

UCM at UBC Alumni Association Organizational Charter

April 25, 2016

MISSION STATEMENT:

· **The Association exists to support the ministry of UCM at UBC and help graduates transition into life after university.**

We have experienced the transformative power of Christ and as alumni, we desire to participate in God's work at UCM at UBC.

To execute our mission, the association will focus on the following three priorities:

1. Ministry Support
2. Financial Support
3. Graduate Transition Support

MINISTRY SUPPORT

We are committed to direct ministry support, which encompasses anything related to helping and supporting the current UCM ministry on campus. As alumni, we have access to skills, resources, and experience which can be shared with the UCM community to help the ministry flourish. This work can be related to the community as a whole, or to supporting individual students through one-on-one connections with alumni.

The main goals of our ministry support will be to:

- Pray regularly for the UCM community and the UBC campus.
- Provide alumni volunteers for key UCM events throughout the year.
- Aid the UCM staff with student discipleship.
- Foster student connections and involvement with local churches.
- Enable students to meet alumni in a field that they are considering.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We are committed to further UCM's financial resources; namely for staff salaries, the general UCM student fund and for specific requests. We want to support the staff by making their fundraising process easier so they can focus their efforts on the ministry. In addition, we want to support the student budget so that enough financial resources are available for ongoing activities. As UCM continues to grow, our goal is to see the level of alumni funding increase as students graduate and are able to give back financially.

Our purpose as an association is to act as a facilitator to communicate the staff and student funding needs to the alumni base. While we may provide direction as to where to allocate funds, it is up to the individual donor to choose how their donation should be spent. Donations will be received by BCCM through their online process and donors will be issued a tax receipt through BCCM. At this point in time we see this as an appropriate process, but as UCM continues to grow and the number of staff increase we recommend re-visiting this structure.

Our financial resources goals are to:

- Champion a culture of giving back among the alumni members.
- Initiate regular communication with alumni to communicate general ministry updates and financial requests.
- Organize fundraising events to raise money for the UCM at UBC ministry.
- Streamline fundraising and staff support infrastructure through collaborating with the UCM at UBC staff and BC Campus Ministries (BCCM).

GRADUATE TRANSITION SUPPORT

We are committed to helping students transition to life after university. We recognize the difficulties many face navigating the transition out of UCM and the UBC setting and into vibrant church communities and fulfilling vocations. While we do not want to create a formal post-UCM community to delay this transition, we believe that UCM alumni are uniquely positioned to help graduating students make strategic connections to bridge the university and after-university worlds. Additionally, in order to increase active participation in the association and build our financial and ministry support, it is critical to engage new alumni and keep their connection with UCM relevant and personal.

Our goals for graduate transition support are to:

- Facilitate graduate-alumni mentorships for a 1-year transition period after graduation.
- Host a university-year-end (April) alumni retreat to welcome in new graduates, facilitate relationships, and provide a platform for vision casting for the future of the association.
- Encourage and facilitate new graduate involvement in local churches and communities.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The association is an open membership to all UCM at UBC alumni. The association is led by a committee of approximately a dozen alumni, who take the lead in organizing events, fundraising, and communicating with alumni. Three members of the committee play a more significant administrative role, and meet regularly to provide consistent facilitation. This leadership team is comprised of a chair, vice-chair and communications liaison. It is hoped, but not expected, that a staff member attend committee meetings to allow for updates from UCM at UBC to help the association achieve its mission.