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Dear Classis Huron:

Greetings from the Guelph Campus Ministry Board!

The ongoing Guelph Campus Ministry, through the leadership of Sara DeMoor, provides a hospitable place for students, staff and faculty to connect and learn, a place to wrestle with Scripture with curiosity and wonder; in short, a place to be rooted in our identity in Christ. To speak winsomely of Jesus, crucified and risen, and the church as his continued ministry today in the anxious and politically charged atmosphere of the campus is a risky but worthy venture.

Students desperately need a spiritual anchor in the stormy seas of emerging adulthood on campus. As a board, we continue to celebrate because of the tangible ways that our Classis Huron churches have been able to support the work of Guelph Campus Ministry. Let us highlight just a few:

- This is the 7th year that GCM has offered students the unique opportunity to serve as **interns**, under the mentorship of Sara. This year 4 interns (Emma-Grace, Kate, Kennedy, and Simon) are being equipped and encouraged to take on leadership roles within the community, and to intentionally explore Christian spiritual practices like Scripture reading, Sabbath observance, and gratitude.
- **Community dinner** continues to be part of GCM's weekly rhythms that helps students grow in fellowship with each other (including by our partnership with the Ecumenical Campus Ministry at U of G), while experiencing the good gift of being nourished—body and soul!—by local church communities, who provide the crock pot meals.
- **Other activities:** Sunday Church hop; Winter Retreat at the Liebenzell Retreat Centre in January; Monday – Thursday morning prayer; The “Something After Supper” series featuring discussions about theological errors that aren't obviously and dramatically harmful but are maybe just a bit off, example: Moral Therapeutic Deism; “**Flourishing in Faith in University**” - a **four-week conversation about** what it means to be a faithful Christian as a university student, and learn what the Reformed tradition can offer as a conversation partner.
- **Pastoral Care:** Sara spends time with pastoral care/counseling to those in need. Currently she is doing graduate level coursework in spiritual care and psychotherapy, which will no doubt sharpen her pastoral practise. Sara also hosts a coffee and chat time each week.

Our board meetings are functioning well, allowing us to ask good questions of Sara about the vision and work of GCM. With six board members representing five CRC congregations (Carel Geleynse, Mark Hofstee, Peter Schuurman, Marge Siertsema, and Nicole Vanderwindt), we work well together and continue to discern God's leading of Guelph Campus Ministry, aware of these times of denominational uncertainty. We are delighted to welcome Peter Kingma to the board. Diana Wilhelm serves as our treasurer.

Please consider ways that you can be a part of God's ongoing work at the University of Guelph.



Each week in Advent, supporters and alumni, by means of a weekly newsletter, were challenged to give a suggested contribution once a month, so now we extend that appeal to each of the supporting churches to ask that you not only challenge your membership to consider giving \$10, \$20 or \$50 per month but to **also include GCM on your offering schedule**. Meanwhile, we are deeply grateful for your sustained ministry share support.

We also ask that you keep the GCM board, Sara DeMoor, Brianne Gayfer (GCM administrative coordinator), the students, staff and faculty of GCM and the University of Guelph **in your prayers**. Pray that we may continue to serve the campus, to guide the wandering, to be faithful in our learning, and to listen well to God's leading in all that we do.

The purpose of this written report and our oral report is to give Classis a small window into GCM's current status and to express our gratitude to the supporting churches of GCM.

In Christ,

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