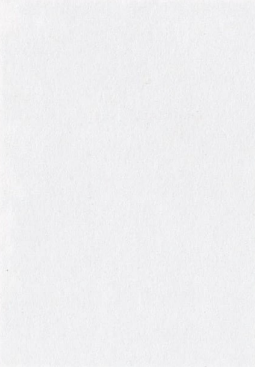


some of the Lutheran Campus Ministry activities. This non-profit student residence offers housing, outreach ministry and community for those who wish to intentionally reflect on and engage in life-learning.



## *Lutheran Campus Ministry: Oversight and Governance*



*Lutheran Campus Ministry - Waterloo*  
*The Local Council*

Working mostly offstage and out of sight, the Lutheran Campus Ministry Council plays a very large role in the functioning of the Ministry on and off campus. On campus, they are a support to the chaplain and the ministry that is being done there. In the case of Waterloo, the council is the group that helps shape the programs addressed to the students, faculty and staff on campus. At times, worship services in the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary chapel are planned by the students for the students, faculty and staff with the support of the chaplain and the council and at other times the council helps to organize Bible studies and young adult retreats in collaboration with the chaplain.<sup>23</sup>

The council is essential to the upkeep and workings of the Lutheran Student House, a residence for up to eight students that provides affordable housing and a valuable opportunity to live in an intentional Christian community. Many hours of volunteer time are contributed to improve the dwelling and grounds of the student house to provide a place for ministry of God's word in a tangible form. The council is instrumental in fundraising for campus ministry, mainly in the local Lutheran congregations. These local congregations also help the council in the organization of Cost Suppers for the students at least once a week.

It is difficult to imagine Lutheran Campus Ministry in Waterloo apart from the council. The account of what the council does as expressed by Dr. Harold Remus in the following chapter helps to make that very clear.



*Time Would Fail to Tell . . .*  
*What Does a Campus Ministry Council Do?*

*Harold Remus*

*LCM Council—Waterloo Chair, 1994-2003*

Like the apostles, we members of the Lutheran Campus Ministry Council—Waterloo were twelve. Well, most of the time, with some comings and goings. Like the Twelve, we were diverse in character, gifts, and background. Unlike them, we were not all male. To name just two, there was Helen Lange, the dear no-nonsense woman (and artist) whom I recruited from the office of the Council on the Study of Religion at Wilfrid Laurier, and now of blessed memory. She put heart and soul into the Lutheran Student House and a lot of plants and shrubs into its soil. There was Charlotte Granskou, who for many years before I came on board had laboured at the House and on behalf of the House and the students who lived there.

That there was such a house in such a prime location right across the street from Wilfrid Laurier and on a street leading directly to the University of Waterloo was thanks to our predecessors, persons like David Pfrimmer and Andre Lavergne. But it had deteriorated into what students called “the dump.” Helen recruited Henry Fleischauer from out Gadshill way, who along with Grant McDonald, Lorne Feick and Don Rutz, turned the House into an inviting residence and made it self-sufficient in the process. (Not to forget Paul Fischer, one-time manager of the Waterloo Lutheran/Wilfrid Laurier bookstore, who always showed up bearing gifts of



coffee for the hard workers and treats for Gus, Grant's faithful Australian Shepherd.)

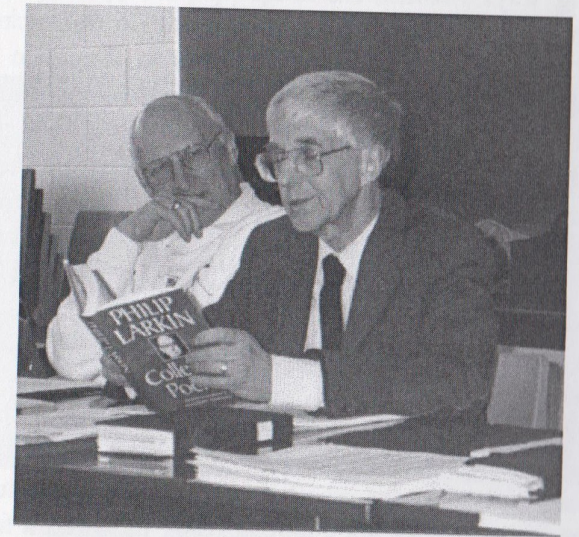
The Council was entrusted with oversight of the House as a building and a home of a faith community of students. That oversight was just part of the Council's mandate of Lutheran Campus Ministry - Waterloo generally. Just what did we do?

