

## **Campus Ministry**

### **Annual Report, 2010**

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The purpose of the Campus Ministry Commission is to make the church more visible and accessible for students, to encourage students to attend worship, to advertise The United Church in student publications and serve as a voice and motivator for ecumenism on campus. The commission has worked toward these goals during 2010.

Commission members attended the Chamber Bulldog Bonanza in September to introduce The United Church to new students on campus. We distributed pens and small flashlights with the church's phone and internet contact information. We talked with students about the opportunity for an Alternative Spring Break mission trip. We developed and printed 2200 fliers to be distributed to entering Freshmen during their FSUS 100 classes in the fall. We placed an ad highlighting our contact information in the Ferris State University (FSU) phone book. We started a Facebook page with the pseudonym of James Church with the hope of encouraging students to discuss issues of faith and inclusion. We plan to have questions such as "Have you ever felt excluded from church because of your lifestyle, beliefs, etc.?" In the Fall, Lee Thomas helped us present information to FSU students for a mission trip during the 2011 Spring Break.

Commission members coordinated and staffed a "Study Break" at the FSU West Campus Community Center to provide child care for children of FSU students the Sunday before exam week so they can complete papers and study for exams. We were assisted by FSU students from the Recreation Association in the Spring and Honors volunteers in the Fall. We provided snacks and activities for nine children in the Spring. We contacted the resource center for nontraditional students in the Fall and expect even more children at the session.

We contacted Christine Berke, the new coordinator for Wesley House, to see about working together to provide service to FSU students. The long-range goal would be to restart an ecumenical group to support programs and activities for FSU students. To become a more active part of the campus, we have asked United Church members attending Ferris to serve as officers of a Ferris Resident Student Organization (RSO) so that we can apply to renew our RSO status on campus. If we can qualify, we can get discounts and a guaranteed presence at FSU events.

This outreach to FSU students is an important part of the church's outreach to the community. Any suggestions or assistance you would like to provide would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Jerena