



THE
COMMON MINISTRY
AT WSU

Annual Report 2013-2014

Operating out of the **Community Congregational United Church of Christ** at
525 NE Campus St. Pullman, Washington 99163
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1138, Pullman, WA 99163

A Safe Space for Spiritual Development

The Common Ministry at WSU is an open and accepting community that seeks to provide “A Safe Space for Spiritual Development” for students, staff, and faculty of WSU. Our Programs offer a safe space for diverse religious opinion by increasing respect and mutual understanding among people of different faith, ethnic, and cultural traditions and by fostering cooperation among religious communities and civic organizations.

The Common Ministry at WSU also partners with Washington State University to promote Spirituality in Higher Education.

The Common Ministry at WSU is a Christian, Protestant, ecumenical organization. Our partners include United Methodist, Presbyterian (USA), Disciples of Christ, American Baptist, Episcopal (USA), and United Church of Christ churches. The Common Ministry and Interfaith House at WSU also partners with various religious organizations: Jewish, Muslim, Catholic, Lutheran, Baha'i, Korean Evangelical and those not associated with institutional organizations, in order to promote dialog, peace, and unity in the community.

We are dedicated to helping all students in their spiritual development, to promoting reconciliation among religions, and to sharing the love of God to all.

The Common Ministry at WSU is a 501(c)(3) religious non-profit organization in the state of Washington.

The IFH at WSU RSO is an active Registered Student Organization (RSO) providing opportunities for spiritual development and fellowship at Washington State University.

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Common Ministry Council Directory
2013- 2014

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Roy Johnson

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***Sue Durrant**
President

PRESBYTERIAN

***Emi Dickens**
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***Chad Cook**
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Arlie Reeves

CAMPUS MINISTERS

Alissa Bertsch Johnson
Wesley Foundation

COMMON MINISTRY STAFF

Lorraine Mason (until 12/31/13)
Building and Office Manager

Jennifer Saracino (1/21/14- 3/21/14)
Building and Office Manager

Lisa Soranaka (3/21/14 – present)
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*Executive Committee

Annual Report of the Common Ministry Council President, 2013-2014

Sue Durrant

As this report is written, the Common Ministry at WSU has moved its office to the Community Congregational United Church of Christ (CCUCC), located near the WSU campus, and the Presbyterian Synod of Alaska/Northwest has sold the Interfaith House/Koinonia House to Washington State University. As the Synod required that the Common Ministry be out of the building by April 30th, much of Spring Semester was spent helping building tenants find other locations, boxing and moving items, and donating many household items to various churches and charities. Many of our historical records and items not needed immediately have been put in a rented storage unit. In spite of all this, we did reopen the search for a new director, invited 3 candidates for onsite visits. Rev. Jessica Stokes has been hired and will begin as the next Director of the Common Ministry on September 1st. Without the need to manage a building (the IFH/K-House had been our home since the 1960s), we are looking forward to putting our energies into new directions and programs to serve the WSU community.

During this past year, various members of the Common Ministry Council stepped forward to provide leadership for the various programs and events: Welcome Barbeque (Lorraine Mason and Chip Laird), Mythbusters (Emi Dickens and Walt Miller), Holiday Donor Reception (Emi Dickens and Sue Durrant), and annual fundraiser Dinner Auction (Emi Dickens, Nancy Nydegger, and Sue Durrant), the Registered Student Organization (RSO) (Emi Dickens and Nicholas Cerruti), and the newsletter (Sue Durrant). Chad Cook has served as Treasurer. Lorraine Mason continued as Office Manager until the end of December when her family relocated to Northern California. We transitioned with Jennifer Saracino and then hired Lisa Soranaka as our part time Office Manager.

Events for Fall Semester 2013 included the Welcome Barbeque for students, hosting an ARC Blood Drive, preparing the (auction) fireside dinner-for-8, and hosting our Holiday Donor Reception. Spring Semester 2014 included the annual fundraising Dinner Auction held at Banyan's On The Ridge; the clean out, pack, and move out of the IFH/K-House; and the Search Committee's work to advertise, evaluate applicants, and organize on-site visits for selected candidates being considered for Director of the Common Ministry. (see reports for details).