Chaplain Jonathan Schmidt in an article in our newsletter in 2001 spelled that out in response to a question he was often asked: "*What do you do?*" Which he turned into "*What do we do?*" – that is, "we" as a Council, "we" as supporters of LCM, "we" as the Eastern Synod in mission. Here is a much abbreviated version of what he wrote:

- We work with Lutheran students, faculty, and staff. We are a nurturing caring presence to people who are already part of the church during an important and significant time in their lives.
- We do interdenominational and interfaith work. We learn more about them, and they learn more about us.
- We reflect on how faith impacts education. We make sure people consider faith when thinking about how and why education and learning are done.
- We are a resource to the church. We help the church to minister with young adults and to reflect on how to do ministry in the current society.
- We work with the unchurched. We are the church present among people who have little or no church connection.
- We carry out the mission of the church in an important time of change in our world.

Many of us, myself included, can testify that it was this kind of ministry that led to our staying in the church while doing post-secondary study and beyond. In my case, it led to going to seminary, where I met a student from Alberta named Val Hennig. Coincidentally (or providentially) he came to Waterloo as LCM chaplain at the same time as I joined the Council – which led to a comfortable working arrangement between us.

Could this "old guy" minister to young people? "Wait and see," he said. We did, and we saw. Chaplain Val brought to the call a wealth of experience and wisdom and unwavering commitment to the Gospel that revitalized the ministry. One of the signal fruits of his ministry was the introduction of peer ministers, students who provided an on-the-ground presence among students.



*Val Hennig (left) and Harold Remus*

Their accounts of their ministry in our newsletter told not only of that work and how they had grown as a result of it but also how they themselves were sometimes helped in difficult situations by other peer ministers. During Val's chaplaincy, Mount Zion Lutheran in Waterloo began to offer weekly Cost Suppers to students. The strong ties Val established with university administrators also strengthened the ministry's presence on the campuses.

When Val retired from LCM (only to begin serving a succession of interim pastorates), it was the Council's



responsibility to carry through a call process in tandem with the Eastern Synod. Jonathan Schmidt, who along with his wife, Alice Schuda, brought experience working in Central America, accepted the call. That experience led to study tours to Central America and Mexico, part of bringing faith and education together – one of our key goals.

One of Jonathan's gifts to the ministry was being present for students, staff and faculty during critical times and providing ways for them to respond. When staff at Laurier went on strike, he spent time with them on the picket lines. On 9/11 he joined the many students in the main student lounge at Laurier watching the events unfold on screen; in a room off the lounge, he provided students a safe place to come and talk. On the first anniversary of 9/11, he spread out a large sheet of paper in the main concourse at Laurier on which students, faculty and staff wrote down their reflections about the event. When some students protested the invasion of Iraq by camping out on University Avenue in front of Laurier, Jonathan provided them with a tent and regularly spent time with them there. He wrote worship settings that allowed prayer and reflection on the themes of 9/11 and the invasion of Iraq.

Other ways in which he encouraged and supported students to be "active agents in history" included a faith-and-justice reflection group, a world simulation for 100 high school students run by university students, and activities with the World University Service Canada group on campus and the Global Studies department. Speaking at "Buy Nothing Day" one year, he connected 9/11 and the war on Iraq and similar foreign policy with consumerism and a lifestyle the Christian faith calls into question. For many present-day students, such social justice issues are at the core of much of their thinking as is evident on Lutherans Connect, the Lutheran Campus Ministry website set up by Sherry Coman, campus chaplain at the University of Toronto, to which students from diverse backgrounds contribute.

Behind the scenes and sometimes out front, the Council provided support to these front-line ministers, and they to us. When Waterloo Lutheran University became Wilfrid Laurier University, the campus chaplaincy provided by the university ceased. The Council was expected for the first time to raise funds to help support a church-funded chaplaincy. Our annual Friends of Campus Ministry Reception drew full houses for an evening of entertainment, consciousness-raising about the ministry, and support of the ministry.



*Waterloo Campus Ministry Local Council, 1998*

*Clockwise from left: Stuart Schellenberger, Lorne Feick, Julia Beddoe, Helen Lange, Anne Woolner, Grant McDonald, Paul Fischer, Harold Remus, Verneda Prentice*

Campus ministry representatives in each congregation in the Kitchener-Waterloo Conference were part of the consciousness-raising as well. So too our newsletters, with articles by the chaplains, peer ministers, students, alumni/ae, and members of the Council and of local congregations. The digital versions of the newsletters occupy considerable space in my computer. Looked at over the years, they provide a lively picture of LCM-Waterloo.



sponsor, Lutheran Campus Ministry, and set down general guidelines for co-operative living (e.g., no drugs, tobacco, or alcohol).<sup>15</sup>

In the minutes of the Campus Ministry Council, Paul Bosch reported the following:

