



Continuing in Community

Our Community Group leaders host/facilitate our weekly small groups in which hundreds of students are supported, challenged, and encouraged in their personal journeys with Christ.

Dear Campus House,

It has been an incredible semester so far. Many of you have been praying faithfully for Campus House and God has been answering those prayers in a myriad of ways — new people are getting connected (including a bunch of solid freshmen and international students), God is moving in powerful ways in our Sunday worship services, a bunch of our core students are getting better equipped at our Thursday gathering called ‘Align’, there are increased numbers on Sundays and at all our events including approximately 7,500 - 8,000 in attendance at the Starry Night Music & Arts Festival. However, one of the most exciting things happening this semester is on a much smaller scale within our redesigned Community Groups. The

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intentionality and refined focus of these groups is producing awesome fruit and contributing to deeper relationships and spiritual growth in the Campus House community. Community Groups provide a context for honest and (often) stretching conversations centered on Jesus and His Word, shared experiences, authentic prayer, and a chance to ‘do life’ together. On the back of this letter, we have asked Kiersten Bruins to share her perspective on Community Groups. She came on staff full time this summer after being an ACM (Associate Campus Minister) the previous two years and a big part of her role is working with Ken and Lea in the development and support of our Community Group leaders. As you read her words, our desire is that you would be



Check out a recap video of our most recent Starry Night: <http://pcch.org/starry-recap/>

inspired to continue your ongoing prayer and support of the work God is doing at Campus House, but also to think about the importance of ever-deepening Jesus-centric community in your own life.

In Christ,

Rob Schrumpl, Lead Pastor
On Behalf of the Campus House Staff

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article by Kiersten Bruins



Kiersten Bruins is a Campus Minister at Campus House. One of her responsibilities is overseeing the weekly community group leader meeting.

Community Groups are probably one of the greatest ways in which our students are able to share life together at Campus House. These groups of 6-9 people meet every week to intentionally support one another on their spiritual journey—with the goal (as we say quite frequently around here) of “helping one another love God.” Our desire is for these groups to be a place where imperfect people experience the presence of God’s amazing love, truth, and grace.

In the past, Community Group leaders met solely with a staff member each week for support in leadership and they also chose their own group topics. After recognizing the desire of our leaders to be around one another in relationship and support, we have ventured into a new format for Community Group leaders this year. We want our leaders (who are typically full-time students) to have more space to reach out to their group members and grow in genuine friendship and community instead of expending a lot of time and energy planning for each group meeting.

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To foster these things, all of the group discussions are based on the weekly Sunday teaching and every Thursday night our leaders meet together for an hour. During this time they are experiencing community with other leaders by personally processing the upcoming sermon, sharing their stories, growing through spiritually formative activities, being equipped with materials, and, ideally, walking away from the meeting feeling fairly prepared to lead their group in discussion the next week. As a leader, it can be so easy to lead at an arm’s length and we hope the weekly Thursday meetings provide a time for the leaders to absorb and think through the material in relation to their own lives.

I’m so thankful to get to be part of facilitating this. In these beginning weeks, it has been a joy to see the group of 25 very different leaders experience their own community. On Thursday nights, we have been having a lot of fun and a lot of good conversations in small groups as they share with each other how God has been working in their Community Groups. I am so thankful that the leaders have taken ownership of their groups by leading out of what they are personally processing, making their group’s journey with Christ uniquely connected to their own.

As we continue, I know we’re all so thankful for your prayers for the leaders and groups. The greatest hope and joy we could know is our amazing Father. In what is not just a weekly “Bible study” but a community group, we hope there is a greater pursuit and understanding of relationship with Him.

This year’s Starry Night Festival was a great success! We had beautiful weather, over a hundred fantastic volunteers, nearly thirty vendors, and more than 7,500 attendees. If you missed this year’s event, be sure to check it out next year on Oct. 5th, 2015.



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- MIKE LEE, CAMPUS HOUSE COMMUNITY GROUP LEADER

2014 CAMPAIGN THE GOSPEL IS BEARING FRUIT & GROWING
Last month gifts, 282 gifts totaling \$60,118
Next month’s need: \$71,813

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WHERE WE SHOULD BE
\$574,504

\$861,756

2014 GENERAL FUND OVERVIEW

WHERE WE ARE
\$442,802

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