Greetings from the Guelph Campus Ministry Board!

Speaking the name of Christ, standing for truth and accountability, and spreading God’s message of hope in the COVID-restructured university culture is a challenging task. This makes the need for a welcoming Christian community on campus so vital and exciting. The Guelph Campus Ministry community provides a faithful place to learn and grow, a place to encourage and be encouraged, and a place to rejoice and worship our Savior and Lord together.

The board of GCM is pleased that the ministry is flourishing in spite of pandemic protocols that prevent many of the regular programs and encounters from happening. We celebrate the mission because of the tangible ways that we have been inspired and provided for by God. Let me highlight just a few:

1) Alison Pyper was hired in the fall of 2019 to help coordinate and administer in a part-time role. She has worked exceedingly well with Sara and as a team they are reaching farther and deeper than they ever could alone. We thank God for Alison.

2) Pastor David Tigchelaar has been leading the faculty ministry for a number of years and the Faculty and Staff Bible study has continued to gather on Zoom, through the lockdowns. We thank God for David, even as he will be moving on soon due to a transition in his ministry, and we thank God that Dr. Peter Schuurman has agreed to transition into the leadership of this Bible study.

3) I have taken on the role of board chair, filling the large shoes of Ray Vander Kooij, our long-serving chair. Dr. Peter Schuurman, a former campus minister, has also recently joined the board and taken on the role of vice chair, asking good questions about the vision and work of the ministry.

4) And, of course, Sara has been an inviting and stalwart presence as our campus minister through an exceptionally odd time in the world of campus ministry. She continues to be joyful and hopeful about her work, and her many on-line and outdoor events have blessed dozens and dozens of students. Community dinners, care packages, Bible studies, spiritual formation practises, leadership development, book studies—she has done so much to keep our love for the campus alive and well.

*It is for these reasons and for so many more that the board is thankful to God and to all our supporters, especially our closest partners, the Christian Reformed churches of this classis. We wish to also thank classis for your faithful support of GCM.*

*The purpose of this report is threefold. It is to give a small window into GCM’s current status as well as an appeal to each of the supporting churches to include GCM on your church’s upcoming budget and/or offering schedule. Please consider ways that you can be a part of God’s ongoing work at the University of Guelph. We also ask that you keep the GCM board, Sara DeMoor, Alison Pyper, the students, staff and faculty of GCM and the University of Guelph in your prayers. We wish to serve our campus, to guide the wandering, and to listen well to God’s leading in all that we do.*

We are grateful for the churches supporting GCM and for God’s providential care for this ministry.

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Guelph Campus Ministry Board Chair