The Lutheran Student Movement met 3 times and had well planned programs, with Wendell Grahlman as president. LSM and LCM sponsor weekly Bible Studies. Waterloo Lutheran Seminary (WLS) students, Chris Hett and Sarma Eglite, have been assigned to LCM as Field Education placements by WLS at 10 hours per week, to strengthen and enlarge LSM into a community of sharing, caring, witness and service. Visited as many churches and church people as possible to make it clear that I represent their witness on campus. Attended 2 local churches before term began and met with local pastors at St. Matthews. Was in conversation with Delton Glebe of WLS and attended the WLU picnic. Conducted services of worship of the campus parish. Wednesday evening services attended by as many as 16 and as few as 8; Sunday morning services 22 to 14. Students are invited into our home during the month, as many as 16 at each gathering. During the week, I have office hours on campus, to make Campus Ministry as visible as possible.<sup>16</sup>

At the Campus Ministry Regional Board Meeting, March 1983, Paul reported that he had several goals:

Goal number one, To make campus ministry as visible as possible. Benefiting from two talented Field Education placement students, Chris Hett and Sarma Eglite. Goal number two, To develop the Lutheran Student House residents into a caring and exciting Christian community. To that end, my wife Kathy and I meet weekly with the residents for supper and on the 4<sup>th</sup> week they come to our house. They have brief worship, discuss problems, share joys and sorrows. Kathy does the weekly shopping with

the residents and handles much of the financial operation along with Andre Lavergne who does counselling of residents. The board owes Kathy much thanks. Goal number three, To enlarge the LSM. Goal number four, To be involved with the local congregations.<sup>17</sup>

Campus ministry thrived during the time Paul Bosch was chaplain and became increasingly visible at both universities. The Lutheran Student House developed into a vibrant centre for students from divergent backgrounds and interests, students from countries all around the world who were in Waterloo to study in the various faculties at each university. Seminary students were increasingly active in campus ministry as they became leaders of the Lutheran Student Movement. The weekly and biweekly chapel services at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary were led by seminarians who were gaining experience leading worship services and in university outreach. Paul presided at several weddings and baptisms on campus during his time as chaplain.

Local Lutheran congregations became involved in campus ministry in a more meaningful way as Paul Bosch was invited to preach at local churches and seminary students went to the local parishes to lead in discussions and to sing in choirs as they shared their ministry gifts.

Over those years, when Paul was chaplain, the local council of Lutheran Campus Ministry - Waterloo, with some comings and goings, consisted of Paul Arnold, Peter Bjerland, Bruce Bowen, Karen Bowen, Dr. Martin Dolbeer, Jack Dressler, Steve Fischer, Paul Gehrs, Wendell Grahlman, Charlotte Granskou, Steve Gross, Don Hackborn, Jim Harris, Andre Lavergne, Cindy Liedtke, Nancy Limpert, John McLellan, Sharon McMorine, Sandra Meyer, Klaus Ohlhoff, Eric Reble, William Shafer, Gordon Slethaug, Norman Stromberg, Kay Wentzell and Robert Wittaker.

Paul brought impressive credentials and wide experience to the position in Waterloo. Born in Buffalo, New York, in 1931, he attended schools in Buffalo and Allentown,



Pennsylvania and graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in 1956.

He was ordained by the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America and called to serve as Assistant Pastor at St. Mark's in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. In 1960, he was called as Lutheran campus pastor at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York.

He married Kathryn Stinar, of Lakefield, Minnesota, in 1961. They had two daughters, Anna and Sarah. From 1979 to 1982, Paul served the congregation of Immanuel, in Amherst, Mass., and was chaplain at the University of Massachusetts, and at Amherst, Smith, Mt. Holyoke and Hampshire Colleges. In 1982, he was called as campus pastor in Waterloo where he served until 1988 when he assumed the position of Professor of Liturgics and Spirituality at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

Paul retired in 1992 and then served two two-year terms as Interim Pastor at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kitchener, Ontario. At that time he was honoured as the first Laureate Companion of the Worship Arts of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. In 1993, he became the first Emeritus Dean of the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary Chapel. Throughout those years, he continued to be interested and involved in ministry with the students, faculty and staff on campus.

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*Campus Ministry As I See It*

*Paul Bosch*

Campus ministry in North America has seen a wide variety of role models – examples to emulate.

When I started in my own campus ministry, now almost 50 years ago, the most popular model among most Protestant churches for an ordained minister on a university campus was a kind of social worker, a YMCA-type program developer who arranged Ping-Pong tournaments and social occasions for students to keep them out of the pool halls.

