

**POSITION: STUDENT MINISTER**  
**ELMWOOD CHURCH of CHRIST**

**Overview:**

The mission of Elmwood Church of Christ's Student Minister (responsible for students both on campus and in the youth group) is to aid Christian students in strengthening their faith within the Elmwood faith community and to help bring non-Christian students to Christ. The Student Minister serves as a missionary to the students at Purdue University campus and mentors college and youth group students as they mature in Christ. This minister will also help support Elmwood 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students in growing closer to Christ and each other.

**Specific Duties (with an emphasis on campus during the academic year and youth during the summer):**

**Campus Ministry Related duties:**

1. Encourage the participation of college students in the Christian Student Center (CSC) and at Elmwood activities. Build connections between college students and the Elmwood congregation. Encourage interaction between youth and Elmwood members.
2. Reach out in the name of Jesus to serve and teach college and graduate students who don't yet know Christ. Engage in outreach efforts to international students on Purdue's campus.
3. Be a resource for students facing various difficulties.
4. Actively look for, research, and connect with (at places like LTC, church camp, or online) students already attending churches of Christ who end up coming to Purdue.
5. Teach or staff Sunday morning Bible classes and Wednesday night (academic year) Encounter sessions.
6. Arrange for food and transportation for student activities. Manage the church van providing rides from campus to Elmwood and back.
7. Work closely with Purdue URL (University Religious Leaders) and other appropriate Purdue organizations (Dean of Students, SAO, etc.).
8. During the academic year, plan and execute signature events:
  - a. Campus group: Gulf Coast Getaway in January, Root Beer Kegger in (first week of school outreach) Senior Banquet in May, Retreat in October
  - b. Combined event with the youth group: to foster mentoring opportunities

**Youth Ministry Related duties:**

1. Teach or arrange teaching for the Sunday morning youth class.
2. During the summer, plan and carry out 2 youth events per month in collaboration with the youth committee and Elmwood Volunteers (attendance required at 1 of the 2)
3. During the academic year, plan and execute signature events:
  - a. Youth group: Winterfest in February, Leadership Training for Christ (in the spring, sometimes on Easter weekend), senior recognition in May or June

- b. Combined event with the college group: to foster mentoring opportunities
- 4. Support youth group members by periodically attending evening youth activities.
- 5. Encourage interaction between youth and Elmwood members with help of youth committee.
- 6. Train youth group with gifts and interest to serve in the Elmwood congregation.

### **General Administrative Tasks**

- 1. Develop a campus semester plan (two weeks in advance of each semester) for building relationships with and among students and offering spiritual guidance. Work with a mentor to develop a normal weekly schedule (which days and day parts will be work hours), taking into account classes/Encounters, worship time, activities, preparation time, and other time with students; communicate that schedule to elders, students, parents along with a summary for the congregation.
- 2. Give at least a week's notice to the Elder of the Month (EOM) of vacations or other planned absences. Make sure the EOM knows which days each week are planned as days off. Find an appropriate substitute for missed events, classes, etc., particularly on Sundays and Wednesdays. In emergencies, work to find last-minute replacements and notify the EOM immediately. (when appropriate: campus and/or youth committee)
- 3. Attend periodic meetings with Elmwood ministers and elders. Engage in other ministry tasks as requested by the elders. Serve under the leadership of the elders.
- 4. Attend Elmwood worship services and serve as needed (Scripture reading, prayer, communion devotional, etc.).
- 5. Propose and work within a budget necessary to support the goals of the ministry and the operation of the CSC.
- 6. Develop and mentor student leaders (while still being the ultimate leader of the CSC). Train youth group and campus members with the gifts and interest to participate in public worship.
- 7. Collaborate with the Campus Committee and the Youth Committee, under the direction of the elders.
- 8. Communicate God's work in the campus ministry to the Elmwood congregation through printed updates and/or announcements on Sunday morning at least once per month.
- 9. Make sure the Christian Student Center on campus is stocked and maintained so that it is useful for ministry. (General supplies, etc.)