

New Chaplaincy at NAIT!
Lutheran Campus Ministry - Edmonton

In 2014, Lutheran Campus Ministry-Edmonton was successful in securing a \$15,000 grant from the Lutheran Triune Educational and Benevolent Society of Calgary to initiate a new chaplaincy at NAIT. Rev. Jason Anderson's two-year contract began in February, 2015. Here is his report:

NAIT has just opened a door for chaplain ministry from various faith traditions. I count myself lucky to be part of a great team.

The mandate is quite simple, to make sure spiritual guidance, support, and expression are available at NAIT. We're just at the start of discovery and development.

We chaplains are provided a table placard to announce our availability, and I am pleasantly surprised how well this has invited conversation from inquisitive staff and students. Chaplains are also asked to keep record of our conversations and their "ministerial" focus (certainly while maintaining all confidentiality), which feels a bit like keeping score. But on a more positive side, this will help provide accountability and direction for this new ministry.

My slot is Friday mornings. My dreams are: to start a free-for-all morning-prayer event, which can utilize a small prayer room; collaborations with other chaplains in developing a group/club for soulful nourishment and ecumenical symposiums; and to look outside my little two-hour window to find other creative ministry opportunities within NAIT's community—e.g., via social media . . . and with a free gym pass as a perk, who knows, maybe even sports ministry!

--Rev. Jason Anderson

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