



UDECC – Outreach Programs of Member Organizations

UDECC's member congregations and campus ministries extend themselves in many service ministries, and advocacy around peace and justice issues.

Christ Episcopal Church

SHARE/WHEEL ~ Christ Episcopal Church (CEC) houses 25-30 men and women 7 days a week in our undercroft through SHARE/WHEEL. This King Co. and Seattle organization offers the cheapest, safest temporary shelter for homeless adults in the city (500 people at 14 indoor shelters at churches, 2 tent cities).

ORION Center ~ Christ Church has a dinner team that prepares, delivers and serves one meal a month to homeless teens at the Orion Center downtown.

SANCTUARY ART CENTER ~ SAC was founded by Deacon Mary Shehane while at Christ Church and CEC has been an ongoing supporter of the drop-in center for homeless teens to creatively express themselves and learn income producing skills.

Multifaith AIDS Care Team ~ CEC has had a Care Team that actively supports 1-2 AIDS patients for several years now. We also participate in the annual AIDS Walkathon.

Outreach Offerings ~ Special Outreach Offerings are collected four times a year at Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and St. Francis Day. The beneficiaries have included:

- Mashambanzou AIDS Hospice in Zimbabwe (a support center for orphans and families in this devastated region)
- Bailey-Boushay House in Seattle (services to AIDS patients and others in transition)
- Treehouse (serving foster kids in Seattle)
- Mission to Seafarers (an Episcopal service center to seamen in port in Seattle)
- University Churches Emergency Fund (aid to people in need)
- Church Council Self-Managed Housing (helping folk transition from homelessness)

Parish Groups

- Women of Christ Church ~ dues support donations to a long list of worthy causes
- Rector's Aid ~ handwork, jams and baking support projects including layette sets for Babies in Need
- Youth Group ~ annual bake sale supports the Heifer Project

National & Diocesan links (collections regularly taken to support the following):

- Volunteers to New Orleans to rebuild houses; campaign to provide funding to St. John's Episcopal church in New Orleans (also serving the greater neighborhood).
- Episcopal Relief and Development (provides relief through local churches at any disaster site and also works on projects like providing malaria-prevention netting)
- Episcopal Charities Appeal (provides donation grants to local agencies in Washington).



- United Thank Offering (provides donation grants to many causes, particularly serving women and children.)
- Church Periodical Club (provides educational and reading resources to clergy and others)
- Diocese of Jerusalem & the Middle East ~ Good Friday Offering

We collect food weekly for the University District Food Bank

University Baptist Church

University Baptist Church (UBC) is a sanctuary. As the second church in the United States to declare “sanctuary” for Central Americans during the violence of the 1980s, UBC became conscious of its role to both provide a safe place and to speak out against the forces of oppression and violence in the world. Folks here talk about those sanctuary days as a time of great struggle and strength. Again, those voices are echoed in our mission statement: “Christ calls us to; offer sanctuary and resources to those who are poor, powerless or in need; [to] work for peace, compassion and justice.”

Sanctuary has echoed in many commitments here: welcome to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people; support for conscientious objectors; a kitchen for hungry folks; a haven for women in transition from shelters to permanent housing; and safe and affordable childcare for children from a diversity of families and ethnicities.

University Christian Church

Social Justice. We work to make this world a better place because this was at the core of Jesus' life and ministry. Faith should improve our sense of humanity. Breaking down barriers that have historically divided us, working to end poverty and hunger, and solving our environmental crisis are all part of how we live out our faith. Historically, our congregation has worked to end homelessness in the U District, and currently has a ministry to children and adults with disabilities. All God's children should have equal access to the love and grace of God as shared together in community.

Presently, we also host the Disciples Peace and Justice Center that draws non-profits together through a shared facility. Some of the other agencies located in our building are the University District Food Bank, Books for Prisoners, Northwest Health Law Advocates, Cooperative Children's Center, and the Seattle Human Services Alliance.

Open and Affirming. Our congregation represents the diversity of God's creation. Men and women who are gay, lesbian, transgendered, queer, and questioning can fellowship and worship without fear of discrimination or condemnation and be welcomed for who they are. We believe that all humans are made in the image of God and sexual diversity is one of the ways God expresses creativity in the natural world. Men and women can worship here without fear of judgment and in a low-pressure environment. The love of God is available to everyone without discrimination and our church and denomination have been, and continue to be, open to receiving men and women who are gay, and affirming of the unique gifts they bring to a community of faith. Our church is open and affirming, and our denomination is supportive through the Gay and Lesbian Affirming Disciples Alliance.



University Lutheran Church

University Lutheran Church (ULC) is a “Reconciling in Christ” congregation. We believe that God has called us to be a community of grace, compassion, acceptance, and justice. Given that God has bestowed blessings on everyone without distinction as to race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, age, physical and mental capability, or economic condition, we affirm the dignity and worth of all people. Therefore, we welcome everyone into our congregation, as we celebrate the gifts each one brings to the life and ministry of this community of faith.

ULC is a “Greening Congregation.” We have made a commitment to be environmentally aware and proactive in putting "greening" practices into effect at church as well as educating parishioners about what they can do in their daily lives to be good stewards of the Earth's resources. ULC was awarded this Greening Congregation recognition by Earth Ministry in 2003. Our congregation has a long history of efforts like serving Fair Trade/shade grown/organic coffee; public advocacy for clean, renewable energy; and going to lengths to improve our energy efficiency.

