

campus ministries

united campus ministry/kalamazoo

(www.wmich.edu/ucm)

Non-traditional campus ministry.

Uses service learning to reach out to college students.
Serves the campuses of higher education in Kalamazoo, Michigan.
Our mission: To infuse the task of education with a vision of the world made whole.

true north campus ministry

(www.truenorthonline.org)

True North focuses on helping college students in downtown Grand Rapids integrate their Christian faith with their daily lives, academic work and future careers.

We collaborate with local congregations and student organizations offering opportunities for Christians working in a variety of careers to share their experiences with college students who have similar career goals.

True North is a campus ministry supported by the Higher Education Agency of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan. We are governed by a local board of directors.

open door campus ministries - east lansing

(www.opendoorcampusministry.com)

Open Door Campus Ministry is the branch of The Peoples Church dedicated to outreach among students of Michigan State University and Lansing Community College, and among young professionals in the Lansing/East Lansing area. It is headed by the Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry, and led by a team of student Peer Ministers. The Campus Ministry Committee, under the direction and with the approval of the Council of Elders, recommends and implements programs for post-secondary students at The Peoples Church.



PRESBYTERY OF LAKE MICHIGAN

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"...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:12).



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY TEAM

www.lakemichiganpresbytery.org/dmt



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ministries with youth

The Youth Strategy Team, with its connection to the Presbytery's Discipleship Ministry Team (DMT), is responsible for coordinating, overseeing and planning youth events sponsored by the presbytery; and providing resources, training and a support network for presbytery youth leaders (both professional staff and volunteers).

For more information or to become a member of the Youth Strategy Team contact: Brian Koon (b.koon@comcast.net)

events:

urban plunge

(October 28-30, 2011) Camp Greenwood Contact: Brian Koon (b.koon@comcast.net)

confirmation retreat

(January 2012) Interested churches should contact at their earliest convenience: Lynn Barger Elliott (lbe2504@comcast.net)

mid high youth mix

(February 2012) First Presbyterian, Hastings. Contact: Brian Koon (b.koon@comcast.net)

alma youth mix

(March 9-11, 2012) www.almayouthmix.com

evangelism and church growth

The Discipleship Ministry Team, along with the Presbytery's Church Growth Committee, is developing evangelism workshops and resources focusing on learning to tell our own "faith" stories, the connection between small groups and the church's outreach, and hospitality that embodies the gospel message. Two evangelism-related resources are available in the Presbytery's Resource Center. One is the book "Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism" and there is a new curriculum called "Engage".

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**"by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
(John 13:35).**

educators to support your congregation's ministry of education

Presbyterians Organized in Nurture and Teaching (POINT) is a network of experienced church educators available to assist churches in the presbytery with educational ministry development. POINT volunteers can meet with a Christian Education committee or other church leaders to discuss existing programs, and brainstorm new possibilities for ministry. They can lead workshops on teacher training, evaluation of curriculum, or present choices for choosing

new curriculum. The POINT network is a ministry of the General Assembly Council through Educational Ministries. Volunteers attend a yearly training event to discover new resources and ways to assist congregations. Information and resources can be found at www.pcusa.org/point. The Presbytery of Lake Michigan has four POINT persons. Please contact any one of them to set up a meeting, ask advice, or just talk about an issue.

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looking for resources?

The Resource Center, housed in the Presbytery office, provides a variety of resources for churches and individuals in the Presbytery to borrow. Bible study material, commentaries, small group discussion guides, youth ministry ideas, curriculum samples, children's books, DVDs and books on a huge range of topics are available.

The catalog is found on the Presbytery website and can be searched for general topics or specific books. If you need ideas or have questions, call or e-mail Eileen Best, Resource Center Director at ebest@lakemichiganpresbytery.org. A table of sample resources is available at every Presbytery meeting and most Presbytery-sponsored workshops. Please stop by and browse. Materials can also be picked up or returned at meetings. Individuals, churches, and ministry teams are encouraged to suggest resources.

There is no charge or "due" date, but please return resources in a timely manner so others may use them.

Search on line at www.lakemichiganpresbytery.org/resources.

chaplain-in-residence reflection on camp greenwood adult special needs camp

The theme for every week this summer at Camp Greenwood was the "fruit of the Spirit" found in Galatians 5:22-23, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control".

Twice a day as Chaplain-in-Residence, I would be responsible for speaking BRIEFLY at chapel services. There were close to 20 special needs adults with a variety of challenges—Down's syndrome, autism, schizophrenia, spinal column injuries, limited mobility, and other. I wondered what I could say to make the fruit of Spirit come alive for them, yet they did so much to help the fruit of the Spirit come alive for me!

For example, the New Testament word for "patience" is sometimes translated as

"forbearance" or "long suffering". These folks have suffered long and could teach me much! One woman asked me to pray that the voices in her head would go away. I went ahead and prayed for her. The next morning her face was full with a big smile and she greeted me with, "Guess what PJ (Pastor Jim)? The voices went away!"

Of course there were the usual summer camp activities of swimming, boating, archery, and talent shows. Their archery skills surpassed my own!

The staff at Greenwood was wonderful, the Fruit of the Spirit was ripe in the entire Body of Christ gathered in residence that week, and I am blessed to have been a part of it all!

Jim Hegedus, Pastor Jackson First
Chaplain-in-Residence, Camp Greenwood
Learn more about Camp Greenwood at
www.campgreenwood.org