

Church & Ministry Fair



Thank you for your interest in supporting the spiritual journeys of our students at Seattle Pacific University! The Office of University Ministries wishes to continue to build relationships with area churches and ministries to foster collaboration towards bridging campus and community.

The annual Church & Ministry Fair provides an opportunity for new and returning students to meet and learn about local worshipping and ministry communities. The hope is that students will find spaces to worship, belong, and thrive while on campus and continue when they leave SPU.

Our students come from a variety of backgrounds, faith traditions, and theological perspectives. Recognizing the varied contexts from which our students come, the Fair invites representatives from a variety of Christian traditions, theological perspectives, and denominations to an ecumenical space. As an educational institution we also welcome a variety of perspectives and value the ecumenical space we hope to foster. In the spirit of ecumenism and collaboration, we ask churches and ministries to engage with students with generosity and hospitality.

Virtual Church & Ministry Fair

Given the precautions we need to take with large campus gatherings in this global COVID-19 pandemic and until we receive further guidance for safer gatherings, we have made the decision to move our in-person event to a virtual Church & Ministry Fair on September 17.

To do this, we are inviting local churches and ministries that would like to be included in this virtual fair to register and submit a short video introduction of their church and ministry. Churches and ministries that would prefer to submit a one-page introduction in lieu of a video, can submit the introductory information sheet by email to: uminconnects@spu.edu. We will arrange the content (including some basic information) on a web page and launch it with the beginning of the school year so both new and returning students can explore and make connections to local worshipping communities.

Guidelines for video introductions:

- Length limit: Up to 2 minutes
- Please record in landscape mode (using phone, computer, or tablet)
- Include information that a student visitor might want to know such as: worship style, what's important to your ministry, how to get there (e.g. rides, bus routes, etc.), and whether you have an online worship option.
- If you already have an introductory video on YouTube or website, simply submit the link on the registration form.
- Submission options on registration form:

- Provide link to your file (e.g. Google drive, Dropbox, YouTube, video embedded on your website, etc.)
- Follow upload link to directly submit video content (will require Google login).

Guidelines for introductory info sheet:

- Length limit: Up to 2 letter-size pages
- As with videos, please include information about your church or ministry that a student might want to know.
- You may include pictures and graphics.
- We will link PDFs of these documents.
- Submit the document by email to umconnects@spu.edu.

[Click here for the registration form and upload link.](#)

Deadline to submit registration and content is August 14. We are aiming to launch the webpage with video and document links for September 17, during the first week of classes.

In the case that we receive guidance that will allow for an in-person gathering, we will notify all registered organizations of our plans and provide instructions for the gathering. Our priority is for the safety and health of our students and guests, so we will be monitoring the situation closely.

Again, thank you for your partnership in the support of the spiritual lives of SPU students. We appreciate you! If you have any questions, feel free to email umconnects@spu.edu. I will be out of the office in July but will be able to respond when I am back in the office in August.

Praying for shalom,

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