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Here We Stand

Earlier this year was the 500th anniversary date of Luther's "Here I stand" declaration at the Diet of Worms in 1521. It fell on a Sunday this past spring. Perhaps you recall observing "Here We Stand Sunday" on April 18.

The Christian faith remains embattled these days. There has never been a more important time for *Keeping Christ on Campus*.

Think of the great Reformation "*solas*."

- *Sola Gratia*. People are saved by the grace of God because of Jesus Christ, forgiven all their sins. The world today may say that people have guilt that is inextricably connected with their racial or ethnic group, and that only severe acts of self-renunciation can make up for it. But the biblical message of grace alone remains, and we want to keep it on campus.
- *Sola Scriptura*. God has spoken in Christ, and He has sent His prophets and apostles to give us His Word to tell us of His judgment and His mercy. The world today may say that the lived experience of people is the most reliable guide they have. But the Bible remains God's own Word to the world, and we want to keep proclaiming it on campus.
- *Sola Fide*. Salvation through faith underlines that we are saved by God's grace, not works. The world today may say that human identity consists above all in belonging to some cohort or in one's feelings about oneself. But ultimately, we all need to be justified before God our Creator and Judge. He gives this "not guilty" verdict as a gift, to be received by faith. Luther gave this brief biblical definition of man: "Man is justified by faith" (AE 34, 139). We want to keep repeating this on campus.

Keeping Christ on campus is a matter of death and life. Here we stand!

Endowment Funds News

The news is good, on two fronts.

First, the endowment funds for all four CID campus ministries achieved their preliminary goal of \$10,000 in gifts by July 1, 2021. Lutheran Legacy Foundation of Paris, Illinois had initially "seeded" \$10,000 in each of these endowments, then it matched, dollar-for-dollar, the first \$10,000 that others – like you! – gave to the four funds. Most readers of this newsletter issue have had a hand in the success story so far. You gave a contribution that Lutheran Legacy matched.

Second, please note that *the matching continues!* Last summer, Lutheran Legacy announced a generous extension of its matching funds offer. It is going to continue providing dollar-for-dollar matching contributions to each of the four endowments for an additional \$10,000, for donations made by next July 1.

Please help us to alert alumni of the four campus ministries, or their parents and other family members, to this significant opportunity. Also, your continued gifts are always welcome.

On July 1, 2022 there could be over \$50,000 in each of the four endowment funds, barely two years after Lutheran Legacy created them in the first place. Despite the pandemic!

Last July, CID received earnings on the endowments totaling **\$5,783**. This money helps CID continue supporting ministry to students, faculty, and staff members at U. of I., ISU, EIU, and WIU. It helps to keep Christ on campus.

The psalmist prayed to the Lord, "Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!" (Psalm 43:3).

Our Synod says: "College is tough. You need Jesus. We'll help." Thanks for your help.

The Lord be with you.

Please save us future stamps! Send your e-mail address to amyholmes@cidlcms.org

To donate to endowments for Central Illinois District campus ministry:

<https://www.lutheranlegacyfoundation.org/fund/central-illinois-district-campus-ministry/>



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CID Campus Ministry Retreat

This past September 24 and 25, students and others from the four CID campus ministries gathered at Camp CILCA's Christian Growth Center for a retreat. Nineteen people were in attendance.

Dr. Ken Schurb from the District office presented a topic, "The Christian's Mission":

- GET Christ's forgiveness in Word and Sacrament
- GROW in grace and knowing Him
- GLOW with His love in your calling and at church
- GO tell the Good News about Him in your calling and through church.

The first all-CID campus ministry retreat had been held in 2019. Plans for another retreat in 2020 had to be cancelled.

More such retreats will be planned for the future, we hope on an annual basis. Synod budget cuts have resulted in a curtailment of campus ministry activity at the national level. It will probably be quite a while before the Synod again holds a national campus ministry conference.

However, we can still get together in CID. Also, our campus ministries can participate in regional LCMS U events in neighboring states.

It is wonderful to connect various campus ministries. It is great when one group of committed Lutheran college students meets with another!

Campus Ministry Referrals

Help us to shepherd our churches' college students into campus ministries. The CID office will make referrals of college students to our CID campus ministries and to other LCMS U chapters nationwide – not only in Illinois!

Please send contact information for the students, especially their addresses on campus, to kschurb@cidlcms.org

CID Campus Ministries

CHARLESTON

Eastern Illinois University

CONTACT: Pastor Kenneth Hoover

pastorken@immanuelcharleston.com

As of October 1, 2021, \$10,518.25 has been contributed to the endowment to support this ministry, not counting matching funds.

MACOMB

Western Illinois University

CONTACT: Dr. Hans Moll

secretary@immanuelmacomb.com

As of October 1, 2021, \$12,643.25 has been contributed to the endowment to support this ministry, not counting matching funds.

NORMAL

Illinois State University

CONTACT: Pastor Bill Jensen

wittenberglcms@gmail.com

As of October 1, 2021, \$10,010.25 has been contributed to the endowment to support this ministry, not counting matching funds.

URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

University of Illinois

CONTACT: Pastor Michael Schuermann

churchoffice@uniluchampaign.org

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