You arranged church-sponsored events where kids could meet other wholesome post-adolescents – that kind of thing. At its best, it was a wonderful ministry of hospitality.

That model of ministry was succeeded, as the years passed, by other popular possibilities.

No, a campus minister was not to be a social worker, pushing cookies. You were to be a counsellor. Young people at university were going through troubled times, and you were there to counsel them in a difficult period of life.

The favourite model among campus ministers in my day was: teacher. No, you weren't supposed to be a counsellor, if you were ordained on campus. You were supposed to be a kind of adjunct faculty. You were expected to teach non-credit classes and courses in religious studies, maybe even Bible studies, and theology. You bought a tweed jacket with leather elbows, and smoked a pipe. (I'm joking here, of course! But we were all males in those days!)

And if you got really good at your job as teacher, you stopped being a campus minister and joined the university faculty.



Well, that model passed away as well in the political turmoil of the 60s and 70s, and now campus ministers were expected to be social activists. You were supposed to be leading protest marches against city hall. You were expected to go to Selma or Washington and demonstrate with Martin Luther King.

Well, that too passed, and in the last years of my own campus ministry, the Danforth Foundation spent thousands of dollars on a nationwide, comprehensive ecumenical study of campus ministry and came to this conclusion: What the church needed on campus was a combination of all of these models and they called it “Resource Broker.”

Ordained campus ministers, the study concluded, were there to bring together all those resources that make for human wholeness, for the good of the entire academic enterprise.

Now, nowhere during those years, at no time, at least among Protestants, was parish pastor held up as a possible model. But I always thought it was a good one.

People would ask, “What’s your job like as campus pastor?” And I’d answer, “Well, it’s like a parish pastor.” Sure, I counselled students, taught non-credit courses and marched with Martin Luther King. Hey, I’ve even pushed cookies. Hospitality to lonely students is a big part of any campus ministry.

But mostly, I led worship and preached sermons, just like any parish pastor. So a big part of my ministry was gathering and nurturing a worshipping congregation.

First of all, theologically, that’s what pastors are ordained to do. In the Lutheran system, anyhow, you’re ordained as a minister of Word and Sacrament. And you don’t have to apologize for that. Now, to be sure, my parish was a little different from your typical parish. I had most of my parishioners for only three or four years and then they graduated. And most often, the heart of the Church Year is cut away: Christmas and Easter are sometimes lonely on campus.

Secondly, dear friends, pure practicality. Simple self-preservation. Finances. The lay person in a parish in Scarborough is not as likely to support, with her dollars or with her devotion, campus chaplains who call themselves counsellors or teachers or social activists or, much less – much, much less – a resource broker. The chaplain is a simple parish pastor, whose parish happens to be a university.



*Pastor Paul Bosch baptizing Rebekah Ludolph*

*L-R: Debbie Lou Ludolph, Rev. Fred Ludolph,  
Pastor Paul Bosch, Rev. Dr. Michael Pryse and Lois Pryse*



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*Lutheran Chaplains*  
1988-1993

Following the chaplaincy of Pastor Paul Bosch, Pastor Karen Bowen took on the responsibility of ministering to the students, faculty and staff. She began in the fall of 1988 according to a report in the Lutheran Student Movement Canada publication, *ONE*, which stated:

We started this year with a new chaplain, Karen Bowen. Paul Bosch has transferred to the position of Professor of Liturgics and Spirituality at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. Karen is Super! Paul lives only one block away from where we meet for LSM dinner. Karen is only part-time. An exciting program is lined up for LCM dinners. Mike Mills led a guided meditation. A black teacher from South Africa spoke on apartheid. Cameron Wright of the Waterloo Public Interest Research Group (WPRIG) led a discussion on the 3 R's: Reuse, Reduce, Recycle.<sup>18</sup>

Karen Bowen was chaplain until 1989, at which time Rev. Bob Gmeindl assumed the role.

Bob served five and a half years in the Heidelberg-Erbsville Parish before joining the ministry to the university communities. Bob has also been an intern Campus Chaplain at Dalhousie University in Halifax in 1981-1982.<sup>19</sup>

During the time that Bob Gmeindl was chaplain, Bruce Bowen was council chair and also served as treasurer and administrator for the Lutheran Student House, until 1991.



Chaplain Bob conducted weekly services on Wednesday evenings in the seminary's Keffer Chapel, for students, staff and faculty of the universities, as well as for the community at large.

One of the popular programs was the ecumenical breakfast program. The topics ranged from "The Church and Sexuality," to "Grief, Death and Life after Death," to "The Nature of Evil."

Bob headed up a conference in 1992 titled "Ministry In Crisis – Opportunity on the Tail of the Dragon." The conference was to consider a plan to begin a new professional association for ecumenical chaplains. The association was charged with the responsibility of representing university chaplains on a national basis as well as providing support and continuing education programs. The conference included all the chaplains serving WLU and UW.<sup>20</sup>



Chaplain  
Bob Gmeindl

In 1992, when the position of Lutheran Campus Chaplain was being redefined and it appeared that the Eastern Synod would reduce funding for the Lutheran chaplain, an article appeared in Wilfrid Laurier University's *Cord* newspaper. It stated that "both WLU and the University of Waterloo will lose their Lutheran chaplain, Rev. Bob Gmeindl who has been at Laurier for more than 20 years as a student, staff member, part-time instructor, and during the last four years as one of the university's five chaplains, each representing a different denomination. As chaplain, Gmeindl has provided counselling, served on committees, and offered, he says, a moderate voice during debates of university issues."<sup>21</sup>

He remained in the position of chaplain until the summer of 1993.

## Musings on Lutheran Campus Ministry

Val Hennig

*Rev. Val Hennig graduated from seminary in 1955 and began his ministry in Calgary, Alberta, in a mission church. In 1959, he was called to a new mission in Harlow, Essex, England, where he stayed until 1969. In that year, he returned to Canada and was called to Gethsemane (All Saints) in Edmonton, Alberta, where he remained until 1976. From there he went to Shepherd King, Calgary, where he served until 1989. At the same time, he did a residency at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and from 1989 to 1993 he was the pastor at Messiah, Camrose, Alberta. At that time he retired from parish ministry and moved to Ontario and accepted the call to Lutheran Campus Ministry - Waterloo and continued in that position until 1999. This is what he wrote about his years there.*

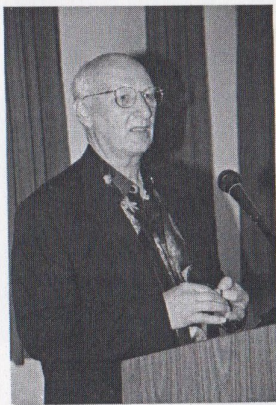
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The Lutheran chaplain is a person who has a large part to play in how the chaplaincy works out in any place. There is no particular person or uniform pattern for this chaplain since all sorts of persons have been chaplains for different lengths of time. The personality of each impacts the work being done. The local council and the chaplain determine how it plays out. This is how that chaplaincy was worked out while I was called to that ministry.

I saw my task to be related to the whole campus with all variants. So there was a **Ministry to Students**, a **Ministry to the Administration of the University**, and a **Ministry to the University Faculty and Staff**.



In the case of the **Ministry to Students**, there was a Student House, which had fallen into disrepute, even among students housed there. Members of the committee openly spoke for the sale of the building and of getting out of the business of housing. During my chaplaincy, a group of volunteers was created who willingly and with dedication repaired and refurbished that house so that it became a very good accommodation for students. It was there that one of the groups formed with whom I worked. This was their home and it was used for social functions and as a jumping off place for contact with other students, so that at one time there were three student houses that related and gathered there.



*Chaplain Val Hennig*

A second part of the **Ministry to Students** was to provide worship. This was done with the help of the seminary. We gathered there for worship every Sunday from September to the Easter break. This began with only one student attending and grew to the point where we filled half the chapel. There were students present from all backgrounds and all parts of the world. On one occasion, there were students present from all the continents except South America

and Antarctica, and with a bit of persuasion even South America could have been represented.

A third part of the **Ministry to Students** was the Cost Suppers at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Waterloo. Each week, on Thursdays, we gathered students and even helped them by providing transportation to a supper provided by members of Mt. Zion. It cost little and this grew from a few to more than 50 students gathering every week. This was a valuable ministry for the congregation as well as the students.



*Chaplain Val Hennig and students on the front porch of the Lutheran Student House, 1994*

One of the ventures that gained popularity was the annual collection of food for the Food Bank. The students dressed up for Halloween and then went to a forewarned area to collect food, much like the young children gathered candy. Two other festivals were prime for gatherings. The St. Michael's and St. Patrick's Days provided one event in each semester, in addition to the opening barbecue at the beginning of the year.

A second kind of ministry was the **Ministry to the Administration of the University**. The first thing required was to get acquainted with the administrators who were the very fabric of the university itself. This meant being part of required meetings and befriending those who mattered, even though they did not necessarily feel connected to you. Ultimately, this meant being a part of the administration – and being invited to be part of the study group that would investigate the extension of the university to another city.





*Sunday morning worship at Keffer Chapel, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary*

It also meant that, as chaplain, I was called on to lead in the establishing of a prayer house for other religions, and lead the general chaplaincy that related to the whole campus. Perhaps the most obvious events were the day of remembering the students of the Montreal Massacre and the Remembrance Day observations for all.

