



Hope & Challenge

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Indiana Network for Higher Education Ministries
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HOPE & CHALLENGE

This is a seed packet!

Within it are seeds that contain the potential for life. As the Indiana Network for Higher Education Ministries (INHEM) Board came to the difficult decision that the lifecycle of this organization was complete, we marked the time with a Service of Leave-Taking in which we spoke this hope:

“May INHEM be a kernel that falls to the ground and dies so that many seeds are produced.”

This publication, Hope & Challenge, is our legacy to highlight the hope that remains, which can flourish, and to underscore the challenge that continues, which may energize a new investment in the spiritual lives of college students in Indiana.

May you be blessed by this last INHEM publication. May new growth emerge because of these seeds. May you continue to be guided by the One who always offers new life.

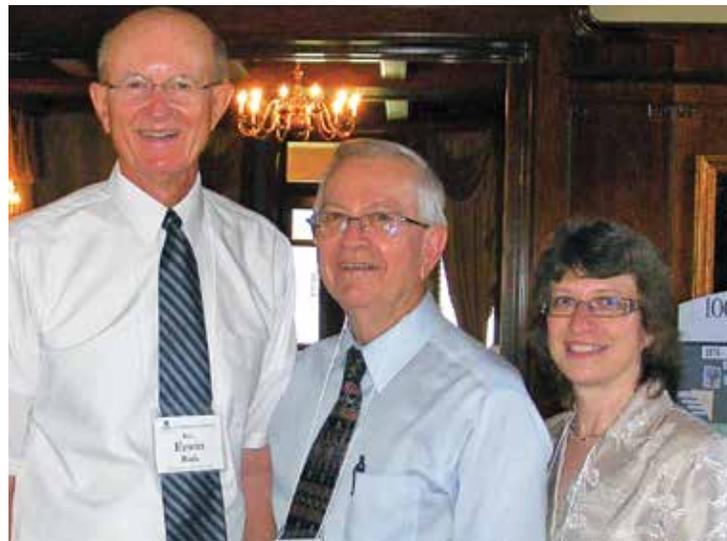
With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Della Stanley-Green".

Della Stanley-Green, M.Min.

Executive Director (2001-2015)

Indiana Network for Higher Education Ministries



The three executive directors of INHEM enjoyed meeting together at the 35th Anniversary Celebration, show here (L-R) Erv Bode, Max Case, Della Stanley-Green.

COLLABORATION

Also known as working side-by-side or laboring together.

Collaboration nourished the statewide interfaith conference on campus ministry held in 1974 which led to the creation of Indiana Office of Campus Ministry (IOCM)—later named Indiana Office for Campus Ministries and then, Indiana Network for Higher Education Ministries.

Begun as a ministry of Indiana Council of Churches, after becoming an independent organization IOCM continued to be rooted firmly in the Christian faith (always including mainline, evangelical and Catholic Christians) while serving other religious traditions. Campus religious leaders learned from one another, discovered similarities and gracefully navigated true differences.

■ HOPE

INHEM has come to an end, and there is still work to do. As one IOCM/INHEM founder noted – college students will always have spiritual needs.

■ CHALLENGE

With three times as many college students in Indiana than in 1975 when IOCM started, what collaborative possibilities are there today?

INNOVATION

Closely related to creativity, experimentation and imagination.

INHEM was always experimenting and innovating: *What would happen if various campus religious leaders collaborated to underscore the importance of faith and spiritual life on college campuses? What would happen if diverse Christian campus ministries took an alternative fall break trip together rather than each planning their own? Could conversations about vocation find a place in and around public higher education institutions?*

■ HOPE

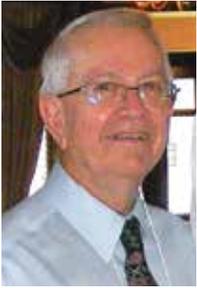
If congregations and colleges/universities can create space to explore possibilities to support students in their spiritual seeking, discovery and growth, there is still room to innovate.