ULC founded and hosts Elizabeth Gregory Home. Our congregation has been instrumental in establishing and developing this transitional home for formerly homeless women. Now a separate 501(c)(3) organization, this fully-staffed home adjacent to ULC provides safe and supportive housing for 11 women who may live here for 6 – 24 months. While in residence, women receive individual case management, mental health and substance abuse services, job readiness skills, domestic violence support, life skill classes, and family reunification services.

In October of 2007, EGH expanded it’s on-site program at ULC to include a 7-day drop-in center for women who desperately need a place to go during the day, where they can receive support and access to basic human services such as clean clothes and food. The center offers laundry, cooking and dining facilities, a computer lab, a television lounge, and mail and phone message services. Women have the opportunity to meet with EGH case managers for referrals, support and advocacy.

In April of 2009, the congregation at ULC chose to become home to a SHARE/WHEEL emergency shelter for homeless women, completing a continuum of care for disadvantaged women. The facility, with an initial capacity of 10 beds, integrates with services already available on site at the EGH drop-in center.

Sanctuary Art Center: ULC provides space for homeless street youth to gather in a safe and calm environment in order to do artwork, write, or play in a band. With a small staff and a corps of volunteers, the Sanctuary Art Center offers professional guidance five days a week for these youth to express their creativity and experience a spirituality that brings peace into their world that knows too much hostility and violence.

ROOTS (formerly University Young Adult Shelter): ULC supports this shelter at University Temple UMC by providing volunteers to serve on the Board, to spend the night with these young people, to prepare breakfast, and to transport sheets. ULC was a weekly host for the Young Adult Shelter when it rotated nightly among the U. District churches for many years, and has a strong continuing



commitment to ensure that this ministry continues to exist and that homeless young people have a safe and warm place to sleep at night.

University Street Ministry: Otherwise known as “Teen Feed,” this ministry serves evening meals to homeless young people at various churches in the University District throughout the week. ULC is the host for Teen Feed on Monday nights.

Community Lunch at Central Lutheran: ULC serves lunch to over 150 homeless and low-income people at Central Lutheran Church on Capital Hill every Friday during the month of November. This ministry has been a great opportunity for members of the congregation to have face-to-face contact with homeless people as well as to build relationships with one another in the process.

University Churches Emergency Fund: ULC contributes funds to this ministry that provides financial resources and referrals to people in need of rent, transportation, food, or utilities. As a way of centralizing our response to the requests of people in need throughout the University District, the churches of this neighborhood contribute their resources to this one organization and then refer people in need to UCEF for an appropriate interview and response.

Other Projects: ULC participates in other projects and programs to help homeless and low-income residents by providing funding, goods and/or services. Among these are:

- Church Council of Greater Seattle
- The Compass Center
- Lutheran Alliance to Create Housing (LATCH)
- Lutheran Community Services NW
- Lutheran Public Policy Office
- Lutheran World Relief
- Open Door Ministries
- University District Food Bank
- University District Interfaith Alliance

University Temple United Methodist Church

ROOTS Young Adult Shelter for 18 to 25 year olds; 25 a night; every night
ROOTS Friday Feast for all ages, every Friday for 10 +years, serves 125-175 people; volunteer prep
University Temple Children's School-day care
Needle Exchange (second largest needle exchange in nation) doing hepatitis C testing and education
Host the USM Teen Feed every Tuesday
UT Thrift Store Friday, support community for homeless, bargains for students
Site for book readings; peace & justice speakers
Host to UN Committee Office
Host the offices of the Washington Council of Churches



Episcopal Campus Ministry UW Lutheran Campus Ministry

The mission of Episcopal/Lutheran Campus Ministry is to serve students. As a piece of that mission our students decide all outreach programming. Therefore the outreach changes each year. Outreach is an outcome of worship and the resulting community. We have done Lutheran World Relief, Habitat for Humanity, cooking for Tent City, cooking for UDYC, made lunch for the monks of Gyoto, sold hockey tickets so the kids from Ronald McDonald house could come to Thunderbirds Games, and sold Sonics tickets to raise funds for refugees in Darfur. We have an offering collected during worship that students designate each quarter. One hundred percent of the offering is given. We want to be clear that outreach is directly related to our worship life.

Cooperating Ministries in Higher Education

CMHE is a progressive Protestant presence at the University of Washington. We are a collaborative ministry of the American Baptist Church USA, Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian Church USA, United Church of Christ, and United Methodist Church. We are an open, ecumenical, progressive campus ministry.

CMHE has, in the past, assisted many students involvement in social action events, such as joining others participating in legislative days in Olympia, volunteer service with local agencies, and sponsorship of the McCormick Lectures.

Wesley Club, United Methodist Campus Ministry

Wesley Club at UW is a college campus ministry of the United Methodist Church and part of the United Methodist Student Movement. Our purpose is to provide a Christian community meeting the needs of students and college-aged young adults. Everyone is welcome! We are a reconciling campus ministry and, therefore, we explicitly accept all people just as Jesus did. We welcome everyone into the community of faith. Wesley Club strives to be a place where everyone is welcome, conservative or liberal, rich or poor, gay or straight. Throughout the year, Wesley Club is involved in a variety of ministry opportunities in mission and service to others.