



## Office of Spiritual formation and Diversity

Fall/December 2018 Year End Report

### Diversity and Spiritual formation

This semester we practiced Diversity and Spiritual formation as a discipline at Fresno Pacific. We demonstrated Spiritual formation with the biblical lens of diversity. The following four categories are areas in which we develop strategies to empower, encourage and equip the community for this kingdom initiative. These areas for critique are as follows:

- **Spiritual Development:** Through 30 plus student events our division of College Hour and Chapel programs demonstrated an understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ and Kingdom–Diversity through reflection, worship, and student discussion groups.
- **Personal Development:** Through intentional student ministry trainings, students were able to practice the discipline of developing a Christ-centered understanding of biblical-shalom with God, ethnic, gender, and socio-economic diversity through participation in seminars, workshops and conferences with university guest practitioners and lectures.
- **Teaching Development:** Through service opportunities students engaged in serving **1,020** hours of senior citizen service. In working with adults with disabilities students served over **480** hours. In helping to combat food insecurity students served over **240** hours of service. In serving in impoverished communities with our after-school program students served a total of **120** hours. Our first-year experience students served in diverse community outreach programs for a total of **547** hours, bringing our total number of hours served to 2,407 hours.
- **Mission Development:** This winter student ministries will take 15 students to experience Urbana 2018, the largest missions conference in the world for University students. In Spring 2019 Students will have an opportunity to continue our University work - Summer of 2019 There are 3 service opportunities for interested students. Germany, South Africa and Guatemala. We look forward to engaging globally with the work of the kingdom.

### What have students learned about Kingdom-Diversity?

- Students have been challenged to develop cultural competencies in Kingdom-Diversity and understand their biblical value as human beings made in the image of God.
- Students have been invited into learning communities and challenged to develop a shared vision for Kingdom-Diversity and Service through practices of Shalom.

- Students have been introduced to a biblical mandate of service through Kingdom-Diversity as a model for common service in higher education.

### **The New Women's Division**

- School of Natural Sciences Women's backpacking trip
  - In collaboration with Kerry Sue Brown, we led a women's backpacking trip in Kings Canyon National Park
  - 15 students
  - 3 professional staff: Kerry Sue Brown, Michael Kunz, Vicencia Abundis
  - Students were led on an expedition where spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental components are heightened in bringing awareness of self and community in the world around through God's creation.
- Student's International Banquet
  - FPU students that attended the Guatemala summer mission trip volunteered to support mission opportunities
  - Provided shared stories to invite others to experience the power of God in meeting global needs through spiritual, emotional and physical needs
  - 10 students
- Faith and Finance Seminar
  - Tree of Life brunch
  - Open to DC/GRAD/TUG students and community- 35 participants
  - Finding restoration from financial struggles/bondage from debt for students in all stages of life
  - Learning how Christian faith drives stewardship of financial resources
- "Reclaiming our Imago Dei" women's luncheon
  - Collaboration with Residence Life
  - Addressing conversations with students and faculty/staff about traumatic experiences and provide safe spaces for dialogue to take place for healing/restoration

### **CDO/University Pastor Special Projects**

This semester in the office of the CDO, I have travelled and spoken in various venues, promoting the FPU kingdom-diversity initiative. I am writing and have written various sermons, lectures, papers with my commentary and perspective on diversity. The following bullet points highlight a few of my accomplishments.

- Redirect UDC focus to University wide facilitation and ambassador model
- Publish kingdom diversity idea
- Community lecture opportunities
- Christian Business men speaking engagements
- Local mission groups and ministries speaking opportunities
- Church collaborations and sermon series
- CCCU speaking engagements