It was challenging to work with the Presbyterian Synod of Alaska-Northwest's representatives regarding the sale of the building. They were unable to come to Pullman to meet with the Council and to see the scope of the use of the Interfaith House by students as well as many faith groups. The Synod notified us in February 2014 of the immediate pending sale of the building and with notice to terminate all building agreements with building users. They required that we be out by April 30, 2014.

The Community Congregational United Church of Christ (CCUCC) generously offered an office space in their building. It is located close to the WSU campus, and will allow us good access to the campus. We have our same phone number and email address. We moved our student Mythbusters Program to CCUCC beginning April 1st, and the Council meetings for April and May were held at St James Episcopal Church.

During the academic year, the Council Meetings were held on the second Monday each Month, with adjustments when necessary. The Executive Committee (Sue Durrant, President; Chip Laird, Past-President; Emi Dickens, Vice President; Chad Cook, Treasurer) met the Tuesday or Wednesday prior to the Council meetings at CCUCC.

In addition to the regular business of the Common Ministry Council, Roy Johnson and I participated in the CMHE Retreat at the Lazy F Retreat Center in Ellensburg, WA, October 6-7, 2013. I also helped with the 2013 dinner-for-8 (auction purchase) at the IFH on December 7th, the CM Holiday Donor Reception on December 8th, and the Annual Dinner Auction fundraising event held at Banyan's on the Ridge on April 6, 2014. We did not try to hold the Roger Williams Symposium this year, but suggestions have been made regarding possible speakers for the coming year.

Additional fund raising efforts will be needed to replace CMHE funding (that expires by June 2015). We may need to expand our possible funding sources beyond the local community in order to stabilize our future budget needs.

The 2013 fiscal year (Jan-Dec) did end with a surplus due to careful monitoring of expenses and not hiring a director. Monies received through the WSU Foundation were transferred to the WSU Registered Student Organization Account (Interfaith House at WSU). This RSO account was utilized to cover the weekly meal expenses for the Interfaith Mythbusters' programs and expenses for the student leadership retreat held at St. Gertrude's Monastery in October. Council Members were asked to discuss the Common Ministry financial picture with their denominations and to encourage each to maintain their current levels of giving if at all possible. The 2014 budget was passed in December, prior to receiving notification from the Synod regarding the pending sale of the building.

Over the summer, the officers have met to oversee the planning for the 2014-15 academic year. In addition, the Search Committee and Council Members were active in reviewing applicants and hosting candidates for the director's position.

Yes, this year has been challenging. I am grateful to all Council Members for their time, energy, and service throughout this time of transition. Thank you for your willingness to put in many additional hours serving on various committees for events and other tasks. This all resulted in a very good year for the Common Ministry. Also, I have appreciated the work of the Executive Committee; the efforts of our Office Managers (Lorraine Mason, Jennifer Saracino, and Lisa Soranaka); and the local cooperating ministries and student leaders in making the programs and events so successful. Thank you all very much!

We will miss our daily associations with others who have been loyal users of the Interfaith House/Koinonia House for many years. We wish them well in their new locations. We look forward to the future directions of the Common Ministry at WSU, and all that it will entail.

The Common Ministry at WSU—A New Chapter

Sue Durrant

Update: March 2014

During the last 49 years, the directors of The Common Ministry, and the past and current Common Ministry Council members, have worked hard to promote a ministry of spiritual discovery and growth that makes a difference in lives of students, staff, and faculty at Washington State University.

The Common Ministry Council has been managing and maintaining the building, the Interfaith House (former Koinonia House) as part of its ministry since 1965. Unfortunately for our organization, the owner of the building, the Presbyterian Synod of Alaska-Northwest, made a decision to sell the building. The sale is currently in process.

