

Higher Education Grant Application  
Synod of the Rocky Mountains  
For Calendar Year 2011 Funding

**DEADLINE: October 30, 2010, for continuing ministries (funded in 2010)**

Presbytery of YELLOWSTONE

The Presbytery \_\_\_\_ or delegated entity Council of the Presbytery applies to the Synod of the Rocky Mountains for funding in the amount of \$ \$4,048 for the following Higher Education Ministry within the bounds of the Presbytery:

**Montana State University - Billings**

The Presbytery (or delegated entity) has reviewed the application for funding from the Ministry according to the policy of the Presbytery (attach copy of policy) and found it to be in compliance with both the policy of the Synod (adopted March 2006) and the policy of the Presbytery.

Enclosed with this application is a copy of the application submitted by the Ministry.

The Presbytery understands that both the Ministry and the Presbytery will be notified by the Synod office concerning action on the application as soon as the Coordinating Council has acted.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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CAMPUS MINISTRY GOALS AND ASSESSMENT  
HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING SUPPORT FOR 2011

United Campus Ministry at MSU Billings

School year 2009-2010 Program Goals and Assessment:

1. Provide a pastoral ministry with students:  
Sent a weekly email to students. Offered weekly Bible Study and “Food Fun Faith” gatherings. Organized monthly worship visits to area congregations. Available for conversations with students, including those referred by faculty and staff. Supervised two student peer ministers who assisted with planning and facilitating activities.
2. Provide an educational ministry:  
Guest-lectured in philosophy, ethics and nursing classes.  
Planned and facilitated the “God Debate” – a philosophical conversation about God geared for students. Planned and co-sponsored the annual “Stirring the Pot” forum, exploring topics relevant for women and open to the community.
3. Provide a ministry of social justice:  
Met with students each week to make sandwiches for the HUB. During Spring semester, students collected donations and assembled about 100 health kits for disaster relief. Served as the staff advisor for the Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity and Circle K, and planned projects, including Build Days and Service Saturdays. Helped with planning for MLK Day and Power of One Week activities, AIDS Awareness Week, Suicide Awareness Week, and World Water Day.
4. Maintain connections with the university:  
Invited to participate in Student Affairs Management Team meetings.  
Offered the Invocation and Benediction at Commencement, and an opening prayer at the Alumni Awards Brunch. Facilitated meetings with other campus ministry groups.
5. Maintain connections with the churches and supporting denominations:  
Attended denominational gatherings whenever possible, including Presbytery meetings and annual Conference gatherings with the United Methodists and UCCs.  
Submitted articles about students and campus ministry for denominational newsletters.  
Provided pulpit supply and spoke at many church gatherings, including PW and Church Women United.
6. Further efforts in development, fundraising, strategic planning:  
Sent out a newsletter each semester to create better communication with donors. Worked at updating the website and creating a new logo. Established a “Church Advisory Council” with a liaison from each supporting congregation. Helped plan the annual fundraising dinner.

### School Year 2010-2011 Program Goals:

As stated previously, the goals for the next academic year would be to keep the ministry afloat financially while also maintaining the successful elements of programming, changing-up what is not working, and continuing strategic planning...

1. Provide a pastoral ministry with students:  
Currently meeting with students... each Monday to make PBJ sandwiches for the HUB, each Wednesday for a "Hot Topics" discussion, each Thursday afternoon for Bible Study, and each Thursday evening for "Food Fun Faith".  
Throughout the school year, I plan to continue these weekly gatherings.  
Plan to continue working with two or more student peer ministers.
2. Provide an educational ministry:  
Plan to continue the same: guest-lecturing in philosophy, ethics and nursing classes, planning and facilitating the "God Debate" and co-sponsoring the "Stirring the Pot" forum.
3. Provide a ministry of social justice:  
Working with others to establish the Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity as an organization active at the College of Technology.  
Plan to continue advising Circle K. After several changes to the plans, we are now moving forward with a service trip to Guatemala in late May.  
Following Box City, students have expressed interest in more closely supporting Interfaith Hospitality Network. If we can't work that out, we will be looking for some new volunteer opportunities.
4. Maintain connections with the university:  
Plan to continue to the same....  
Also invited to participate as member of the "Auxiliary Team" sub-group of Student Affairs.
5. Maintain connections with the churches and supporting denominations:  
Plan to continue the same... attend denominational gatherings, speak at gatherings, and Provide pulpit supply.
6. Further efforts in development, fundraising, strategic planning:  
Need to finish updates to the website. Hope to better empower the board to fundraise and work at development and strategic planning.