



Center for Urban Education Ministries Newsletter

"Relentlessly Strengthening Urban Education"



"Find Your People"

We are connected to each other more than ever through technology. But research suggests we are more lonely and isolated now than at any other point in history. How can this be? Our busy schedules, fear of rejection, and the work involved in creating strong relationships may all keep us away from investing in building these vital connections. But we know healthy relationships have a powerful impact on our health - we must find our people (Read the book "Find Your People: Building Deep Community in a Lonely World" by Jennie Allen to learn more how to build these true relationships).

LuJuana Butts, now in heaven with our Savior Jesus, sent me an encouraging email about two years ago. There was no need to send an email - I did not ask her a question, there was not an issue to solve, and I was not frustrated or upset. LuJuana sent the email because she was a friend. She was taking time to invest in our relationship and she made it a priority to reach out in love.

"Greetings Steve!

I admire your heart for what happens to our children in urban settings, especially during these perilous times for urban ministries. I truly believe God has chosen you to be at the helm of the Center for Urban Education Ministries "for such a time as this". My prayer is that you will take care of yourself because dedicated, competent servants often pay attention to their own well-being last. May God continue to equip and strengthen you for the tasks ahead and shower you with innumerable blessings in your service to Him through your service to others.

*Peace and hope in Christ,
LuJuana"*

Again, the email was not sent to solve a problem, to argue a position, or even to reinforce a point. LuJuana sent the message to her friend - investing time without expecting anything in return. Everyone needs to experience a friend like LuJuana. We are meant to live known and live loved. I found "my people" with LuJuana.

The Center for Urban Education Ministries (CUEM) builds and leverages partnerships to add urban insights. "Urban Insights" means to provide successful teaching strategies for student learning, provide problem-solving strategies for urban challenges, provide collaboration among various urban ministries, and provide recognition events for urban teachers, leaders, and schools. Let us know how we can connect with you. Also, support this vital work financially. We are "finding people" to assist us in relentlessly strengthening urban education.

-Dr. Steve Gerner, Executive Director/CEO

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RECRUITMENT

Immersion Insights

These national immersion trips assist university students in gaining more knowledge and more experiences teaching all students. Being culturally competent (the ability to teach all students, regardless of culture, successfully) is a professional imperative. Contact us for more information.



RESOURCES

Our Healthy City Teachers - A Virtual Event Series

We have a national shortage of teachers and in the city this shortage is increasing. Add to this numerous pressures that teachers are challenged with daily and it is no surprise that mental health tops the list of teacher concerns. The Center for Urban Education Ministries is sponsoring a gathering of urban educators centered on the topic of mental health. We will listen to each other, learn from each other, and share with each other.

This FREE gathering will be offered November 8 at 6:00 PM-7:00 PM (Central Time) via Zoom. This valuable session is for urban teachers who want a space to share and listen about being mentally healthy.

To join the meeting, use the Zoom code: **414 134 5330**

The Center's '6' Resources

If you haven't seen our FREE valuable resource for you, check it out below! The Center's "6" provides you with six minute educational videos that address vital school topics. We also post our monthly newsletter here to serve as an asset for your school.

Access "The Center's '6'" Resources on the LEA Website

Click here to see more CUEM Resources

RECOGNITION

Thank you to those who joined CUEM in supporting the Jake Nelson Achiever Award, which honored select 8th graders attending an urban school, who perform academically and behaviorally at a high level, and plan to attend a Lutheran High School. We awarded many students with amounts ranging from \$1,000-\$4,000.



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Reflections from Mel Keischnick

(CUEM Board Member, Emeritus)

"Into the stillness of my empty classrooms steals a still small voice. It whispers of forgiveness, of promise, of hope. It squeezes itself into my soul. It is a voice that testifies that I will be used to make a difference, forever. Soft as the voice of an angel it promises presence, power, patience, pardon. It does not go away."

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Have an educational resource or story to share?

Connect with **Devan Lenz-Fisher**,
our Director for Programming and
Communications, to have your
information highlighted through
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