

## 2010 QUADRENNIAL REVIEW REPORT

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America reviews each of its campus ministries every four years.

The most recent review of our ministry to Northwestern took place on January 20-21. The review team, appointed by the ELCA, consisted of four persons: Pastor Carl Richard Evenson, coordinator for ELCA Region 5, Pastor Cynthia Hileman, representing Bishop Wayne Miller of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, Dr. David Zumdahl, an educator who is a member of the board of Lutheran Campus Ministry of Illinois, and the Rev. Alan Buresh, pastor of ULC's sister campus congregation, University Lutheran Church at the University of Wisconsin--Eau Claire.

In preparation for the review, the church council of University Lutheran Church (composed mostly of students), our alumni/ae committee, and the board of Lutheran Campus Ministry of Metropolitan Chicago wrote a fourteen-page ministry plan for the next quadrennium. The plan sets a primary goal in each of twelve areas of ministry and then states where we now are in that area, where we want to be in four years, the steps and resources needed to get there, and those who will be responsible for carrying out the steps identified.

Over the twenty-four hour period (noon to noon, January 20-21), the team met with nearly fifty persons: students, faculty, administrators, and staff, NU campus ministers, area ELCA clergy, the ULC church council, alumni/ae, LCM/MC board members, and Janet and Lloyd Kittlaus.

The following are excerpts from the team's report:

"Rev. Lloyd Kittlaus was well-prepared for the review, with plenty of information and a well-planned agenda for us. [He] continues at Evanston after 29 years with a faithful, full, and wide ranging ministry. He is actively involved in many aspects of this congregational campus ministry, bringing a consistency and longevity to the congregation which is valued and key to the ongoing success of the ministry. Lloyd's wife Janet is the administrative assistant/bookkeeper and provides much valuable hospitality and warmth to the operation. Janet senses her own call in her service. There is a compelling sense of 'home' here."

"Lloyd has encouraged careful thinking [about worship style, music, and liturgy] while also being able to allow the decision making of the congregation to go forward beyond his own personal tendencies. . . . This student ministry does not 'play church' but is the church at work."

"Outreach is a strong aspect of the several service projects the congregation is involved in. The projects give opportunity for witness by pastor and students alike. Relationships build evangelism, and this congregation works hard at sustaining relationships."

"Active Bible studies mean opportunity for Christian growth in understanding the scriptures and growing in faith and believing. . . . Many pastors have come from this ministry. Lay leadership is strong here. There is a sense of training the next generation of church leaders. . . . The ministry is based not on feeling good, but growth in learning. Lloyd gives the tools to explore the faith throughout life."

“Leadership’ is the white noise in the background of these students’ lives. They know they are being prepared for leadership in society through Northwestern University. And they seek out opportunities to grow in leadership and demonstrate leadership. This carries over into their involvement at ULC and is a key component in this student-led congregation. Students spoke of leaving their mark on NU by ULC participation.

“Lloyd capitalizes on this environment and is ready to both support building leadership and give responsibility to student leaders. He has worked to provide opportunity for student leaders to step forward and offer themselves. He nurtures them not only to serve the congregation but also to grow in their ability to lead. This is a strong aspect of this ministry and remarkable.”

“Strong student desire to serve the poor and hungry and homeless reveals an attention to justice issues and student advocacy for others. . . . Janet has been active in this area. Her humility was cited as such a positive model.”

“This ministry has done well in planning and awareness. The quadrennial plan is thorough and well thought out, giving good direction for the future. It has vision and purpose. The plan can be used as a blueprint for ministry. Many people were involved in creating and writing the plan. We saw excitement and enthusiasm among students and board members.”

“The review committee is of a mind that this is a healthy and going campus ministry. We were happy to see it and come away with deep appreciation for Pastor Lloyd, his wife Janet, and the congregation.”

“Our overall impression of this ministry is that it is impressive in quality, scope, and participation. We are hopeful for the church and campus ministry after this review. And we have joy for this congregation of the ELCA.”