

Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry

Call to the Work

Campus Ministry 2002 and beyond

Why Campus Ministry is Important?

We believe that it is important to provide a supportive faith community that addresses the unique concerns and pressures of the transitional nature of student life. Campus ministry is an inherent and under-represented component of our lifespan religion, with significant potential for extraordinary contributions to Unitarian Universalism. By focusing on the articulated needs of college young adults, Campus ministry benefits students by providing a consistent meaningful UU community. Therefore congregations become authentically intergenerational and have access to the diverse gifts of students, and the broader UU movement cultivates leadership and a voice for liberal religion in the world!

The Campus Ministry Vision:

Our vision is a Continental Campus Ministry grounded at the local level, networked at the district and regional level, and valued and prioritized at the Associational / Continental level.

A collaborative ministry, it must be part of both the campus and congregational communities. Incorporating diverse and unique models, Campus Ministry meets the particular developmental needs of college students.

Campus Ministry will provide students with the skills and support to articulate their faith claims and develop a spiritual identity as the foundation for their lives. This provides the grounding from which students and Campus Ministry groups act for social justice change in their communities and the world.

Campus Ministry will develop and provide leadership training and resources which cultivate empowered leaders with a strong sense of voice. These resources will help create safe campus ministry spaces, support students as they articulate a liberal religious voice, and nurture and sustain student's social justice work on campus and in the world.

What can we do? Sign-on, endorse, and circulate this vision document.

Association Vision – Campus Ministry

Mission Statement – *Unitarian Universalist Campus Advisory Committee*

Our mission is to provide the strategic and institutional vision for campus ministry. Accountable to the UUA, we advise on the growth, planning, evaluation and scope of campus ministry. We support a system of campus ministries between and among congregations, campus chapters and associational organizations with recommendations, resources and networks. We promote the inclusion of campus ministry in the mission of all congregations and affirm the value of spiritual growth and worship-centered campus chapters.

Structure Recommendations – *Advisory Committee*

Establish a 7 member group to provide a strategic and institutional vision for UU Campus Ministry. Membership will include representatives from LREDA, YRUU, C-UUYAN, UUMA and three additional appointments by the YACM office (with consideration to region, age and CM experience.) Representatives shall be selected and given terms by their respective organizations. The committee will also include appropriate staff as determined by YACM office, and we recommend a UU Board liaison. The committee will meet through various means throughout the year including four conference calls, two face to face conferences and an ongoing list serve. The committee shall be convened by a YACM Staff and Advisory Committee member. In its advisory role, this committee is charged to establish methods to uphold its mission.

*Developed and agreed to at the UU Campus Ministry Advisory Council meeting of February 19, 2002 in Chicago IL. Participants: Joseph Lyons (YACM Staff), Michael Tino (YACM Staff), Ella Hereth (YRUU Rep), Todd Strickland (C*UUYAN Rep), Mary Ann Macklin (UUMA Rep), Steve Caldwell (LREDA Rep), Katie Chamberlain (At-Large), Joellynn Monahan (At-Large), Jonathan Craig (At-Large), Benjamin Ernst (YACM Filmmaker)*

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