The Common Ministry continues to have a solid base of support from individuals in the Pullman community. Those supporters, along with members of The Common Ministry Council, believe that the work we have been doing is still needed on the WSU campus. With or without the building, we feel called to continue providing a safe place for the members of the WSU community to explore their own faith and to build bridges with people of other faith traditions. To that end, and because of the resources we currently have, we are actively searching for an energetic, entrepreneurial individual to come and work with us as our director.

The Common Ministry will move its administrative office to 525 NE Campus Street (a room at Community Congregational UCC) and plans to utilize a variety of available sites on campus and within the Pullman community for programs. This is a new chapter in the life of The Common Ministry. Thanks to the support from people like you—open-minded people of many faith traditions—our ministry will continue with new possibilities.

New mailing address: The Common Ministry at WSU, P.O. Box 1138, Pullman, WA 99163

Questions or comments can be addressed to our email address: office@interfaith-house.com

Treasurer's Report

Chad Cook

Over the course of the 2013-2014 academic year we did not have a director hired. Therefore, we were able to maintain a positive cash flow balance. During the month of April we incurred some moving expenses that were not budgeted. We had a successful Dinner Auction which helped cover these unplanned operational expenses. The investment accounts, housed at Edward Jones, ended June with a total of \$128,991.53.

As we go into a new school year I expect we will do well considering we will have a new director to help us with fundraising and event planning.

Thank you for taking the time to read our annual report and never hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding financial matters.

Budget Report: December 2013

| Categories: | YTD as of 12/31/2013 | YTD % of Annual | 2013 Budget | 2014 Budget (Approved 12/9/13) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Income: | | | | |
| Individual Donations | 10,419.00 | 69% | 15,000.00 | 14,000.00 |
| Congregational Donations | 4,760.00 | 95% | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Dinner and Auction | 9,969.00 | 91% | 11,000.00 | 12,000.00 |
| Building Use Donation | 11,790.00 | 94% | 12,500.00 | 12,000.00 |
| Zoe Underground Rent | 8,490.00 | 101% | 8,400.00 | 8,400.00 |
| Zoe Underground Avista | 9,210.00 | 140% | 6,600.00 | 10,420.00 |
| CMHE | 24,753.96 | 118% | 21,000.00 | 24,750.00 |
| BHECM | 2,968.72 | 0% | - | |
| Merchandise | 36.00 | 72% | 50.00 | 120.00 |
| Student Raised Funds | - | 0% | 100.00 | |
| Roger Williams Symposium | 2,330.00 | 117% | 2,000.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Cell Phone Towers | 19,336.69 | 92% | 21,000.00 | 18,500.00 |
| Stearns Student Fund | 625.00 | 63% | 1,000.00 | 1,500.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 104,688.37 | 101% | 103,650.00 | 109,190.00 |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| Director Salary Package | - | 0% | 38,000.00 | 40,000.00 |
| Director Continuing Ed. | 274.62 | 55% | 500.00 | |
| Director Auto and Prof. | - | 0% | 1,000.00 | |
| Treasurer Stipend | 622.38 | 104% | 600.00 | |
| Security Personnel Stipend | 511.72 | 85% | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| Office Manager Salary | 15,079.31 | 110% | 13,680.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Building Manager Salary | 8,980.82 | 214% | 4,200.00 | |
| FICA | 1,899.06 | 40% | 4,800.00 | 3,800.00 |
| Dept Labor & Industry | 414.93 | 54% | 770.00 | 600.00 |
| Administrative Dues & Fees | 128.00 | 107% | 120.00 | 1,090.00 |
| Printing and Advertising | 1,004.66 | 44% | 2,300.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Dinner and Auction | 3,901.04 | 98% | 4,000.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Insurance | 570.00 | 95% | 600.00 | 570.00 |
| Office Supplies | 98.21 | 11% | 900.00 | 750.00 |
| Postage | 559.88 | 93% | 600.00 | 500.00 |
| Computer | 1,298.99 | 162% | 800.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Hospitality | 688.21 | 344% | 200.00 | 500.00 |
| Custodial | 1,604.00 | 80% | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Real Property Repair& Maint. | 3,243.75 | 216% | 1,500.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Personal Property R&M | 290.50 | 58% | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Building Operations Products | 665.75 | 95% | 700.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Utilities | 19,352.10 | 121% | 16,000.00 | 20,065.00 |
| Telephone and Internet | 2,331.05 | 93% | 2,500.00 | 2,220.00 |
| Stearns Student Fund | 970.98 | 97% | 1,000.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Roger Williams Symposium | 2,131.88 | 107% | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Search Expenses | 750.20 | 14% | 5,500.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 500.00 | 0% | - | 1,000.00 |
| Total Expenses | 67,872.04 | 64% | 105,370.00 | 109,895.00 |
| Net Income | 36,816.33 | | (1,720.00) | |

