



Newsletter

Spring 2023

A YEAR OF TRANSITION

Rev. Rocky Mease

We express our sincere thanks and gratitude to Pastor Rocky Mease who served for 12.5 months as our Transitional Executive Director. Rocky's last official day in the role was April 15. Rocky will continue to volunteer as Executive Director until a new person is found for that role, and will remain a member of our community! Hear from Rocky as he shares some closing thoughts about his time serving at Fairmount and the direction for the future.

HISTORY

This year we have looked back at the history of University Lutheran Ministry Association (now Doing Business As Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Co.) and have looked toward the organization's future. For over 60 years this organization has served University students in Wichita. About 7 years ago the students decided that a coffee shop might attract more students to the ministry. We now see thousands of students walking through our door every year.

MISSION

I don't know that this is a new mission, but it is certainly a clarification. Fairmount Coffee Company is a ministry of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, not just a coffee shop. In other words, we don't have a coffee shop to fund the mission. The coffee shop is the mission. So that is being done, but is also one of those tasks whose clarity has become blurred over time. Many people pass through our doors never knowing that Fairmount is a ministry. More needs to be done by all staff and volunteers to make Fairmount look more like a ministry and seek



opportunities within the coffee shop to meet the spiritual needs of our customers.

One example might be a greater use of the prayer wall. Staff and volunteers could ask customers if they have any needs for which they might desire prayer. If so, a prayer wall paper could be provided and if a customer writes a prayer request, placed upon the wall. If the customer desired to be prayed with, staff and volunteers could sit with the customer and pray with them. This is just one example, but other ministry opportunities could be explored.

CONNECTION

Some progress has been made in connecting more with the Kansas District LCMS, Wichita State University, local LCMS congregations and the Fairmount Community. The challenge and the opportunity are that these connections are always in a constant state of change. Change provides opportunities.

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COMMITMENT TO A NEW DIRECTION

This is where Fairmount Ministries shines! For the entire history of the University Lutheran Ministry Association, new challenges have been met with the creation of new ministries. This commitment is essential for the ongoing health of the organization. With changes to the governance structure, a new staffing model, more ownership by the Board of Directors in understanding the limitations and yet blessing of the finances God provides, Fairmount is poised to move forward to meet the new challenges that are to come.

Pastor Rocky Mease

Transitional Executive Director

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Our team of six had a wonderful time on our Spring Break Mission trip, joining with 12 others from Kansas and Nebraska! We are grateful to have had the opportunity to build a home for a family in Puerto Peñasco, Mexico. God gave us the ability to bless a family so they can have a foundation to build on and provide for their family for years to come! What an honor to serve and be together in community this Spring Break. Thank you to all who prayed for our group and supported us financially to participate in this trip! View our Mexico Mission Trip Photo Album on Facebook (@FairmountMinistries).

OPEN STREETS ICT

In April, we had a great time engaging our community at the first ever Open Streets ICT event in the WSU & Shocker Neighborhood. Two miles of 17th were shut down from Oliver to Grove and over 5,000 people were in attendance. We welcomed our community in with lawn games, activities in the community garden, free lemonade, iced coffee and cookies, and the opportunity to get a taste of Fairmount by serving a limited drink menu. What a fun day! We look forward to next year!

Coffee Shop Update

Our coffee shop staff has been working hard on some improvements to the shop! We launched a whole new breakfast menu this Spring with some delicious new breakfast sandwiches! As the semester winds down, we are looking forward to encouraging students through finals with some great specials the week of Finals and study space to finish strong! It's hard to believe that another summer is around the corner. We are planning some live music events every other Friday in June and July, and our Summer Hours will begin May 22.



Paige and Rocky at Community Event



Mexico Mission Team with Family



Open Streets ICT: Planting the Garden

Summer Hours

Monday-Friday : 7am-7pm

Saturday: 8am-4pm

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SEMESTER RECAP

It's been a great semester! As we write this newsletter, we are preparing final events to encourage our students to finish strong and celebrate their accomplishments. There are many in our community that we are celebrating as they graduate this year! It's been a blessing and honor to get the opportunity to walk with these wonderful young adults throughout their college journey. We look forward to seeing what God has in store next for each and every one of them!



Volunteering at Winter Jam

Congratulations to all the Graduates in the Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Co. Community!

Wyatt Abell - Logan Bramble - Emmy Goff - Nathan Goltl - Caleb Hemingway - Bridget Hemingway
Aaron Kuenn - Thulana Delana Mudiansayge - Ryan Powell - Sara Rogers - Brandon Rokey
Sabrina Saathoff - Ashlie Smith



Savannah Peshek
B.S. Criminal Justice

Senior Spotlight!

What are your plans post-graduation?

I will be working full-time at the Wichita Family Crisis Center as an Outreach Advocate. I also plan to stay involved at Fairmount as a volunteer and Young Adult Leader.

What is your favorite Fairmount Memory?

The Mexico Mission Trip this spring! I was a bit nervous to go, as it was my first mission trip and first time out of the country, but I'm so glad I went! It was an awesome learning experience and very eye-opening. Being able to serve God with new and old friends was such a cool experience!

How has being involved at Fairmount helped you to grow your faith?

Being surrounded by a community of believers has helped me grow in my faith tremendously. The people at Fairmount and the friends I have made have encouraged me in my faith. Through the different Bible studies, I have learned not only how to study the Word, but how to apply it in my every day life. My faith was shaky when I came to Fairmount, but now I feel like it's never been stronger!

What are you most looking forward to in this next chapter of life?

I'm looking forward to using my gifts to glorify God in my new job! I will be working with underserved populations and people who need to see the Love of God, so I'm looking forward to being His Hands and Feet! I'm also looking forward to all the adult things and having some more free time! I'm ready to be done with school!

Are you Alumni?

We want to keep in touch! We consider you alumni if you ever participated or were active in the ministry and community of the ULC, LSC, or Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Co.! This includes former students, young adults, baristas, and more! We want to keep track of our alumni, so if you haven't connected in awhile, give us a call. We'd love to catch up!



FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES

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Formerly the Lutheran Student Center
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FIREWORKS TENT

Volunteers Needed!
June 27-July 5

Will need help a few days before sales open with set-up. Details will be released on our website & social media as they are available!

www.fairmountministries.org/fireworks

SAVE THE DATE!

The Gathering
a Benefit for Fairmount Ministries

Thursday, September 28
5:30pm at Botanica

www.fairmountministries.org/gathering

Get in touch!

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We can't say thank you enough for all of your love, prayers, and support!

We want to take a moment to thank the following people, organizations, and congregations who blessed our ministry last year. Your support was a tremendous blessing and we continue to be in awe of how the Lord takes care of us!

THANK YOU TO OUR FAIRMOUNT FAMILY MEMBERS WHO GAVE GENEROUSLY TO OUR MINISTRY IN 2022!

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This ministry is successful because of your prayers and support, and generous gifts of time, talent, and treasures! When you share your gifts, you are making an eternal impact to help us accomplish the mission that God has entrusted to us of sharing the Good News of Christ with the university and community!

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- or -

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Please designate fund in memo line (ex: General, Debt Reduction)



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