I found that the chaplains' offices were in the wrong places to be available to students. So over time, with the help of other chaplains, I was able to move offices to a place where they would be visible and available to students at all times. One office was moved from behind a screen to its own place with open doors as an access for students to counselling and medical services. This meant that while I was in the office, an average of eight students a day came in to talk and work through some of the things that bothered them. The other office was moved from the fourth floor of the Math/Computer building into the Student Centre. This was where the students hung out, and you could relate to them there. Once this happened, it became necessary to expand the

ministry of presence, so a Peer Ministry was formed to extend the reach of the chaplaincy.

The third kind of ministry was the **Ministry to the Faculty and Staff**. Along with the others already mentioned, there were many tasks that did not necessarily relate to the denominational ministry, but were important to the overall image of that ministry on campus. This culminated in being known and ministering to administrators from the president down to the student government. Among the tasks here was the function as the marrying pastor at the chapel. Another was being present during student recruitment in the summer and in the orientation of students from outside Canada. Every year, there was a necessary part taken in the orientation of new students so that they became aware of the chaplains who were there to help. There was also participation in the requests for prayer at different functions of the university.

The chaplains worked out a format so that the ministry was carried out to the best of their abilities and with the personal touch of committed, called servants of God. Members of the Lutheran Campus Ministry Local Council who participated on council during the chaplaincy of Pastor Val were Julia Beddoe, Paul Blaser, Alice Croft, Ann Eichler, Lorne Feick, Paul Fischer, Jennifer Garey, Charlotte Granskou, Robin Huehn, Julia Humar, Debbie Kahle, Alan Kehn, Dr. Robert Kelly, Helen Lange, Rev. Norman Lange, Rev. Peter Lisinski, Grant McDonald, Brian McKurdy, Lisa Noble, Verneda Prentice, Rev. Bette Pugh, Ted Radke, Dr. Harold Remus, Stuart Schellenberger, Bob Schmidt, Christine Selbstaedt, Neil Thomsen, Carl Totzke, Craig Weichel, Brian Wilker, Barbara Weatherall, Kay Wentzell, Robb Wilson, Rev. Lloyd Wiseman and Anne Woolner.



## *Lutheran Campus Ministry in a New Key*

*Jonathan Schmidt*

During my time as chaplain in Waterloo from 1999 to 2004, the highlight was working ecumenically with other chaplains on a number of initiatives and study tours to Nicaragua in 2001 and Mexico in 2004. These trips included several Canadian components at Six Nations Reserve, a rural Ontario farm, and downtown Kitchener. The final trips were co-operative ventures with Renison (Anglican) College's international social work program and Anglican and United Church chaplains.



*Chaplain Jonathan Schmidt*

These trips used an experience-based pedagogy and were focused on connecting Canadian and global issues. A mix of students and working adults participated.

### Other highlights:

- the Lutheran Student House as an intentional Christian community;
- facilitating labyrinth exercises as part of the training for WLU residence staff;
- helping to host World University Service Canada Refugee students who also lived at the Lutheran Student House;
- continuation of a Peer Ministry program with a focus on this as a leadership development program, as well as



being in an era when students were more likely to participate in student-run programs;

- social justice activities including a “faith and justice study group,” activities with global studies students, participating in a camp-out at the beginning of the invasion of Iraq in 2001;
- providing counselling and worship around the World Trade Center attacks on September 11, 2001 and spaces for dialogue to commemorate anniversaries of 9/11;



*Pastor Jonathan Schmidt and Retreat group,  
at Camp Edgewood, 2000*

- student-designed and student-led worship services which they named “Sanctuary”;
- providing an annual young adults retreat for the Eastern Synod at Camp Edgewood;
- dialogue with university and various faith groups around providing faith and spirituality resources on campus.

Universities were beginning to look to chaplains to provide resources just as the mainline denominations were cutting funding due to a gradual shift of Canadian universities away from private funding to public funding.

Universities also shifted toward “providing training” for well-paying jobs, rather than being places of learning per se. This meant students were less likely to participate in learning and reflection outside the classroom, and many were there with the sense that they were getting the skills and qualifications for a job.

