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**OFFICE OF COLLEGIATE MINISTRY AND UKIRK REPORT**

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**Office of Collegiate Ministry**

Since the last board report, the Office of Collegiate Ministry (OCM) has undergone some transition in both structure and leadership. In the merging of the two ministry areas (Theology, Worship, and Education and Evangelism & Church Growth) the Associate for Collegiate Ministry, Jason Brian Santos, transitioned to the role of Coordinator for Youth, Collegiate and Young Adult Ministries (also including Camps and Conference ministries). As part of this transition, the Young Adult Specialist and UKirk Communicator, Emily Morgan, was transferred from the former Deputy Executive Director for Mission Office to this new ministry cluster to help in our collegiate ministry efforts. In early August, however, Morgan offered her resignation in order to accept a new role as chaplain of Wilson College (PA). Morgan's departure leaves an opening in the OCM staffing that is (at the time of this submission) being considered.

The OCM continues to strengthen ties with our Presbyterian college chaplains and is currently involved in the Presbyterian College Chaplains Association's planning for an interfaith dialogue conference scheduled for the spring of 2016 in Chicago. The OCM was also awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Funding Individual Spiritual Health (F.I.S.H.) Foundation, Inc. to take 12 campus ministers/chaplains to the Taizé Community in May/June of 2016.

**UKirk Network**

The UKirk Network has continued to grow with 18 new UKirk chapters established at the time of this report and several others preparing to rebrand. We have also launched our UKirk Cohort Project with a successful pilot cohort in the state of Virginia. This gathering and one other, planned for December 2015, will provide the basis needed to launch a minimum of 12 cohorts in 2016. We have also sent out over 50 UKirk care packages to our associated ministries for their support. In addition to UKirk promotional items and information about other young adult ministries in the Presbyterian Mission Agency (e.g., Young Adult Volunteer), we also included the new UKirk resource UWorship—the culmination of over two years of work. UWorship is a lectionary-based worship resource for campus ministers and chaplains. All UKirk associated ministries are eligible to receive a free print copy of the resource. The broader network of PC(USA) ministries have free access to the online version as well.

By the time of the Presbyterian Mission Agency board meeting, the OCM will have launched its new website, drawing closer ties to our young adult website, "What's Next What's Now". Similarly, in early September, we will also release our first UKirk devotional app for iPhones, which draws texts and prayers from the daily lectionary app produced by the former Theology, Worship and Education ministry area.

Finally, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has begun the process of adopting the UKirk branding for their college ministries, resulting in the expansion of our network and the strengthening of our ties between the denominations.