

Job Title: CHRISTIAN REFORMED CAMPUS MINISTER AT UNBC

Reports to: the Board of Directors of the Association for Christian Reformed Campus Ministry in BC.

Job Description, Qualifications and Profile

The mission of the Campus Ministry and programming is:

- ✓ To see people come to know God and grow in the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the specialized context of higher education.
- ✓ To serve as a leavening agent of the Kingdom of God, an embodiment of God's love, and a tangible expression of Christ at UNBC.
- ✓ To model and encourage the integration of learning and faithfulness to Jesus Christ as an expression of loving God with our heart, soul, mind and strength.

The goals of the Campus Ministry are:

- a. To celebrate the shalom of God's creative, renewing grace throughout the world of higher education.
- b. To eagerly gather students, faculty, and staff into a relationship with Jesus Christ and into fellowship with other members of his body.
- c. To boldly promote the Reformed world and life view within the academy, enabling students, faculty and staff to explore and unfold the wonders of God's creation, equipping them to better serve God in this world.
- d. To persistently engage the spirit and mind of our culture, testifying to the Spirit and truth of God's grace found there, offering hope and redemption by pursuing the Way of Jesus, and stewarding religious freedom on campus.
- e. To draw the Prince George Christian Reformed Church into engagement and hospitality of this ministry.

The responsibilities of the Campus Minister are:

In UNBC... (approximately 80-90% of total time)

- ❖ To serve as the Christian Reformed Campus Minister (approximately 70% of total time). Opportunities for ministry abound at UNBC. No one person can do all that could be done and different doors will open for different campus ministers. Within that understanding, any campus minister would be expected to:
 - support UNBC students, faculty and/or staff (including but not limited to those who are Christian Reformed) with opportunities for Christian fellowship and growth in whole-life discipleship.
 - engage students and faculty on the implications of a Christian worldview on their academic studies and research.
 - supplement, support, and partner with (rather than compete with) existing Christian organizations on campus in these pursuits. Currently InterVarsity Christian fellowship and the John Paul II society have a presence on campus.
 - reach out to and engage with students, faculty and/or staff who do not know Christ.

[The Board recognizes the potential for a Campus Ministry focused on international students in partnership with International Student Ministries of Canada (ISMC). The Board encourages candidates with a specific interest in international student ministry to express this in their application]

- ❖ To serve as the Coordinator for the InterFaith Chaplaincy Association at UNBC. These duties overlap with the Christian Reformed Campus Minister role, and include (approximately 20% of total time):
 - Be attentive to the religious, spiritual and ethical needs of students and be supportive of religious diversity.
 - Provide spiritual guidance to students.
 - Provide spiritual guidance and leadership at UNBC in respect to religious/spiritual/truth matters.
 - Be an active member of the UNBC InterFaith Chaplaincy Co-ordinating Committee (ICCC), working closely with volunteer chaplains of various denominations and faiths.
 - Coordinate staffing of the chapel space as well as actively participating serving in that capacity
 - Coordinate services for both the Wellness Centre (Counselling) and the First Nations Centre as invited
 - Participate in classroom activities as requested by faculty and engage in other University and community events to build community and connections.
 - Be an active participant in the planning and delivery of Baccalaureate and Commencement activities
 - Perform liturgical services for members and friends of UNBC and area communities.
 - Manage the Chaplain's budget and provide general oversight of the University's chapel facility.
 - Seek grant support for projects and programs that benefit members of the UNBC community and implement funded projects as appropriate.
 - *[***this portion of the job description from the Memorandum of Understanding is under review with the Director of Student Affairs and the ICCC of UNBC***]*

In the wider Christian Community...

- Participate as a member of the Prince George Ministerial Association.
- Provide guidance for UNBC in relationship with the community in respect to religious/spiritual/faith matters.

In the Prince George CRC, Classis, and denomination-at-large... (approx. 10-20% of total time)

- Take initiative in donor relations, building up and maintaining the support base of the ministry, including making regular contact with the supporting church communities, individual donors, agencies and alumni with regular newsletters and other forms for communications. Partner with the Board of Directors in the work of fundraising and donor relations. Training and resources for this task are provided through Resonate Global Mission.
- Preach/speak/teach in the CRC churches of Classis BCNW as invited/able with a goal of preaching or speaking at least once a year in each of the 5 northern churches.
- Be an active member of the Prince George CRC, using the gifts of the church community for ministering to students.
- Participate and report at Board of Director meetings (every 6-8 weeks).
- Report to Classis in person as invited/able.
- Fulfill reporting requirements as requested in order to continue receiving a grant from Resonate Global Mission
- Maintain spiritual expression and growth; advance intellectual and professional knowledge
- Be an active member and participant of the Christian Reformed Campus Ministry Association, participating in the annual CRC Campus Ministry Conference.

Qualifications

The ideal candidate for the position of Christian Reformed Campus Minister and InterFaith Chaplaincy Coordinator at UNBC should be someone who:

1. Has an evident love of Christ and the transforming power of the Gospel
2. Has a love for the university and for students
3. Able to create community
4. A member of the CRC, either ordained or unordained, and endorsed by a local church. If unordained, willing to be ordained as a Minister of the Word or as a Commissioned Pastor.
5. Able to work with a wide variety of people, from various denominational and faith backgrounds.
6. Able to act as administrative coordinator for the InterFaith Chaplaincy Coordinating Committee.
7. In possession of an advanced degree, academic or professional, or working on and willing to complete such a degree.

Profile

UNBC is a unique mission field and a UNBC Campus Minister should be:

- Growing with God and in Scriptural knowledge and understanding.
- Committed to the CRC and an able advocate of its campus ministries.
- Willing and able to support and advance the Ministry mission and goals.
- Evangelistic—a friendly, eager communicator of integrity and humour.
- Self-motivated and able to use time wisely.
- Intellectually engaged with contemporary culture, academic and theological concerns.
- An imaginative teacher, preacher and writer.
- In possession of excellent organizational, communication, and administrative skills.
- Able to communicate the vision and fruit of this ministry to the financial supporting partners.

This ministry is funded by Classis BCNW, Resonate Global Mission, the five northern BC CRCs, as well as individual donors and offerings from other churches. The ministry is overseen by a Board of Directors for support, encouragement, accountability, and prayer. We hope this job description communicates that we are open to a variety of models of Campus Ministry and that we desire a relational ministry and Campus Minister.