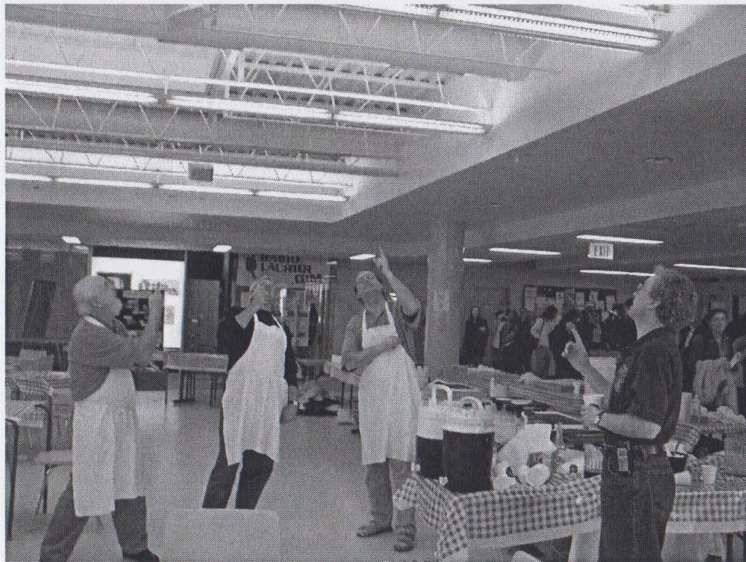
“Jonathan's Journal,” in a 2002 issue of the newsletter published by Lutheran Campus Ministry - Waterloo, summed up what I saw happening on campus with the students and faculty in their spiritual journey:



*Chaplain Jonathan Schmidt leading a Mexican Study Tour*



The rising number of students entering university has created an atmosphere of pressure on the students to focus mainly on their courses, almost to the exclusion of other interests, thus not allowing time for them to develop their spiritual side. Campus ministry has a more holistic approach to education. We help students to see how faith can shape how we learn, and what we do with the gift of education. It will be increasingly difficult to engage these students outside the classroom. What does a Bible study or discussion group do for a resume?



*Chaplain Jonathan Schmidt (third from left) helps flip pancakes on Shrove Tuesday at Wilfrid Laurier University*

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*Campus Ministry in Waterloo  
2004-2010*

From 2004 to 2005, Rev. Loretta Jaunzarins held the position of part-time campus chaplain in Waterloo. She worked with Mike Doan and Sara Faulhafer who were peer ministers.

A Description of Ministry, published at this time, covered topics such as Contexts and History, A Shared Ministry, The Chaplain, Peer Ministers and the Council. Part of that document states that,

The Lutheran Campus Chaplain, part-time student Peer Ministers, other students, faculty, the Lutheran Campus Ministry Council-Waterloo, all constitute Lutheran Campus Ministry in Waterloo. Through their prayers and other means of support, the Kitchener-Waterloo Conference and Kitchener-Waterloo congregations also play a crucial role in the ministry. The chaplain seeks to foster a worshipping community, leading Sunday evening worship in the Seminary Chapel, cares for students referred by congregations as well as being present as a friend and counsellor for individuals of various religious backgrounds; works with other university chaplains and university administrators such as the Dean of Students to provide a caring presence.

In 2005, a Young Adults Retreat was held at Camp Edgewood. The topic for the weekend was “Why Faith?” The presenters were Rev. Jon Fogelman, Rev. Cindy Jacobsen, Rev. Richard Crossman, seminarian Rob Wiesner, and Chaplain Loretta.<sup>22</sup>



Karen Kuhnert served as half-time Lutheran Campus Ministry intern at both the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University in 2006 to 2007. Rev. Michael Hackbusch was the contact pastor.

Pastor Patricia Jackson was hired, in 2007, as part-time Lutheran Campus Ministry chaplain, while the ministry of student interns from Waterloo Lutheran Seminary continued.

Joanna Miller Dichun, an intern who served half-time and worked with Patricia from 2008 to 2009, writes of her work with Lutheran Campus Ministry - Waterloo as follows:

I arrived very green and very excited to join LCM-W in August of 2008. It is an overwhelming thing to step onto a university campus with a cause, not knowing how to share it. I started by meeting the other chaplains on campus; they were three lovely people who were very hard to nail down! I had some success in working together with them. We had popcorn survey day when we handed out free popcorn and had students fill out a survey for us. We also planned and implemented a weeklong event called "Modern Slavery Awareness Week." This event taught us much about planning for the future and how to continue to keep this issue in the forefront of people's minds. I, myself, learned a tremendous amount about the issue and continue to be passionate about it today.

A couple of years previous to my time with LCM, the weekly Cost Suppers had been re-established. They had a small but dedicated following and were hosted by five congregations in the K-W area. I worked very hard to increase this ministry and by the end of April 2009 there were more than a dozen churches volunteering to cook and host meals. The numbers of students varied from 12 to 18 or so, depending on what was happening around the seminary and on campus. Looking forward, we changed the night of the dinner for the following school year and saw student numbers increase to as many as 30 at times! I feel proud of my work with Cost Suppers, as

they do a fantastic job of meeting an immediate need for students and promoting wonderful fellowship.

