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An Introduction to the Student Christian Movement-USA

Hello friends! This packet is an introduction to a network, a national movement of diverse students who wish to live out their faith in the Gospel in the midst of a world filled with empire, injustice, discrimination, war, oppression, and poverty.

We are the Student Christian Movement of the United States of America, one of many national movements in relationship with the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF). The WSCF has been in existence for over 100 years, and serves to provide a structure for students all across the world to lift up their prophetic voice. However, for the last forty years, the national movement in the United States has not been active. We are reactivating this network now, at a time when an ecumenical, progressive student voice is needed more than ever, and we're inviting you to join.

Within this packet are the following materials:

- A. An explanation of Student Christian Movements (SCMs) and brief history of the WSCF
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We hope that you find time to explore what we have to offer and discern whether or not you are called to be a part of this movement. Be well and know that we are one in the Spirit.

Faithfully yours,

The Steering Committee for the Student Christian Movement of the USA

A. An Explanation and History of Student Christian Movements

What is a Student Christian Movement (SCM)?

SCMs are student-led communities that are passionate about faith and justice. We envision Christianity as inclusive, aware, radical and challenging. Each year our movement comes together for an annual conference and we have other regular gatherings for members to share ideas and make collective decisions about the movement. Between gatherings, the local chapters exist as communities that maintain contact and dialogue with one another for the sake of collective growth, learning, and action. We are affiliated to the World Student Christian Federation.

What do SCM groups do?

Local SCM chapters are the life of the movement. They are ecumenical student-led communities who meet regularly to explore together a radical faith. Each group has the freedom to decide what they want to do and how they want to organize themselves. Some groups focus on discussion and theology, others share regularly in prayer and worship, some are committed to campaigning and activism, most do a mix of all of these. Some are small, some are big, some are based in a chaplaincy and others at a local church. What they have in common is that they are inclusive, welcoming communities for exploring and living out faith.

What can be accomplished through SCMs?

Historically Student Christian Movements have been deeply involved in enabling young Christians to respond to crisis and current events from the basis of their faith. These responses have played a part in the confessing church in Germany during WWII, in the formation and action of churches and students Christians during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 60's, and today in the response to issues of oppression, devastation, injustice, and war. Some examples from recent issues of the World Student Christian Federation newsletter include:

New beginning for Zimbabwean churches and partners

Political anarchy in Zimbabwe continues to threaten the fledging peace attained since the signing of the Global Political Agreement by the country's main political parties, Zimbabwe churches and partners have stated. Leaders from Zimbabwe's largest church organizations, representatives of international ecumenical bodies and church-related advocacy networks met in Geneva in September to reflect on the human rights and humanitarian situation in Zimbabwe one year after the signing of the agreement. Hosted by the Zimbabwe Advocacy Office of WSCF, the meeting was called by the Ecumenical Zimbabwe Network, a group of church agencies committed to advocacy, prayer and solidarity in support of the churches and people of Zimbabwe.

SCM Philippines aids the flood stricken

On 26 September 33.4 cm (12 inches) of rain fell on the Metro Manila area in just 16 hours. The rains, caused by tropical storm Ketsana (Typhoon Ondoy) killed over 400 people and displaced at least 500,000. In response to the devastation, SCM Philippines mobilized young people and senior friends to provide assistance and relief. Their first response was to set up a public information hotline for people affected by the typhoon. SCMP then offered emergency assistance to families in need. WSCF supported SCMP's work by sending an Ecumenical Assistance Program emergency grant of US \$3,000. SCMP General Secretary Ms. Christine Guevarra reported that the emergency grant allowed Filipino SCMs to provide vital assistance. "We were able to distribute some modest packages of basic needs to around 600 families," Ms. Guevarra said.

Solidarity project improves lives of tea workers

Christian students living worlds apart are collaborating to work alongside women tea workers in Sri Lanka for justice and equality. The Norwegian SCM is cooperating with the Sri Lanka SCM in supporting Penn Wimochana Gnanodyam (PWG), an organization working with women on tea plantations in the mountains of Hatton in the Central Province of Sri Lanka. PWG is a democratic organization, run by women, for women, that was founded in 1976 by the former General Secretary of the Sri Lankan SCM, Annathaie Abayasekera. It helps women realize their own plight and gain confidence to demand fairness.

And last but not least:

SCM on the rise in North America

More than 80 students from the United States and Canada gathered in San Francisco in January to reinvigorate the Student Christian Movement throughout North America. Plans for the new SCM United States were also adopted. Meeting under the theme "Raising New Prophets: Arising of a Movement" the North American Region of WSCF formed a steering committee to build the movement, named fundraising as a key and gained support for SCM USA from the U.S. Trustees, the North American Region and the Inter-Regional Office. The San Francisco Conference marked the 40th anniversary of the U.S. civil rights movement. Themes at the conference included student engagement in social issues through WSCF, leadership training and the role of students in promoting social change.

