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**In 2007, we celebrate 100 Years of Lutheran Campus Ministry.** We are counting on you to help us mark this milestone and see that Campus Ministry has a successful future.



**Campus Ministry creates disciples.** At our ELCA Lutheran Campus Ministries in our synod, students find a spiritual home when they are off at school. They meet other students of faith, form friendships, and create networks of care and support. They struggle with faith, ethics, politics and daily life, discussing new ways to articulate faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Discussion groups and bible studies provide a refreshing Lutheran alternative to the fundamentalist options found in abundance on many of our campuses.

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**Campus Ministry shapes academic institutions and experiences.** We like to say that Martin Luther was a "campus pastor!" By this we really mean that Lutherans have always had a presence on and mission to the larger academic community. Not only do we work with students, but as well with faculty and staff. In the process, we help shape, in some small way, the direction of the institution and the educational experience of students.

In the Sierra Pacific Synod, your gifts and financial support help underwrite important ministries at colleges and throughout the West Coast: in Berkeley, Davis, Sacramento, Fresno, Stanford, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, San Diego, Sonoma, and Los Angeles.

Your gift today will help to continue the legacy of the past 100 years by sustaining these ministries in meeting the needs of an emerging generation of faithful students, and helping to shape our academic environments.

Maybe Lutheran Campus Ministry was an important part of your college life, helping you to find purpose and meaning. We hope so! While we don't know what will happen over the next 100 years, together we can guarantee that Lutherans will have a strong witness on campus, one year at a time. Your help will make this possible. Thank you.

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