class, for they seem contrary to the faith that she holds. But she keeps at it, always adding her voice. An-

other student, taking a similar class, loves engaging with these same new ideas and the challenges they pose. What else do I hear and see? Students excited about a summer job, a handful of graduating students excited or scared about starting a career or moving on to the next level of study. I hear students talk about what they did on the weekend, whom they met and where they met them, how their hockey or soccer or ultimate Frisbee team is doing in Campus Rec. A music student sings and tours with the Grey-stone singers, a drama student spends long hours

outside of class working on a production. All of these students are Christians who are involved with the world, in conversation with the world, and they are a gift to the world and to the people around them, on-campus and off campus.

This is the real gift of Campus Ministry: It’s not just for the church, it’s for the world. For the students who come here to worship, to rest, to study, to eat, to find support or to offer support, are

*nourished with the Body of Christ to be the Body of Christ in the world.*

And isn’t that how it is for all of us? We are not the church for the sake of the church. We are the church for the sake of the world. Thank you for your support of the students in this place as they live and serve as the Body of Christ for this corner of the world. Our prayers and support are with you as you live out your calling to be the Body of Christ, for the world, in your setting.

Grace and Peace be with you,

Rev. Paul Sartison



## What are students saying about Lutheran Campus Ministry?

"During my time in University, the Lutheran Campus Centre always felt like a home away from home...plenty of coffee, tea and cookies, along with supportive friends that often felt like family."

"Campus ministry was important in keeping me involved in church when I didn't really feel like I cared."



"It has given me times that I can connect with others, connect with myself, and connect with God, that I maybe wouldn't have had the opportunity for with a busy university schedule."

"Between going to class, finishing assignments, preparing for labs, cramming for exams, eating, sleeping and making time for a decent social life there isn't always much room left for faith. Campus ministry has provided

me with a place to fulfill these needs, and friends to share the experience with as well."



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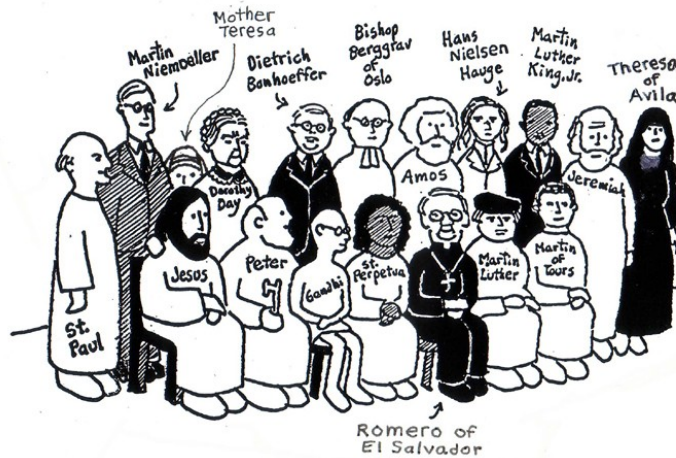
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