

REPORT OF COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Note: The Commission of Cooperative Ministries in Higher Education will meet October 11, 2008 and a better 2008-2009 report could be provided after that time. The Commission includes TWO representatives from each participating denomination (elected or appointed according to the procedures of their respective denominations); one representative of each sponsored campus ministry, and the director of each sponsored campus ministry who will have a voice but not a vote regarding motions that have direct impact on the amount of financial support for the supported ministries. Current President of the Commission is Paul Rodkey, Director/Campus Minister at Eastern Washington State University.

IN REVIEW

The Covenant/Mission of Cooperative Ministries in Higher Education/Pacific Northwest

We acknowledge as Christians that the Church is one, and we covenant, as an expression of our unity in mission to act together in our ministries to state-supported four-year colleges and universities in Washington and Northern Idaho to:

- A. Raise the awareness of those in higher education and in society to the values of love, nurture, justice, loyalty, authority and personal dignity.
- B. Encounter students - through pastoral care, worship, study, community life and counseling - in order to meet personal needs, enhance abilities and foster commitment to the Christian faith
- C. Deepen and extend the Christian witness of students, faculty and administrative personnel in the campus communities.
- D. Broaden ecumenical understanding.
- E. Provide more effective growth and participation of members of the campus Christian community in the life and work of the Church.
- F. Work with local churches in the college/university community and the campus ministers to provide enriched programs and resources.

EXAMPLE OF PROGRAM, ONE CAMPUS, Fall 2008

Koinonia House, Common Ministry at Washington State University

Regular Programs for Students:

1. Tuesdays, 5-7p.m.: Finding Your Spirituality: Meal Meditation & Discussion
 2. Wednesdays 5-7p.m.: Images of God: How We Understand and Imagine God in our Lives, Dinner, Music & Fellowship
 3. Faculty & Friends Book Study:
 4. Mosaic First Sunday of the month. A gathering of song and silence. A contemplative service for persons of all spiritual persuasions. 5:00pm Meal and introduction to spiritual practices at UCC Church.
- Annual Roger William Symposium: October 24, 25. Dr. Omid Safi, featuring Muslim intellectual, Dr. Omid Safi
 - Spiritual Retreat: St. Gertrude's monastery, Cottonwood, ID, Nov. 14-16
 - Planning for Service Trip over spring Break 2009: Help Rebuild Cedar Rapids
 - Available daily at K-House for discussions, counseling, planning: Gail Stearns, WSU Common Ministry Director; Alissa Bertsch Johnson, Wesley Foundation Executive Director