

Interesting Facts

about Lutheran Campus Ministry

- ✂ ELCA Campus Ministry marks its beginning with the call of the Rev. Howard Gold as campus pastor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1907.
- ✂ The Lutheran Student Association of America began over 75 years ago in 1922.
- ✂ The Lutheran Student Movement – USA, the successor Lutheran student organization, was born in 1969.
- ✂ Lutheran campus pastors and ministers have gathered at a national conference annually for 60 years, since 1946.
- ✂ There are currently 190 Campus Ministry agencies across the country. This number has increased in recent years, due to new ecumenical partnerships and new funding support.
- ✂ There are nearly 400 Cooperative Congregations in Campus Ministry, serving nearby campus communities where no professional staff are available.
- ✂ Nearly 10,000 different students worship in our ministries during a semester, and during an average week 4,400 are in worship.
- ✂ More than 30,000 initial student contacts were made by Campus Ministry on campuses across the country.
- ✂ Ninety-two baptisms were performed by campus pastors last year, 43 of them adult/young adult.
- ✂ Over 2,500 students participate in a weekly Bible Study or faith development opportunities during the academic year.
- ✂ Campus ministries reported approximately 4,990 students participated in community service during the year. Fifty-eight percent of the ministries offered a service travel opportunity, with 1,433 students participating.
- ✂ Two hundred thirty-one students from CMAs are enrolled in seminary. An additional 202 students from Campus Ministry are reported as being in the candidacy process for rostered leadership in the ELCA.
- ✂ Over 170 serve in agencies such as Lutheran Volunteer Corps and Peace Corps.
- ✂ Over 2,600 students and alumni are reported to be involved in leadership positions in their congregations or synods.