

Duke Lutherans

2025-27 Strategic Plan

Mission Statement

We are an inclusive campus ministry of undergraduate and graduate students, called to share God's gift of life together on campus, with our local congregations, and throughout Durham.

Vision Statement

A campus ministry community filled with God's grace and joy, where all are welcomed and loved.

Three Strategic Directions

I. Build a community rooted in God's unconditional grace, with an intentional focus on students' spiritual and mental wellbeing. The building blocks of this community will consist of students' relationships with three different groups:

a: Relationships with each other - We will nurture students' relationships with their fellow siblings in Christ, so that they might find sanctuary from the pressures of academic life and be rooted in their identities as beloved children of God.

b: Relationships with our partner churches (St. Paul's and Grace) and our Durham neighbors - Because we believe we are called to share God's gift of life together, we will help students to love and serve their Durham neighbors. We will also continue to foster meaningful connections between students and members of St. Paul's and Grace.

c: Relationships with Duke Lutherans alumni - We will cultivate caring relationships with alumni who will support the students' spiritual and vocational formation after graduation.

II. Increase undergraduate engagement and participation so that, together with our graduate students, more students develop stronger connections in our faith community that will grow throughout their time on campus and empower them to live out their faith on campus and beyond.

III. Work toward financial stability and sustainability to more fully support our mission and vision and fulfill the first two strategic plan priorities.

Financial Overview

Duke Lutherans Campus Ministry is primarily funded through individual donations. For the past three years (2021-23), 77% of the ministry's budget came from individual donations. Additional funding is received from our two partner churches, the North Carolina Synod (ELCA), and the ELCA. Additionally, grants from institutional organizations generally support programming, but do not cover operational costs, like salaries.

Ways to Donate

Visit <https://www.gifts.duke.edu/> and type "Duke Lutherans" in the search box to make a secure online donation.

Or make your check payable to Duke Lutherans and mail it to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1200 W. Cornwallis Rd, Durham, NC, 27705.



2024-2025 Student Leadership Team

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