

Cooperative Christian Ministry in Higher Education, Inc.

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NCPHEM

c/o Ms. Linda Freeman
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Dear Ms. Freeman:

On behalf of the Cooperative Christian Ministry in Higher Education of Charlotte, NC and more specifically United Christian Fellowship, UNC Charlotte's ecumenical campus ministry, thank you for your recent grant support of our new emergent worship. The worship launched in August and has run consecutively without interruption. Additional funding is being sought from multiple sources for a more public launch, reaching a greater target audience.

The worship takes place weekly in the candle-lit sanctuary of a church across from the UNC Charlotte. The service is unique in that it does not utilize neither traditional nor contemporary approaches. Rather, the style of worship is particularly indigenous being motivated by student needs. The service is particularly demanding spiritually, requiring long portions of prayer, silence, meditation and a very serious contemplation on the preached word. The music resembles jazz in many ways, mostly original, and distinctive. The service offers Holy Communion on a weekly basis and is a very deep and authentic experience. The weekly service reminds us that Jesus ministered on the edge. On October 30-31, 2007 we as a campus ministry went through the national campus ministry review process of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Chris Frisina, a UNC Charlotte student, told the review team concerning this weekly worship: "I went with a friend for the first time. It was mysterious, it seemed to feed a hunger I didn't even know I had, and if I were to describe it to someone else, it was an encounter with God that actually defies description."

The NCPHEM grant has allowed the campus ministry to launch a new, relevant, contemplative, and multisensory worship for college students in the University City area. Beginning a new weekly worship event is very much like planting a new church. The \$1,500 grant was quickly used in developing a "brand identity," website domain, email accounts, postcards, portable outdoor signage, worship elements, flyers, and posters. The projected total budget for the worship service is expected to be \$15,000 per year for the first three years, with the NCPHEM representing 1/10th of the first year. Additional funds needed would allow for newspaper and web advertising with Student Media, door hangers, door to door canvassing among student leadership, mailings, targeted email, Facebook advertising, movie theater preview ads, music and administrative leadership.

As we continue to secure funding for this worship project, please know that we are grateful for your support.

Remaining: Lost in God's Grace

The Rev. Stephen Cheyney