

Minnesota South District Mission Committee Campus Ministry Vision

The Campus Ministry of the Minnesota South district of the LCMS will give glory to God by:

- 1) Providing Word & Sacrament ministry to the campus community.
- 2) Seeing and reaching the mission field that God sees and desires to be reached. This mission field includes those in the campus communities who are not-yet saved as well as those who are members of another congregation.
- 3) Preparing students to be spiritually equipped for service in another congregation when they leave this campus community.
- 4) Providing spiritual nourishment/enrichment for the campus community.
- 5) Providing an extended spiritual growth ministry to students from home parishes.
- 6) Equipping students to see themselves as missionaries who fervently seek opportunities to speak of Jesus with their friends and neighbors.

Campus Ministry Sub-Committee Campus Ministry Strategy *APRIL 2011*

Law & Gospel

Mission & Ministry

Go & Be, Come & See

Congregations & Students

Group & Individual

Centrifugal Mission & Centripetal Ministry

A “Go & Be the Church, Come & See the Church” approach to Campus Ministry is to be utilized in the context of our Lutheran Understanding of the Christian Faith. As Lutherans, we understand that ministry often happen in paradox. Both sides to each step in the Campus Ministry Strategy will be addressed.

The District will pursue this strategy in partnership with two parties: local churches and college students. The main role of the district is to raise awareness of congregations and students to view college campuses as a unique “mission & ministry” opportunity available to them. The big picture strategy is a cycle of communication and development between the district and these two parties. In short, the plan is:

1. Approach congregations close to campuses, encouraging them to engage with this unique mission field.
2. Approach individual college students to engage with this unique mission field. This would be done in ways appropriate to the students, including such realities as Internet social networking, interpersonal communication, and personal

relationships. Ideally, a group of Christ-centered, committed Lutheran students would be encouraged to connect with Lutheran students on another campus. They would be encouraged to collaborate on ways and means of sharing the Good News with their peers who do not yet know the Lord. These students could carry out their outreach in a variety of ways that they would determine. Training could be provided as deemed helpful and necessary.

3. Equip both with prayer, strategies and best practices to encourage them in their pursuit.
4. Connect the two entities to result in a joining together for Word & Sacrament ministry.

	Congregations	Students
Individual Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pursue a conversation with churches within a 5 mile radius of a college campus - Pursue a conversation with churches currently engaged in campus ministry - Seek out the individual congregations' strengths. - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pursue a "mission & ministry" spiritual conversation with Christian students who are currently on campus. - Seek out the students' perspective on their personal needs and the needs of the students on campus - Pursue an ongoing conversation with students on next steps to connect with other Christian students and to build relationships with non-Christian students
Mass Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Campus Ministry is added to the MNS District Missionary Prayers list. - Share success stories through MNS weekly email, Mission Vision News, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use networking sites to communicate goal of creating a relevant campus ministry to each college. - Create banner ads to link individuals' networking site to MNS District Campus Ministry web page.