



McMaster Campus Ministries Council

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Rev. Jon Van Den Berg
Synod of Southwestern Ontario

Dear Jon:

I am writing on behalf of McMaster Campus Ministries Council (MCMC) to request a grant of \$3000 for the support of MCMC's student outreach and programming. The MCMC provides multiple programs to support students, faculty and staff at McMaster and to offer a Christian witness on campus. Student-directed support includes a weekly "Soup and Selah" event, offering a gathering place for students of any or no faith, around a brief meditation and a bowl of nourishing soup. Twice a year, at exam time, we offer exam hospitality – a warm drink, cookie or fruit, and a friendly ear, to students preparing for exams. Every year we offer a Thanksgiving dinner to international students, welcoming them to Canada and acquainting them with some of our customs. Faculty and staff are invited to join in prayer in liturgical events during Advent and the Easter season, walking the labyrinth, or engaging in Bible study. Countless hours are spent by the Chaplain in offering spiritual guidance and advice for well-being to anyone seeking help.

We very much appreciate the support of the Synod and the Presbytery of Hamilton. As an ecumenical ministry, the MCMC relies on the support of the Presbyterian Church, as well as the United and Anglican Churches. While we work continually on increasing our support from individual donors, we do rely on the core support of our denominational partners. As is customary, we will provide you with the most recent annual report.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elisabeth Gedge".

Elisabeth Gedge
Chair, McMaster Campus Ministries Council