

Congregationally Connected Campus Ministry

A targeted Innovation Grant designed to encourage new congregationally connected campus ministries

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*The ministry of The Synod of the Trinity is guided by our Ends.
Key to this New Worshiping Community Innovation Grant is our Secondary End:
"Encouraging innovation in, between and among presbyteries through the use of
human, programmatic and financial resources."*



Grant Description

We live in a time of great change, both in church and culture. It is a time rich with opportunity to reach people for Jesus Christ and it is critical that we build the church's capacity to respond faithfully, without the fear of failure. Congregations, presbyteries and faith-based organizations are encouraged to dream and explore new and innovative possibilities for ministry and mission.

College and university campuses are a part of the larger neighborhood in which many of our congregations exist. They are filled with faculty, staff and students — often primarily young adults! How do we reach out to them — both those who have a church affiliation *back home*, and those who have never known church? We believe that congregations are called to a special role in making those connections for ministry, whether that role is to provide fellowship, meals, study, worship or a safe space away from campus. Each congregation must consider its own gifts and the needs of the campus to discover its potential role with and for that community. This one-time grant will assist a congregation seeking to develop a new, ongoing campus connection.

Based on budget and need, grants of up to \$5,000 may be awarded to the applicant.

**An entity may only apply for one Synod grant per calendar year.
Please choose carefully as you consider your application.**

DEADLINES FOR THIS GRANT'S APPLICATION: MAY1 AND NOVEMBER1



Congregationally Connected Campus Ministry Grant Application Form

Please complete this fillable form by downloading it to your desktop, sign (electronically or print and sign) and email it to grants@syntrinity.org. You are encouraged to contact Elizabeth Connelly (415-722-5607) or Susan Wonderland at the Synod office number 717-737-0421 if you have questions.

For Office Use Only:

Date Received _____

Date Reviewed _____

Date Notification _____

Yr _____ Type _____ App# _____

CONGREGATIONALLY CONNECTED CAMPUS MINISTRY INFORMATION (CCCM)

Please list the name of your CCCM and the name and contact information for the person responsible for answering questions we may have regarding your grant application. Make sure you list a phone number where they can easily be reached and an email address that is checked regularly. Thank you!

Congregation Name

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ Presbytery _____

Primary Contact Name

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

WHAT IS THE VISION FOR THIS MINISTRY?

Please describe your vision and first intentions for this ministry in terms of 6 month and 12 month goals. Who are you expecting to reach with this effort? How do you anticipate doing that work? How will the congregation be involved in ways that include but go beyond money? What kind of campus contacts have you made that help you to have campus access? How have you shared this vision with the presbytery for potential support and input? Attach additional sheets if you require more room.

WHAT INSPIRED THIS MINISTRY TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CONGREGATION?

WHO ARE THE PARTNERS FOR THIS MINISTRY AND HOW WILL YOU WORK TOGETHER TOWARDS ACHIEVING YOUR GOALS?

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please use the following space to provide a financial plan for the CCCM. For the income section, be sure to identify funding partners, contributions from partner congregations, presbytery, members, other organizations and fund raisers. Please project start-up expenses as well as projected annual expenses (salary, meeting space, programming, etc.). Attach additional sheets if you require more room.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUESTED

GRANT CHECK

YOUR GRANT CHECK CANNOT BE MADE OUT TO AN INDIVIDUAL; IT MUST BE MADE OUT TO AND MAILED TO AN ORGANIZATION. Please list the name and address of the organization below.

Organization Name

Street or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

SIGNATURES

We require documentation that your application has been reviewed by your member PC(USA) partners in this project.

PARTNER PC(USA) *(If Applicable)*

Church Name

Session Clerk Name

Signature

Date Reviewed

PRESBYTERY *(Executive or Stated Clerk)*

Presbytery Name

Name & Title

Executive or Stated Clerk

Signature

Date Reviewed

APPLICANT

Please have the person who filled out this form sign below.

Applicant's Name

Signature

Date Signed

NOTE: Once you have signed this form electronically, you cannot go back and make changes!

Email completed grant applications to grants@syntrinity.org.