Campus ministry is a tremendous challenge for anyone who takes it on. I learned so much from my time with LCM-W and I look back on it with fond memories. The local council is a group of great people who are very dedicated to the cause and a joy to work with.

I give thanks for the opportunity to have been a part of Lutheran Campus Ministry in Waterloo and look forward to seeing it celebrate many more years of successful ministry.



*Part-Time Chaplaincy**Patricia Jackson**Lutheran Campus Ministry Part-time Chaplain*

*When campus ministry program funding began to be cut across Canada, it affected all denominations including Lutheran Campus Ministry and so the model had to be modified to suit the times. It was at this time that part-time chaplains and campus ministry co-ordinators were hired.*

*Rev. Patricia Jackson, pastor at St. Peter's, Gadshill, and St. James, North Easthope, was called as part-time chaplain in 2007. She offers the following reflections on her experiences with Lutheran Campus Ministry.*

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In 2007, I was approached by Phil Heinze who casually asked if I would be interested in helping in some way with Lutheran Campus Ministry-Waterloo. He told me that Anne Woolner was the Chair and backbone of the local committee and doing wonderful work, but needed help. A few weeks later, I met Anne at a Women's Retreat at Camp Edgewood and I immediately knew I was going to enjoy my involvement with Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM).

During the past few years, I have been graced to be able to work with other members of the LCM-Waterloo team: Anne Woolner, Peter Kuhnert, Grant McDonald, Julia Beddoe, Lloyd Wiseman, Janaki Bandara and Sebastian Helmer.

All of us on the LCM-Waterloo council have been striving these past years to continue to foster care for students by offering our annual fall barbecue at the Lutheran



Student House where we serve over 150 hamburgers, veggie and chicken burgers each year. As well, LCM-Waterloo has a table on WLU's Orientation Day in September to inform new students about our events and promote the Maranatha Caribbean barbecue held in the Lutheran Seminary courtyard. We continue to offer weekly Cost Suppers, a full meal for \$3, prepared by local Lutheran churches. We also continue our



*Rev. Patricia Jackson*

relationships with the seminary, the Chaplains' Multi-Faith Office and university administrators such as WLU's Dean of Students.

The weekly Cost Suppers are a huge success! Not only seminary students come for good food, but also students from other faculties who enjoy the "feasts" and an inexpensive home cooked meal.

These past few years, we have been building a team of peer ministers who, along with me, are connecting with the student body and helping to build community and promote a sense of mission on campus. This involves being present as a friend and counsellor for individuals who come from a variety of religious backgrounds. We do this through our "Awareness Events" based on social justice issues about which the students have expressed a concern. We have held "Human Trafficking" forums and "Refugee Rights Day" events as well as "HIV/AIDS Awareness" events to highlight that the church is interested in being in mission to those who are vulnerable. This connects us immediately to the student population.

We find that students eagerly participate in events with a 'social justice' perspective. We have been contacting professors who teach courses on human rights and social justice in order to work in partnership with them on these issues. The Chaplains' Multi-Faith Office has also revived the Multi-Faith group (formerly known as Religious and Spiritual

Advisory Council) on campus. A luncheon is hosted each term by the Chaplains' Multi-Faith Office. The guest list includes faith groups, clubs and administrators all across campus.

The work that is being done and continues to be done in Waterloo is accomplished because of the work that the many talented and dedicated people undertook before us. They laid the foundation of what it means to minister to the student population through prayer and presence so that young people can explore and deepen their faith, based on the gifts they have, and develop a faith-based response to the world around them. It's an *honour* to be able to facilitate in this process and I look forward to continuing our campus ministry on behalf of the ELCIC.

Recently, a Lutheran Campus Ministry website, "Lutherans Connect" has been set up by Sherri Coman, Lutheran Campus Chaplain at University of Toronto. It states that:

Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC). There are many chapters across Canada from Halifax to Vancouver. The ELCIC website maintains contact information from all LCM chapters. A community of multi-denominational students come together in worship and spend time together. Lutheran Campus Ministry is an outreach of the National Church/Synods of the ELCIC. Lutheran Student Movement (LSM) is a WLU student club that plans its own worship, Bible Study/education, entertainment and service projects. LSM also plans and subsidizes focus weekends.

Lutheran Campus Ministry - Waterloo also appears on the website, highlighting the Lutheran Student House and the activities and programs of the ministry.

The Lutheran Student House community is more than the residents. Many others see it as a home, a place to drop by for a meal, to chat, or for friends. It is also the location of