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## **Lilly Endowment Gives \$2.9M to Strengthen 21 Campus Ministry Organizations**

INDIANAPOLIS – Lilly Endowment Inc. will award \$2.9M to 21 campus ministry organizations to enable hundreds of students at public universities across the United States to participate in life-shaping experiences. These experiences will help students draw on their faith commitments as they make choices about their future careers and encourage those students with spiritual and leadership gifts to explore potential calls to Christian ministry.

For more than 15 years, the Endowment has pursued strategic initiatives that help cultivate a new generation of Christian leaders. These efforts, which include the Endowment’s Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation and the Council of Independent College’s Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education, have helped thousands of students at more than 175 church-related schools renew their commitments to their faith and encouraged them to follow calls into many forms of Christian ministry and service.

The Campus Ministry Theological Exploration of Vocation (CMTEV) initiative builds on this work by enabling campus ministry organizations at public universities to develop and expand their vocational discernment programs. Student program activities will include leadership development, peer minister training, seminars connecting faith and professional careers, mentoring, national and international mission trips, internships at partner churches, and vocational discernment retreats.

“It is vital for young people to have the time, space, and encouragement to explore questions about their faith and draw on the wisdom from their religious traditions as they make decisions about their future careers,” said Christopher L. Coble, the Endowment’s vice president for religion. “Campus ministry organizations are incredibly well-positioned to help college students develop as Christian leaders and discern whether they are called to ministry and service.

“We have been encouraged by the eagerness of campus ministries to build up programs that help students explore vocations in Christian ministry and service. This initiative will enable campus ministry organizations to play a more prominent role in identifying and nurturing a new generation of talented religious leaders for church and society,” Coble

said.

The Endowment piloted the CMTEV initiative in 2012 by awarding grants to five campus ministry organizations. Based on the success of those programs, additional campus ministries were invited to apply for grants of up to \$100,000.

The Endowment also has awarded a grant to the Fund for Theological Education to convene campus ministry teams annually for mutual learning and support and to develop virtual ways for campus ministries to share resources and information.

Grant recipients from the 2012 pilot and expanded invitational initiative include:

Chesterton House at Cornell University (2012)  
Ithaca, N.Y.  
\$100,000

Christian Student Foundation at Ball State University  
Muncie, Ind.  
\$100,000

Christian Study Center of Gainesville at University of Florida  
Gainesville, Fla.  
\$100,000

Cooperative Christian Ministry in Higher Education at University of North Carolina  
Charlotte, N.C.  
\$100,000

Ecumenical Campus Ministry at Kansas State University  
Manhattan, Kan.  
\$100,000

Gator Wesley Foundation at University of Florida (2012)  
Gainesville, Fla.  
\$100,000

Hill House Ministries at University of Texas  
Austin, Texas  
\$100,000

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at University of North Carolina (2012)  
Chapel Hill, N.C.  
\$100,000

Lutheran Campus Ministry at University of Arizona  
Tucson, Ariz.  
\$100,000

Lutheran Campus Ministry - Twin Cities at University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minn.  
\$100,000

Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry at University of Nebraska  
Lincoln, Neb.  
\$100,000

Purdue Christian Campus House at Purdue University  
West Lafayette, Ind.  
\$100,000

St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center at University of Kansas (2012)  
Lawrence, Kan.  
\$100,000

St. Mary's Catholic Church at Texas A&M University  
College Station, Texas  
\$100,000

St. Paul Catholic Center at Indiana University  
Bloomington, Ind.  
\$98,055

St. Paul University Catholic Foundation at University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wis.  
\$76,025

St. Thomas Aquinas at Purdue University  
West Lafayette, Ind.  
\$100,000

State College Presbyterian Church at Pennsylvania State University  
State College, Pa.  
\$45,000

Synod of Lakes and Prairies on behalf of Pres. House at University of Wisconsin (2012)  
Madison, Wis.  
\$100,000

University Christian Ministries at University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, Va.  
\$100,000

University Lutheran Church at Clemson University  
Clemson, S.C.  
\$100,000

University Presbyterian Church at University of North Carolina  
Chapel Hill, N.C.  
\$100,000

University Presbyterian Church at University of Washington  
Seattle, Wash.  
\$100,000

Virginia State University Foundation at Virginia State University  
Virginia State University, Va.  
\$100,000

Wesley Foundation at Florida State University and Tallahassee Community College  
Tallahassee, Fla.  
\$100,000

West Central Baptist Association at Indiana State University  
Terre Haute, Ind.  
\$100,000

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