



Jacksonville Campus Ministry

A New Comm(unity) in Christ.



Relaunch and Renew

Join us as we review the past year and reflect on what God is doing!

It had been a difficult few years for Jacksonville Campus Ministry. It seems a “perfect storm” of circumstances led to the executive board’s decision to dissolve the ministry in the summer of 2017. God, as God often does, had other plans.

By the numbers:

15

Partner congregations

7

Partner denominations

3

New ministry opportunities



Sarah represents Christian communities at a vigil.



JCM is the only campus ministry in relationship with the UNF LGBT Resource Center.



Food for Thought continues to be a prominent ministry.

Food for Thought

Tuesdays at 6pm @ UNF

Food for Thought was our best-known ministry on campus, so it became the red thread as we looked at relaunching and renewing our presence on campus. It is a joy to work with our 15 partner congregations to provide a meal to students every Tuesday night. We gather on the third floor of the student union, eat fantastic meals, and have conversation around how our faith and daily lives intersect. We began holding Food for Thought again during the fall semester 2018 and it has been such a rich, wonderful ministry! After one gathering last fall, a student was helping Sarah clean up and said, “I am so glad we have this. I don’t have any other place where I can talk about these things.” It was an incredible witness to the work that God is doing in this ministry. This remains our most popular ministry and consistently attracts several of our core students in leadership positions. It is also one of the best ways for congregations to directly connect with the students. We are so thankful for our partnership congregations who make this ministry possible.



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- FOOD FOR THOUGHT PARTICIPANT, FALL 2018

Interfaith Center

JCM remains an active participant in Interfaith Center activities and events. Sarah is frequently called upon to serve as chaplain at various events throughout campus. Above, she is pictured with Matt Hartley, Associate Director for the Interfaith Center and Rabbi Levi, leader of the Jewish Ospreys.

PASTOR SARAH

Sarah is a graduate of The Ohio State University and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Political Science and a Master of Divinity degree. She began her journey into campus ministry at Jacob’s Porch, Ohio State’s Lutheran campus ministry. During her senior year of seminary, she was the Religious Worker Affiliate for Gamecock Lutheran. She is passionate about the call of campus ministry, and was ordained in the ELCA on January 24, 2019. She is also serving as Assisting Priest at Redeemer Episcopal in Jacksonville. Her husband is the pastor at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church and they have a young son, Bennet.



Looking ahead

In the coming year, we will be launching some new efforts and renewing some old ministries.

SPIRITUALITY & HEALING EXPERIENCES

JCM is partnering with the Brooks College of Health and OneJax in order to offer unique experiences to students who are seeking spiritual renewal and interaction with God's creation. Each month, we will host an event such as bringing therapy animals onto campus, hiking in the reserve, and experiencing the high and low ropes courses.



AN OSPREY EXPERIENCE

This year we received a grant to plan an event that connects high school youth with campus ministry. In Spring 2020, we will host an extension of a previous JCM ministry, called An Osprey Experience, where high school students will join current college students at UNF and learn why being involved in campus ministry is so important to faith formation in college.



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We are renewing our efforts on JU's campus starting this fall! We are excited to see what God has in store for the ministry in that context, so keep your heart open for the Spirit's work!

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We are always looking for partners in ministry. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with us! You can support the ministry by serving on our Board of Directors, donating, or inviting Pastor Sarah to preach in your congregation!