

Grace for Good Times and Bad
Lutheran Campus Ministry, University of Calgary

The greatest joy of campus ministry in Calgary has been the many relationships developed with students, faculty and staff—in good times and bad.

We began the fall semester with weekly worship followed by a “make your own supper”. With my Japanese background, I offered sushi making and also invited several “guest” chefs to drop in to make Vietnamese salad rolls, and Mediterranean wraps with the students.

The most difficult and grievous part of the year came when five students were stabbed and killed by a fellow student from the U of Calgary. It was during this time that many students, staff and faculty and especially the administration turned to the chaplains for help in providing spiritual care.

After I was asked to provide the prayers for the memorials held on campus, I was overwhelmed by the number of people giving thanks for being a spiritual presence at the University.

I was even approached by Premier Dave Hancock and was told, “I’m so grateful for people like you (chaplains) to be here for students to turn to.”

When we are faithful to our calling to be the body of Christ in our world, people take notice and are deeply fed with the grace that we share with those around us.

Rev. Margaret Propp

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