Dinner Auction Report

Emi Dickens

The 26th Annual Dinner Auction fundraiser was held on April 22, 2014 at Banyans on the Ridge starting at 5 p.m. with social hour.

The Common Ministry Council members sold tickets or hosted tables for the auctions. The auction planning committee members, Chad Cook, Sue Durrant, Nancy Nydegger, Barbara Hammond, Jennifer Saracino, Lisa Soranaka, and Emi Dickens solicited local businesses and individuals for donation and prepared items for auction. Lenore Chambers put together lovely flower arrangements for tables.

We had 22 baskets/packages for silent auction. The live auction started out with the dessert auction. Five plates of delicious desserts were donated. There were 16 items/packages for the live auction. Also, three baskets were raffled throughout the evening.

Jack Alexander, a long-time supporter of the Common Ministry, served as the Master of Ceremonies. Chip Laird, Past President of the Common Ministry Council, offered an opening prayer. Austin Booker returned for the 11th time as our auctioneer. Hanieh Hashemian, regular attendees to the Interfaith Mythbusters, who is Muslim, shared her experience with the Interfaith Mythbusters programs, and the annual student retreat at St. Gertrude's Monastery. Two students from Interfaith Mythbusters program assisted with the live auction by displaying the auction items throughout the room. Sixteen items and packages contributed by generous donors were sold through the live auction. The attendance this year was lower than past years, but the event raised a total of \$11,427.

Many thanks go out to the Dinner Auction Committee members, the Council members, student helpers and generous attendees.

The Dinner Auction is the largest fundraiser for the Common Ministry and we appreciate generosity of our supporters.

Thanks to the Donors

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| Alex & Barbara Hammond | Joanne Washburn | Silverwood Theme Park |
| Bill & Ellen Johnston | Nancy Nydegger | Sue Durrant |
| Café Moro | Linda & Bill Renn | Margaret Rehberg |
| Clearwater River Casino | Marjorie Bennett | The Flansburg Family |
| Cowgirl Chocolates | Martin & Marcia Buehler | Tim Paulitz |
| Crimson and Gray | Mary Lauver | Toni Sarai-Clark |
| Daily Grind | Palouse Ridge Golf Course | Via Family Chiropractic |
| David & Sylvia Hutton | Merry Cellars Winery | Village Center Cinemas |
| Dissmores | Monastery of St. Gertrude | Walt & Janet Miller |
| Emi Dickens | Neil's Flowers & Gifts | Wild Ivy |
| George & Marilee Martin | Old European | WSU Women's BB Team |
| Jane Strarron | Paradise Creek Brewery | Yve Wight |
| Jill Aesoph | Pizza Perfection | |

Search Committee for Director

Nicholas Cerruti

The search committee for the director of the Common Ministry formed in fall 2013. The committee consisted of Nicholas Cerruti (Methodist), Chip Laird (Congregationalist), Emi Dickens (Presbyterian), and Brad Vonhof (Baha'i).

The first task of the committee was to revise the job announcement and position description from the previous search. These were completed before the end of October and posted on various websites. The requirements for the position were documented experience with campus ministry and interfaith relations, an advanced degree in theology studies and excellent written and oral communication skills. The job announcements were advertised in the Chronicle of Higher Education, Sojourners Magazine and the Christian Century. The committee also had the announcement posted at several seminaries around the nation. The initial review date was before Christmas, but due to the small number of applications, the review date was extended into April.

