

Christian Formation Ministry:

*He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?"
I answered, "O Lord God, you know."*

(Ezekiel 37:3)

It might be observed that certain aspects of our collective work fall to the Christian Formation Ministry when they become lost. However, it could also be that certain aspects of our life together are picked up by the Christian Formation Ministry when they are ready to be found. Which of these will you claim?

*Of anything beyond these, my child, beware.
Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.*
(Ecclesiastes 12:12)

Is your church involved with campus ministry? Does your church have an appetite for working with college students? Consider applying for a Campus Ministry Grant!

Several years ago the Christian Formation Ministry was voluntold that we would be dispersing campus ministry funds, but that we should not worry about it too much as the funds were mostly going away soon. Then the funds didn't discontinue and (so far!) still haven't and we are (finally) piloting a way to: 1) advertise them more responsibly, and 2) formalize their distribution.

Please see the Christian Formation Ministry page on the presbytery website for the application form. There is no deadline for this year, but applications will be considered for funding as they are received. Even if you don't end up applying this, consider what might be fruitful. We would love to hear what your congregation is doing in campus ministry and connect you with others involved in this work.

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.*
(Psalm 24: 1,2)

Not all that long ago, there the presbytery had a Stewardship Ministry. Having fallen on hard times due to disuse it was eventually folded into the Christian Formation Ministry. We are not sure if (more or different or better) programming in stewardship is what would be beneficial for the presbytery. Our assumption is that you might know where your stewardship is strong and where it is weak and where it is broken.

A vital part of every Christian's formation is stewardship: how do we receive, regard, and make use of the gifts that we have been given? Thank you all for participating with us in expanding our conception of stewardship within our lives and our life together.