What is the World Student Christian Federation and how did it come to be what it is today?

The WSCF was founded in 1895 by the North American evangelist and global ecumenist John R. Mott. Mott's ecumenical vision and missionary zeal also contributed to the beginnings of the World Council of Churches.

In 2004 the General Assembly of WSCF affirmed the following statement as the guiding vision of the federation:

"The WSCF is a global community of Student Christian Movements committed to dialogue, ecumenism, social justice and peace. Our mission is to empower students in critical thinking and constructive transformation of our world by being a space for prayer and celebration, theological reflection, study and analysis of social and cultural processes and solidarity and action across boundaries of culture, gender and ethnicity. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, the WSCF is called to be a prophetic witness in church and society. This vision is nurtured by a radical hope for God's reign in history"

Students who join the WSCF are encouraged to study their Christian faith and their world with the same depth and passion they bring to their studies. SCMs are renowned for their openness to seekers as well as believers, and for a strong commitment to social justice.

The History of the Federation:

1. The Founding Period 1895-1914

Under the extraordinary impetus of its first leaders, especially John R. Mott from the USA and Ruth Rouse from the UK, the Federation grew within a few years into a truly worldwide international, inter-racial, ecumenical movement with over 2000 local student associations on all five continents and a total membership of over 150,000 students.

2. The Period of the Wars 1914-1945

The crisis of World War I touched the Federation in two ways: It caused a substantial loss of members, killed in the war, but also a division among movements whose nations fought on opposite sides. Following the war the Federation engaged in a vast program of aid to students in war-torn areas, thus demonstrating the unity among its movements amidst nations that continued to be torn apart. It also engaged in a vast effort to clarify its basic purpose. Fortunately, a new generation of leaders rose to this task, among them Suzanne de Diétrich (France), Francis P. Miller (USA), W.A. Visser t'Hooft (Netherlands) and Robert C. Mackie (UK). They also led the Federation during the second World War, when, with Switzerland being surrounded by the Nazi powers, the headquarters had to be moved to Canada.

3. The Post War Period 1945-1968

The ecumenical thrust of the Federation received a significant boost with the establishment of the World Council of Churches in 1948. The activities of the Federation in this period followed two major lines. First, it introduced group Bible study as an integral part of all its activities. This later became a model for the meetings of the World Council of Churches and most large ecumenical meetings. Secondly, the university became the focus for intensive reflection: What was to be its purpose and what was to be the task of Christians - teachers and students - within the university? Alongside this there was a practical focus - developing an assistance program for students especially during the years immediately after the war and ministering to foreign students whose number grew exponentially in the universities in Europe and the USA in the 1950s and 1960s, following decolonialization. The Federation also kept open the lines of communication between students and student organizations in East and West during the cold war.

4. Regionalization 1968-present

The student revolt in 1968 led to a decentralization of WSCF into five regions, Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America and North America, in the hope of bringing the concerns of the Federation closer to the national movements. Movement building became one of the chief concerns, especially in Africa. Other major concerns during this period were the issues of gender justice and globalization.

B. Mission Statement and Core Values for SCM-USA

The Student Christian Movement of the United States of America (SCM- USA), founded in solidarity with the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF), is a student-led, grassroots organization, rooted in Christ, that actively seeks justice and peace, speaks truth to power, and works to overcome oppression in communities on local, national, and global levels by empowering students and young people to claim their voice, exercise leadership skills, engage in innovative theological reflection, and build transformational networks of relationship in the Church and the wider world.

Core Values

The Student Christian Movement of the United States of America are personally invested in:

- Developing and empowering student leadership
- Standing-up against oppression and seeking justice through both words and deeds.
- Creating a completely inclusive space for students to claim their Christian identity (tolerant of all diverse positions, except those that are intolerant of diversity). And also remain open to those students who abide by these values and wish to be in this community with these values, but do not name themselves explicitly as Christian.
- Dialoguing, listening, and critically analyzing the world from an ecumenical perspective
- Lifting up the prophetic voices of students, speaking truth to power, engaging the tension between orthodoxy and prophecy
- Performing innovative theological reflection and production
- Prayer, Spiritual Reflection, Worship (reflecting ecumenical variety)
- Working from a foundation in Scripture, in a container of grassroots-based community for support and accountability.
- Communicating with, and opening our hearts to those of other faiths, and how our efforts for God's work may be complementary.
- Pursuing all this work in such a way that our efforts can be sustained, with an emphasis on self-care and pastoral care of one another.