The committee received a total of 38 applications. Each month the committee would review the applications. Eventually, the committee conducted seven phone interviews. Four of these applicants withdrew their application after the phone interview. Three were invited for on-site visits. One could not attend because of a sudden death in the family, so two candidates came for an interview.

The committee developed the interview schedule which included meetings with the Assistant Dean of Students, Mel Morgan, and a meet-and-greet with local donors and supporters of the Common Ministry. The candidates interviewed with the search committee and gave a presentation to the Council. After the interviews, the Council voted that both candidates were desirable and ranked the candidates. Rev. Jessica Stokes was offered the position and accepted.

I would like to thank all the members of the search committee for all their efforts in the past nine months and welcome Rev. Stokes as the new director of the Common Ministry.

Respectively submitted by
Nicholas Cerruti, Search Committee Chair

Building Report: Interfaith House Building Usage

Lisa Soranaka

Office and Business Space

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| Alcoholics Anonymous | Resonate Church (until 5/13/14) |
| Barbara Aston (until 3/31/14) | Verizon (WSU took over contract May 2014) |
| Hillel Jewish Student Organization (until 4/31/14) | Wesley Foundation (until 11/4/13) |
| Inspire! (until November 2013) | Zoe Coffeehouse and Pub (WSU will allow to finish the remainder of their lease until 12/31/14) |
| Jewish Community of the Palouse (until 4/31/14) | |
| Read for Life (until 4/31/14) | |

Multiple Meetings per Week

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| Alcoholics Anonymous | Read for Life |
| Meditation | |

Weekly Meetings

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Hillel | Insight Meditation Society |
| Hillel Board Meeting | Interfaith Mythbusters |
| Inspire! | Muslim Student Association Prayer |
| Inspire! Bible Study | WSU Meditation Club |

Monthly Meetings

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| AA Business Meeting | Interfaith Dialogue |
| Common Ministry Council Meeting | Jewish Community of the Palouse |

Periodic Use

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| Alive! Program with Crimson & Gray and Resonate Church | International Studies Thanksgiving Potluck |
| Blood Drive | Jewish Community of the Palouse |
| Common Ministry Welcome BBQ | Mythbusters Thanksgiving Dinner |
| Common Ministry Donor Reception | Pullman Presbyterian Church |
| Earth Ministry | Resonate—Various Events |
| Intensive American Language Center | Washington Faith Power and Light Meet and Greet |

New to the Interfaith House This Year

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| Earth Ministry | |
| Intervarsity Christian Fellowship | Washington Faith Power and Light |

The Interfaith House building was sold May 2014. The Common Ministry relocated their office to the Community Congregational United Church of Christ at 525 NE Campus St. Pullman, WA 99163, mailing address PO Box 1138, Pullman, WA 99163.

Building Report: Common Ministry Impact Report

Lisa Soranaka

| Student Contact: | Number of People Reached* |
|--|----------------------------------|
| All-Campus Picnic | 1500 |
| Casual Conversation with Students | 180 |
| Interfaith Mythbusters | 505 |
| Meditation Classes | 142 |
| Retreat at the Monastery of St. Gertrude | 13 |
| RSO Student Leader Meetings | 36 |
| Welcome Back BBQ | 60 |

Category Total: **2436**

Newsletter Mailings **980**

| Community Contact: | |
|--|-----|
| Building Maintenance and Property Upkeep | 20 |
| CROP Walk | 9 |
| Dinner Auction | 78 |
| Individual Members of the Community | 150 |
| Interviews with Community Members | 6 |
| Meetings with Religious Leaders | 26 |
| Director Search Interviews | 41 |
| Candidate Meet and Greets | 21 |

Category Total: **351**

| Contact within the Interfaith House: | |
|--|------|
| Blood Drive | 27 |
| Common Ministry Council Meetings | 130 |
| Meetings with Program Leaders | 150 |
| Non-CM Community Contact within the Interfaith House | 4000 |

Category Total: **4307**

Total: **8074**

*Number of people reached has been estimated.

