Lutheran Campus Ministry-Twin Cities (LCM-TC) thanks the Minneapolis Area Synod for your consistent support and encouragement of our collective ministry with students, faculty and staff at the U. We are deeply grateful for the many ways you; as a whole synod, as congregations and individuals have helped us forward to ensure a stable, healthy and vibrant ministry for a many years to come.

LCM-TC continues to embrace the paradox of radical hospitality and welcome to those outside our doors, while caring and nurturing the committed young Christians that comprise the core of our faith community. Some ministry highlights from this fall and early spring:

* Watching worship attendance grow as students really seek to ground themselves in something greater than themselves, especially in a world which seems increasingly isolated and volatile.
* Watching a generation of students turn over with last year’s graduating class – which was large in number and personality; and noticing the gifts and passions of this emerging generation shape our ministry (LCM generations are 3-4 years!).
* Engaging members of your congregations through our Faith and Leadership Institutes where students hear from community leaders about how their faith informs their work to build a better world. Topics this year, among others, have included: the Vocation of Citizenship; Faith, Science and Healing; Faith, Disability and Making Sense of Scripture; and Food, Farming and Faith.
* Hosting a breakfast gathering of ELCA faculty and staff at the University of Minnesota!
* Sending stellar student preachers to Minneapolis Area Synod congregations on “LCM Sunday,” to preach, share the story of LCM, and invite congregants into our shared ministry. Thanks to Grace University Lutheran Church, House of Hope, St. Stephen’s in Bloomington, and University Lutheran Church of Hope for welcoming our students!
* Just as our student leadership team has grown, each of our ministries has also seen growth in numbers as well as depth of responsibility and commitment.  This is in large part due to a solid team of warm and hard working students who give freely of their time and their hearts.

We are grateful for the many blessings of partnering with Grace University Lutheran Church and University Lutheran Church of Hope, as we practice being church together.  It is life giving to partner with healthy congregations, and to involve students in the intergenerational life of these communities.

We welcome the partnership of the congregations of the Minneapolis Area Synod and look forward to continuing this important work together.

Pastor Kate Reuer Welton, and the Lutheran Campus Ministry-Twin Cities’ Board of Directors