

Dear Friends,

I still remember being called into ministry. It has always been with me. I remember being five years old and my heart was warmed with love for my church family. Even though I had no idea what a call to ministry meant, at such a young age, it was the only thing that I did that felt natural to me. I became familiar with a quote from a pastor which said, **"**One should avoid the ministry at all costs…unless he can do nothing else." These words have been resonating within my soul. No matter what I have pursued in life, I have always ended up at the ministry door. I'm convinced it's the very purpose for which God created me.

Growing up, countless people in my church would tell me, "Brandon, you're going to be a pastor one day." They would call upon me to pray, or lead a ministry, and I would say, yes! One day, I called a pastor I trusted, Rev. Dave Dayton. He spent countless hours on the phone with me. He would always remind me that God was in control of my life, and that there is no greater way. He has continued throughout the years praying for me and encouraging me to follow God's lead no matter what. From that time forward, that's all I've considered.

God has now opened the door for me to bring his message of hope to the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) through serving with Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO), in partnership with Covenant-First Presbyterian Church in downtown Cincinnati. CCM is one of the leading music conservatories in the nation, training musicians, dancers, theater artists and more. Although several other Christian ministries are active at the University of Cincinnati, none are focused on CCM. Until now! If you're not familiar with CCM, you can view some key facts: HERE

The CCO is a 55-year-old campus ministry organization, based in Pittsburgh, PA, and ministering on campus throughout the nation. CCO's stated mission is to transform college students to transform the world. This resonates deeply with me and I'm excited to join the CCO team. You can read more about CCO: HERE

Covenant-First Presbyterian Church (covfirstchurch.org) shares my passion for reaching college students. For nearly a decade, this congregation has partnered in various ways with CCM—but until now, had not launched an actual campus ministry. Now, after a time of discernment, the church called me to serve as their campus minister. Partnering with CCO, Covenant-First is sending me as a missionary to CCM and will provide significant financial support, both to start up and sustain this ministry.

Does this vision of ministry excite you like it does me? Do you share a vision of the next generation of musicians living as faithful Christians, wherever their work takes them? I am passionate about campus ministry because I know how lonely and anxious a student can be. I want to be able to walk with students and support them. I want to be the voice that leads them

into an intimate relationship with Jesus. And I need help—prayer support, financial support—to do this.

I'm now trusting God to provide the remaining $39,600 needed annually needed to build this ministry, along with a team of people who will come alongside me as partners. I'm trusting that God will provide these needed funds through his people. I would love to meet with you to answer questions and share more details; call or email me anytime. I look forward to telling you more about my heart for the ministry at CCM. I can't wait to begin sharing stories with you, how God is transforming the lives of college students on-campus, as we partner together to do the work of God here.

Will you join my team? If you share my passion for reaching college students, I would be honored if you were to support this ministry—with a one-time gift, occasional gifts, or even monthly contributions. You can easily begin to support this ministry financially simply by scanning or clicking on the QR code below.

Together with your support, I'm excited to see what God will do at CCM! I will send an update again, shortly.

In His Grip,

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