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Lutheran College Fellowship at Humboldt State Circuit 13

Humboldt State University is located a few blocks from our church, The Lutheran Church of Arcata. Consequently, we have been working with the campus to provide college-age ministry for more than a decade. For the last few years, we have been using vicars from Concordia Seminary – St. Louis, MO to run this ministry.

We have established a solid idea of what our purposes are: fellowship, study, evangelism, and community service. We have a known presence on the Humboldt State University campus. We have a solid group of students who are coming to most activities and inviting their friends. They have a good community of friendship with one another. We have monthly conversation times about current topics (for outreach), weekly Scriptural study (also covering evangelism), monthly community service activities, and times for just having fun (like baking cookies or watching *The Bachelor*).

Support from The Lutheran Church of Arcata has been the key to our success. Without them, our group would not have made it; they have been our source of funding and fellowship, providing a venue for us to worship with them each week. We have Tuesday Bible class on campus. We have conversation times that deal with current events, like politics and stem cell research. We have community service, like feeding the homeless. We also have game days, parties, and *The Bachelor* nights (where we watch *The Bachelor*), along with other things, to create a bond of friendship with one another. Our leaders also spend time on campus each week with a table to advertise our group and see students around campus. We also sing praise songs each week on campus, which has been an encouragement to many of the Christians on campus. We now have an Adopt-a-Student program, where the families of our church invite students over for dinner; it's going very well.

We have overcome stereotypes of what campus ministries do; generally, we are becoming known as being different from other groups. We are more willing to talk to people on campus who aren't already Christians.