EVALUATION QUESTIONS

The Synod of the Trinity would like a review of your experience. Please send a status report six months after receipt of this grant. Return your responses, along with any photographs, electronically to mgivler@syntrinity.org.

1. How have you or have you not met your goals?
2. What is the next step in this work?
3. How has the Holy Spirit surprised you in your process and new relationships?
4. How did you or will you share your project and learnings with your congregation, your Community, your presbytery and the Synod?

Attached to this grant application are the Marks of Presbyterian Campus Ministry as developed by the Synod of the Trinity to aid you in considering your work, as well as a rationale for *why* campus ministry is so important in our Reformed Traditions. If you have not already discovered the PCUSA UKIRK website and resources, they can be found here: <http://ukirk.pcusa.org/>

Synod of the Trinity: Marks of Covenantal Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry provides a unique opportunity for young adults to develop spiritually, intellectually, and morally as in covenant community they consider and struggle with questions of faith and life.

Recognizing and encouraging the diverse ways in which ministry occurs on different campuses and in different geographic regions, the Synod of the Trinity focuses its support on ministries that are:

- a) reflective of the Reformed tradition,
- b) connected to the larger church,
- c) sensitive to the age-appropriate needs and issues of college students, and
- d) safe environments for faith development.

The Synod will be attentive to the presence of the following characteristics of campus ministry in new and continuing ministries:

1. Worship

Campus Ministry provides opportunities for students to worship together and with the larger church.

2. Service

Campus Ministry connects students with opportunities on the international, national, local, and campus levels to embody the servanthood of Jesus.

3. Community & Fellowship

Campus Ministry facilitates community among students, so that they might build solid, healthy relationships where they learn to live out the commandment to love God and neighbor while recognizing themselves as beloved children of God.

4. Discipleship

Campus Ministry helps students grow as followers of Jesus, as they learn to discern, embrace and employ their gifts, integrating their faith and thus participating in God's work in the world.

5. Leadership

Campus Ministry gives students the opportunity to have active roles in the formation, practice, and evaluation of the ministry

6. Congregationally Connected

Campus Ministry builds relationships between students and local congregations, encouraging both the campus and the congregation to identify ways to grow together in ministry.

Campus Ministry: Why?

Each time we pour the baptismal waters, we make a covenant to nurture the faith of the newly baptized. Campus ministry provides a valuable resource to the church as we live out that covenant with college aged students.

The promises congregations make in the sacrament of baptism are vital to discipleship. We promise, on behalf of the whole Christian Church, to guide and nurture those being baptized by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ Jesus as faithful members of Christ's church. But congregations often struggle with how best to live out these promises with respect to college students, who are learning to think critically, exploring the assumptions of their lives, often in locations far away from the churches of their childhood.

Campus ministry serves the larger church in fulfilling these baptismal promises. It offers an opportunity for college students to explore their evolving selves and to share their experiences with others who also are asking questions of faith. It provides a Christian presence and voice that walks with students as they ask questions of faith – as they express doubt – as they embrace science and critical thinking – as they mature into the people God created them to be. Campus ministry mentors and empowers college students to claim faith for themselves as they experience and navigate the transitions that college brings. Through worship, service and fellowship, it shapes disciples of Jesus Christ and encourages students to become leaders on campus, in the church, and in the world.

At a time when church participation among people of all ages is declining and many young people are leaving the church, campus ministry provides a welcome opportunity to engage college students in the life of faith and in Christian community. By offering a Christian presence on campus, and by encouraging local congregations to connect with college students, campus ministry serves the larger church in living into the baptismal promises made to college youth.

Just as Christ meets people where they are, just as they are, so too campus ministry meets students where they are and walks with them as they grow in life and faith, exploring and sharing their evolving selves and their maturing experience of themselves, others, God, and the world in the context of Christian community.

The ministry and outreach opportunities presented by campus ministry are vital to the future of the church and deserve the wholehearted support of the Synod of the Trinity.

Book of Order references:

W-2.3013 The congregation as a whole, on behalf of the Church universal, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized person in the Christian life.

W-2.3012 e. Making certain that those baptized are nurtured in understanding the meaning of their Baptism, of the Lord's Supper, and of their interrelation, and that they are surrounded by Christian encouragement and support.