■ CHALLENGE

How could social media help a campus ministry connect with...incoming students, and their youth ministers? How could an intergenerational spiritual discovery group help students connect with God?



REV. DR. E. MAX CASE MEMORIAL AWARD



Rev. Dr. E. Max Case (1939-2012) was a charismatic, caring, generous, humorous, creative and effective champion for ministry in higher education. He was very passionate and enthusiastic about this mission and a great entrepreneur who engaged many persons in this journey in his career as Executive Director of IOCM/INHEM. Rev. Dr. E. Max Case also loved the arts and used the arts to help people create connections between faith, life, vocation and purpose.

After Max's death in 2012, Indiana Network for Higher Education Ministries and his family worked together to establish and present an annual Rev. Dr. E. Max Case Memorial Award. The award, presented in 2012, 2013 and 2014, recognized individuals who had shown a passion for and success in engaging higher education students in questions of faith exploration, vocation, purpose, and spirituality. Nominees who demonstrated use of the arts or other creative means were given special attention.

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To be eligible for the award, nominees had to meet the first criterion and one or more of the following criteria:

1. Been directly involved with students through campus ministry, student affairs or classrooms (campus ministers, chaplains, professors/staff, pastors)
2. Demonstrated leadership and creativity in fostering the moral and spiritual development of students in higher education.
3. Engaged in efforts to increase understanding and appreciation of the theological and spiritual exploration of vocation of students in higher education.
4. Impacted the lives of college students by helping them to expand their horizons and explore God's call in their lives.
5. Collaborated with others in order to be successful in their ministry in higher education.



At left

2012 Recipient

DR. JAMES LO

*Indiana Wesleyan
University*

At right

2013 Recipient

REV. KATE SMANICK

DePauw University



At left

2014 Recipient

MS. JUDITH CEBULA

Butler University



CINEMAX

The arts provide new lenses to help us perceive the world, ourselves, faith, God, humanity in fresh ways that may help us see anew. Max knew the arts are a powerful tool for ministry. Movies were his most-loved medium.

Selected Movies Recommended by Max Case

- ◆ *Descendants*
- ◆ *Fried Green Tomatoes*
- ◆ *Hereafter*
- ◆ *Innocence*
- ◆ *J. Edgar*
- ◆ *Last Chance Harvey*
- ◆ *Places in the Heart*
- ◆ *The Straight Story*
- ◆ *Strangers in Good Company*
- ◆ *Trip to Bountiful*
- ◆ *The World's Fastest Indian*



All of these films raised questions about the big things – the things that matter in life – faith, calling, hope, caring, heartache, forgiveness, redemption, truth, freedom, etc.



VOCATION

Also known as calling and closely related to life-purpose.

From 2005 – 2015 a primary focus of INHEM was vocation. INHEM engaged campus ministers, college students, faculty, and pastors of local congregations and parishes, non-profit leaders, and even a few business owners in exploring, discovering and deepening their sense of vocation. Through the pilot projects with Ball State University campus ministers, IUPUI departments/units and Vocation Awareness Consultations, INHEM led the way in finding appropriate ways to explore this vital concept in public higher education settings.

■ HOPE

College students, whether young adults or non-traditional age, naturally ask questions about their vocation during their years of higher education.

■ CHALLENGE

With more resources available on discovery, exploration and the deepening of vocation, how can these become more widely available to students and their mentors?

SUSTAINABILITY

Closely related to enduring, continuing, and renewing.

INHEM is ending its active ministry, but its legacy continues through saving these seeds and passing them along. The INHEM board and staff offer a gift of hope and challenge to you to sustain the mission and ministry beyond the life of Indiana Network for Higher Education Ministries.

■ HOPE

As seismic-shifts continue to occur in the landscapes of both religious bodies and higher education institutions, new possibilities present themselves. Despite an increase in those who are religiously unaffiliated, there continues to be a spiritual hunger being expressed.

■ CHALLENGE

As you consider how you can plant these seeds, ask the sustainability questions at every step of the way: What is the calling? Who is served? Who can help? What is the right size? What partners are out there?

