

MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP GRANT – BISBEE GRANT KOINONIA HOUSE CAMPUS MINISTRY

Koinonia House Campus Ministry is an ecumenical ministry to the students of Eastern Oregon University in La Grande founded and supported by St. Peter's Episcopal Church, First Christian Church, the LaGrande United Methodist Church, Zion Lutheran Church, the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrande and Our Lady of the Valley, Roman Catholic Church. The Board consists of two representatives from each of the congregations plus a student representative from EOU. The local Methodist pastor receives funds from the larger Methodist church to serve as Campus minister 1/4 time. The two Board members from St. Peter's Episcopal church are Linda Overlock and the Rev. Richard Thew.

St. Peter's applied for a Bisbee Grant for this ministry and received one for 2007 in the amount of \$1823. These funds were used for upgrading and improving the facility which had been neglected in the past several years. The monies were used as follows: New window treatments were installed in the main meeting room and office area with insulated blue blinds. They have added to the updated look of the room as well as saving heat and helping keep the rooms cool in the summer. Cost was \$1350. New screens have been installed on all of these windows to protect against mosquitos and other pests and allow for fresh air. Cost of the new screens was \$234. The balance of the grant money was used to purchase new blue chairs at a total cost of \$239.

St. Peter's congregation and pastor work closely with the other member churches. St. Ann's guild made a donation of \$200 to Koinonia House in May 2007. Parishioners help provide the Thursday dinners on a rotating basis with the other churches. Approximately 25-30 students attend the weekly dinners. The building has had wi-fi access installed so students can study and work at Koinonia House. There are also games and TV/video for watching movies. The Rev. Richard Thew spends time each Wed. evening during the main school year to meet and interact with the students. Parishioner Lisa Ladendorff led the Board members in a Visioning Retreat on Saturday, July 21st. Mary Jo Lemon and husband Terry, parishioners at St. Peter's, donated a new stove for the kitchen area. Members of St. Peter's are very active in this ministry, giving of their time and talents in support of the university students.