Common Ministry Programming

Emi Dickens

Interfaith Mythbusters

During the 2013-2014 school year, the Interfaith Mythbusters program met 33 Thursdays, 5 – 7 p.m. Each program started with a meal and moved into a dialogue around a selected topic for that day. Some of the topics were: Before and After Life; New Age Movement; Native American Spirituality; Hellenism; Muslim; Faith Journey of Abraham Lincoln (DVD viewing) and Buddha (DVD viewing). On average, 14 students and community members participated in the program each week. Some students who participated in the program shared their deeply personal stories. I am very glad that we can create a place where they feel comfortable sharing their personal experiences without being judged by peers. Due to the sale of the building by the Presbyterian Synod of Alaska Northwest, the Mythbusters program moved to the Community Congregational United Church of Christ (UCC) in April. Although the location is not ideal to welcome drop-in students, we did not experience any decline in participation by our regular participants.

Annual Fall Retreat at the Monastery of St. Gertrude

A weekend away from Pullman gave the retreat participants a unique opportunity for reflection and discovery. The Annual Fall Retreat took place on October 25-27 at the Monastery of St. Gertrude in Cottonwood, ID. A diverse group of 13 individuals—Christian, Muslim, Atheist and Buddhist—took part in the retreat. The participants learned about the monastic lifestyle and principles of Benedictine teaching from the Benedictine nuns at the monastery.

Sisters at the monastery extended their hospitality and welcomed us as we joined them in daily prayers at noon, evening and the Eucharist on Sunday. We had opportunities to interact with other retreat participants and guests of the monastery during meals. We also had lots of fun playing games and carving pumpkins! We enjoyed good weather, good food, good company, and good conversations.

Helping the Community through the Pullman / Moscow CROP Hunger Walk

Interfaith Mythbusters participated in the CROP Hunger walk on October 6, 2013 to raise funds to fight and raise awareness about local and global hunger. Nine Mythbusters completed the 10k walk and raised over \$600 to contribute to the fight against hunger. It was a great way to support the community. We all enjoyed a walk on a beautiful fall day. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised helped people in need in the Pullman / Moscow area. Thank you, walkers and sponsors, for making contributions to reduce hunger in the world!

Cooperating Ministries in Higher Education (CMHE)-REPORT
October 6-7, 2013
Sue Durrant

The CMHE's retreat was held in Ellensburg on October 6-7, 2013. At this time, the CMHE group was to decide its future as a funding entity for campus ministries in the NW, and also decide what to do with funds remaining in its account(s) as its time as an organization is coming to an end.

The gathering was held at the Lazy F Retreat Center outside of Ellensburg. Present were: Jodie Tooley (UI's CCC Board Pres), Sue Durrant (WSU's CM/Interfaith House Council Pres.), Roy Johnson (WSU's CM Council), John Pool (CMHE), and Paul Rodkey (campus minister @ Eastern Washington Univ & longtime convener of the CMHE group).

By way of history, recall that CMHE (formerly UMHE) is an organization which grew out of the ecumenism of the 50's & 60's, a model that received substantial dollars from a few mainline denominations, then distributed those collected dollars among 7 campus ministries in the NW. The lion's share of the ecumenical funding came from Methodist & Presbyterian structures; more recently some Disciples of Christ (DOC) funds have been in the mix. In recent years, support for mainline campus ministries has thinned & become less prevalent. Some would say we've moved to a 'congregational' model, meaning that Christian education & faith formation of college-aged young adults occurs in churches, within congregations, rather than within specially designated buildings & programs that operate collectively on college campuses. Of the 7 NW campus centers originally funded by CMHE (UW, WWU, CWU, EWU, Evergreen, WSU, UI), only 5 remain, and The Evergreen State's campus ministry plans to close its doors at the end of the 2013-14 school year. Thus, leaving 4, and the status of Western Washington is uncertain.

Within the past few years the Methodist & Presbyterian structures-- our largest providers of campus ministry funding-- have withdrawn campus ministry financial support. The Methodist stopped funding a few years ago. At our two local campus ministries-- UI & WSU-- we have operated with the understanding that Presbyterian funding will stop December 2013.

