



# United Campus Christian Foundation

*“Where nurturing the spirit is as important as engaging the mind.”*

June 1, 2011

Dear Campus Religious Center Board Members,

You asked us for a timeline related to the proposal from United Campus Christian Foundation to transfer equity ownership and responsibility in the CRC to New Covenant Community. The original proposal and a timeline appear below. We have also provided some general financial information about NCC for 2009 – 2011.

Our timeline is based on the interests and financial needs of UCCF. While we cannot take into account how long it will take for the American Baptist and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America judicatories to respond, the timeline below is significant from the standpoint that if this process is not completed by the end of 2011, UCCF will have to explore other options, including the possibility of withdrawal from the CRC.

**Fall 2010 through March 2011** – Begin to present proposal to CRC Board Members, and members of the individual campus ministry boards. Meet with NCC members to gather more information about the proposal, and NCC’s role in the change.

**April - June 2011** – UCCF will seek written permission from PCUSA, UCC, and Disciples of Christ to proceed with the proposal. UCCF will share those letters with the CRC Board by the middle of June (or sooner). *We have written permission from the Disciples and verbal permission from the Presbyterians and UCC. Written permission from them is forthcoming.*

**June – August 2011** – UBF and ULM will confer with their boards and judicatories (and any other necessary bodies) to ascertain whether or not the proposal for UCCF to transfer their CRC equity to NCC is feasible/allowable/desirable within their denominations and governing bodies.

**September 2011** – Meet with attorney (Bob Lenz) for assistance in any legal matters that must be completed (including CRC Bylaw change, corporation papers, etc.).

**October 2011** – Vote by CRC Board to change bylaws and accept UCCF proposal.

**December 2011** – Transfer of ownership complete. NCC becomes equity partner in the CRC, taking the position previously held by UCCF.

Hopefully this provides the information you need to proceed with getting permission from your respective judicatories. We hope you will do so as soon as possible. Please keep us informed as the process unfolds. I’ll pass along the copies of written permission from the PCUSA and UCC judicatories as they arrive.

Peace,

Susan Ryder  
United Campus Christian Foundation Campus Minister

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## **Proposal to the Campus Religious Center Board from The Board of the United Campus Christian Foundation**

Because of long term trends of decreased funding for campus ministry from our affiliated denominations, UCCF is no longer financially viable and needs to consider alternatives for perpetuating campus ministry at ISU.

For nearly 19 years, New Covenant Community has existed as a ministry of UCCF with the conviction that the presence of congregations is an important aspect of ministry to a University community, including faculty and staff as well as students.

UCCF has developed a plan for New Covenant Community to take over responsibility for our campus ministry mission, including administration and funding for programming, ownership of UCCF's equity in the building, and responsibility for partnership in its administration and funding.

Accordingly, UCCF proposes to transfer all ownership of and responsibility for our equity in the Campus Religious Center, (pending concurrence of our sponsoring denominations and those of ULM and UBF) to New Covenant Community. New Covenant Community will proceed under the same by-laws of the CRC, amended as needed and agreed to by other ministry members of the CRC to facilitate this proposal.

### **New Covenant Community Financial Information – 2009 to Present:**

2009

TOTAL INCOME	88606.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	86790.67
Difference	+1815.33

2010

TOTAL INCOME	90854.68
TOTAL EXPENSES	87761.41
Difference	+3093.27

2011

2011 Budget

Actual to date (4/11)

TOTAL INCOME	93,233.00	30,666.08
TOTAL EXPENSES	93,233.00	29,626.16
Difference		+1,039.92



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May 31, 2011

Dear Nicole and Rev. Susan,

I have received your proposal to conclude the ministry of UCCF by having it continue under the ministry of the congregation known as New Covenant Community. It appears to be a very sound proposal that will continue campus ministry on the Illinois State University Campus.

As Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin, I can give my support for turning over the equity in the Campus Religious Center facility to New Covenant. I believe that our Regional Board will support that decision, as well. Unfortunately they do not meet until October. If you need an affirmation before that, we can call a special meeting.

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker