



Ways to Connect with UKirk Ministers and Ministries

For Congregations, Youth Group Leaders, and Faith Communities

The UKirk Collegiate Ministries Association exists to support and equip collegiate ministers, their organizations, and the students they invite into deeper faith exploration and Christian community on 200+ campuses across the country. Each of these mission outposts of the church creatively embodies our mission of being a church that reaches, loves and teaches college students to be lifelong followers of Jesus Christ.

Each UKirk network ministry is unique and caters to the local community it serves. We have chaplaincies on Presbyterian-related college and university campuses, campus ministry groups that are their own 501c3 organization supported by Presbyterian congregations, congregationally-based ministries, and presbytery-supported ministries, serving everything from large state schools to small, private institutions. Our campus ministers are just as varied; they are part-time, full-time, and bi-vocational, serving as both ordained and lay leaders.

No matter the size of the ministry or the location, the transformation that happens through a student's participation in these Christian communities impacts both the church and the world as students enter as teenagers and leave as servant leaders. The national UKirk organization offers local UKirk network ministries resources so that they can achieve their ministry goals and thrive on their campuses. We equip both campus ministers and their boards with the tools they need in the areas of fundraising, leadership development, and student engagement; we work to amplify the stories of campus ministry so that the whole church can hear how God is working in and through the lives of college students across the country; and we encourage the support of collegiate ministries by individuals, congregations and presbyteries.

12 Ideas for Connecting

- Look for the UKirk campus ministries in your state: <https://ukirk.org/ministries/>.
- Send an email to the campus minister or ministry introducing yourself and your ministry.
- Pray for students in the UKirk ministries at colleges and universities in your presbytery, region, city or state. Pray also for those who are searching for a spiritual community that is a place to be wholeheartedly welcomed and explore questions of Christian faith.
- Introduce your High School students to UKirk ministries where they can find their new spiritual home in the colleges they attend. Refer a Student to a UKirk Ministry using this form: <https://ukirk.org/refer-a-student-to-a-ukirk-network-ministry/>.
- Have your person leading youth to invite a campus minister or chaplain in your region to meet your youth and talk about college (or lead a youth event).
- Invite a local/regional campus minister or chaplain and their students to preach/lead worship one Sunday.

- If there is no local college ministry at the school in your town, prayerfully consider starting a UKirk ministry (for more info email ukirknational@gmail.com).
- Have an event for high school seniors to talk about faith in college; invite local UKirk ministry student leaders to serve on a panel.
- If you take students on college visits, invite the UKirk minister to have coffee/lunch/dinner with the group. If you visit your college students on their campuses, invite the campus minister to join you and the student(s) for a conversation or meal.
- Ask your local UKirk ministries how your congregation can volunteer to support their ministry.
- Ask your mission team to consider mission support for the UKirks in your state.
- Invite Rev. Gini Norris-Lane, Executive Director of the UKirk Collegiate Ministries Association, to present about UKirk National to your session, congregation or presbytery and share the story of collegiate ministry in the PC(USA) and Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Consider becoming a Partner Congregation with a 3-year pledge. ukirknational@gmail.com

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