However, CMHE distributions will continue thru May 2014. Also, CMHE as an organization does have some investments, and Disciples of Christ dollars (\$7,000/year total) will remain through 2014.

Therefore, the meeting in Ellensburg resulted in the following decisions:

1-- CMHE will bring its funding activities to a close as of June 2015.

2-- As CDs mature & as Disciples' dollars arrive, all available & future dollars will be liquidated & deposited into the general CMHE fund, John Pool to administer. All funds CMHE holds will exist for the benefit of (still operating) campus ministries, and so distribution to existing campus ministries will continue at the same level as 2013 funding, for as long as the funds hold out.

3-- This DOES mean: it is anticipated that each remaining campus ministry WILL receive CMHE funds (at 2013 levels) now, through May, 2014. (And, we may discover that existing CMHE funds will stretch slightly into 2015. This capability will depend on interest rates & the open-closed status of remaining campus ministries.) If there are funds remaining by June 2015, these will be distributed in a lump sum (percentages) to the ministries operating at that time.

John Pool provides the following: "Here's my sense of what support CMHE will be able to provide in the coming months.

CMHE has in its coffers \$59,xxx. At its current rate of ministry support at \$6,3xx, that represents a little over 9 months of support (November, December 2013; January-July 2014). Our May or June check to Thurston County Ministries (Evergreen State College) will be the last to them; thereafter the funds going to them will not be added immediately to the support of remaining ministries but will stay in the general fund and be used to extend the period when we can provide support. In December of this year we will cash out our remaining Ministry Development Certificate (like a CD but with a branch of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., "PCUSA"). This will bring a further \$25,000 into our general fund, enabling CMHE to extend its support an additional four months (Aug.-Nov. 2014). I believe that in the Dec. 2013-Jan. 2014 time frame CMHE will receive its last check from PCUSA, in the amount of \$20,000. If received, this will enable CMHE to extend support through Dec. 2014 and Jan. and Feb. 2015. Perhaps the unspent money that had been going to Thurston County will enable us to continue support through March and perhaps even April 2015. Once I've issued the March or April 2015 checks I'll wait a couple-three months for all the issued checks to clear, then disburse any remaining funds using the same formula I use currently for monthly support payments, and that will be that. CMHE will exit the scene and steal stealthily away into the night."

5—Contact will be made with Rev. Sandy Messick, Executive Minister of NW Disciples of Christ: As a dissolving entity, CMHE will no longer accept any funds for distribution as of the end of 2014. The request will be to continue to send CMHE the DOC's \$7,000/year through 2014. Following 2014, to please distribute DOC campus ministry funds directly to campus ministries (NW DOC) chooses to support. (Hope it's UI, WSU & EWU)

6—Paul Rodkey will draft a letter thanking all denominations for their current and prior support of our campus ministries over these many years, and advise them of our current plans.

7—CMHE will not meet again as a group. However, regional meetings (e.g. UI, EWU, WSU) are encouraged.

All present in Ellensburg were delighted to hear that there is new energy & creativity afoot @ the UI Campus Christian Center! They have hired a 3/4 director—Julie Coyle. In addition they have selected 6 peer ministers to help renew relationships with Moscow churches. They will maintain monthly contact with Moscow churches (1/denomination) as well as completing other duties. There is some financial stipend.

WSU-Common Ministry/IFH reported that a search will commence soon for a new director. It was suggested that we consider flexibility in this position, e.g. $\frac{1}{2}$ time, $\frac{3}{4}$ time, full time, to fit the needs of the desired candidate. We may or may not have a building as it is owned by the Presbyterian Synod and may be sold.

American Baptist funds (through Evergreen Baptist Association) may be available in one lump sum to WSU Common Ministry (from sale of church building). It was suggested that The Common Ministry at WSU contact Marcia Patton to follow-up on this funding source.

As we part, we acknowledged that we need to allow for creativity and the development of new models on our campuses that can meet the current spiritual needs of each campus population.