SUGGESTED RESOURCES

WEBSITES

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY ASSOCIATION

<http://www.ccmanet.org>

CENTER FOR INTERFAITH COOPERATION

<http://www.centerforinterfaithcooperation.org>

FORUM FOR THEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION <http://fteleaders.org>

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY
CHAPLAINS <http://www.nacuc.net>

NATIONAL CAMPUS MINISTRY ASSOCIATION

<http://www.campusministry.net>

NETWORK FOR VOCATION IN UNDERGRADUATE

EDUCATION <http://www.cic.edu/programs-and-services/programs/netvue/Pages/default.aspx>

BOOKS

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This seed packet is the legacy that INHEM leaves. You are invited to take them, plant them, water them and tend them for the next generations of Indiana college students and their spiritual mentors.

May many of these seeds be planted where they will thrive!

As the board and staff of Indiana Network for Higher Education Ministries came to the decision to close the organization, the first executive director, Rev. Erv Bode, was invited to reflect on what had made it a vital ministry and what kind of soil conditions will help these seeds grow, prosper and provide fruit to continue to fulfill the mission of INHEM: to provide leadership and resources; to enhance, nurture, and sustain persons and organizations that foster moral and spiritual development of students.



REFLECTIONS ON THE PAST...FOR THE FUTURE

by Erv Bode (*Executive Director 1976-86*)

Forty years ago a group of pacesetters set forth the groundwork for the Indiana Office of Campus Ministry IOCM, which became INHEM. Leading the charge were George Jones (Southern Baptist), Jim Bates (Roman Catholic) and Bill Cox (Presbyterian), along with the support of Grover Hartman (Director of the Indiana Council of Churches). It surely was a journey into the unknown. Looking back, what made this ministry grow and prosper?

- the vision of a few people
- the funding of risk takers such as the Lilly Endowment
- the early decision to work independently of denominations, but relating intentionally to them as campus ministry colleagues. A wide range of people were engaged in visioning over a period of years to make that happen.

However, the focus of this article is not on what happened in this exciting ministry in the past four decades, but on what was learned in 40 years that encourages future ministries to emerge in the coming years.

■ Any future INHEMs must include folks committed to higher education ministries — people who are on “fire with the Holy Spirit.” Without such commitment, nothing worthwhile will emerge.

■ Leaders of any future ventures will have strong networking skills; they will be people who thrive on connecting people across divergent lines. With electronic help, for example, there is no reason why a higher education global network could not evolve. The opportunities are legion.

■ People included in future ventures will include people of various faith

origins as well as those who are ecumenically Christian.

■ Leaders will be willing to make these ventures a priority in their lives, “living on the margins,” and expecting to proceed with constant uncertainty.

With these preconditions met, future INHEMs will emerge. It is a definite plus that such ventures are based in Indiana, where people of good will want higher education ministries to prosper. Lilly Endowment, which has been a consistent friend of higher education ministries over the years, may be a partner, but it cannot be the primary financial source. What is needed from the get-go is a wide range of individuals, organizations, and foundations supporting future ventures. Perhaps each new direction will be limited to a five or ten year life span because it is so difficult to sustain.

Above all, such ministries will rejoice without ceasing on whatever evolves. Who knows where the wind blows? The Spirit is never contained.

If there is one factor that made possible the IOCM/INHEM years, it was that the people involved truly enjoyed each other’s company, and laughed together as we were seeking to do new things for higher education ministries. At its core, network ministry develops community, and our people had it in great measure.

Last, but surely not least, any future ministry will include leadership gifts and talents of persons like Della Stanley-Green. This is a prime requisite.

I thank you for the chance to ruminate on our (my wife, Jo and I) IOCM/INHEM involvement between the years 1976 and 1986. During those years I was the “outside person on the road” and Jo was the “inside” person (running the dailies of the office). Many fond memories!

Blessings to you all!

Erv Bode

In Appreciation . . .

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