Key Practices of the Student Christian Movement of the USA

On the local level, the work of SCM-USA will be represented through:

- Local chapters of ecumenical Christian students, based either on campuses, or metropolitan areas.
- Regular meetings of members in a local chapter
- Statements and/or collective actions decided upon by the local chapter, based in the core values (listed above) of SCM-USA. (Examples: Bible-study, discussion groups, prayer groups, book-study, group "check-ins", worship services, protests, statements of opposition to or in solidarity with events or populations, workshops, conferences, consultations, etc.)

On the national level, the work of SCM-USA will be represented through:

- National gatherings and conferences bringing together leaders from local-chapters to address shared concerns, interests, express a larger voice, action, and *be a movement* of ecumenical student Christians.
- Communications between different local chapters online, in-person, and in publications.
- The existence of a national board of student directors, with two student co-chairs
- A network of committees dedicated to the business of the movement, populated by students from local chapters all over the nation.
- Participation of SCM-USA representatives in the North American Regional Conference (NARC) and the General Assembly of the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF).

HOWEVER, all these pieces of structure are a work-in-progress until we gather representatives from local chapters at our official launch event on the weekend of 10/10/10 and formally approve by-laws, etc.

C. Why Should Ecumenical Campus Ministries Affiliate with SCM-USA?

Becoming an affiliate of SCM-USA provides:

- Awareness and access to the ever-growing network of other ecumenical campus ministries, their activities and concerns.
- Increased ability to combine efforts, gather resources, and coordinate the energies of Christian students nationwide
- A common language and experience for student ecumenicists
- Access to seed grants for ecumenical work in local settings
- A channel to receive news pertaining to progressive Christian student life all over the USA and the wider world
- Leadership opportunities for students, both in local and national contexts
- Resources to help campus ministries become self-sustaining in how they empower students to gather and live out their faith
- A larger voice to speak prophetically to the wider world.
- A chance to join one of the oldest student organizations in the world (the World Student Christian Federation was founded in 1895) whose participants have included Martin Luther King, Jr., Steve Biko, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.
- A channel by which ecumenical Christian concerns can be brought to international bodies (the WSCF has the highest NGO consultative status on the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the UN, UNESCO, and the World Council of Churches)
- Opportunities for students to travel and explore the richness of ecumenical Christianity, and discern what their role and gifts are for this world.
- A coordinating body for collective activism taken on from a basis of faith
- A rich tradition of standing up for the poor, downtrodden, sick, and oppressed as Jesus taught.
- A family of Senior Friends of SCM-USA; people who were once students involved in the Student Christian Movement, but are now spread throughout the USA as leaders in their denominations and local faith communities.
- A wider body of pastoral care from a population that shares and understands the challenges of being a progressive Christian student in this era.

D. The SCM Start-up Plan: How a Local Chapter is Started in 10 steps

Any SCM would be founded with these basic relationship values:

- Grassroots, servant leadership by students within local- chapters on campuses
- Active communication between SCM chapters & regions
- Consensus-based group decision-making models
- Local board formation for support and accountability (staffed by students, ministers, faculty, etc.)
- Pastoral and self care to sustain a chapter's work
- Partnerships with local faith communities, ministries, NGOs and social justice organizations to combine efforts toward shared goals.

Action steps

1. Identify campus or community with potential for a local SCM-chapter. Ask the questions: What is needed at your university or college? What other groups are there already on campus? Is there an existing group that could affiliate to SCM? Who do you want to attract to the SCM group? What is your vision for the group?
2. Network in that community with interested students, clergy, etc. to identify individuals that could serve as seed organizers/facilitators. You only need two or three enthusiastic people to get things started. Check with the steering committee to find out if there are Senior Friends (former members of SCM) in your area.
3. Have your first meeting with people who are interested in helping organize the group. You'll need to work out what tasks need doing and who wants to take on which role. You may need to have a coordinator, a secretary and a treasurer to fulfill the requirements of your student union, but it's worth thinking what other things need doing e.g. publicity and website. If you need any help or training at this stage then don't hesitate to contact the SCM Steering Committee.
4. Obtain branding materials (**See appendix A**), discuss ideas for initial events (**see appendix B**), suggestions for organizing a digital presence and communication network for the group (**see appendix C**), informational material about the wider WSCF community (this toolkit), its history and activities, and examples from the starting of past SCM chapters.
5. Talk to others. Speak to other faith groups on campus and explain to them what your SCM group will be doing. If you are thinking about meeting on a specific day of the week then make sure you avoid clashing with other groups and events. Talk to your student union/association/guild and find out what you need to do to make your group official (e.g. write a constitution, elect a committee). Talk to your university or college chaplain and find out what support they can offer. Lastly, contact the Steering Committee for SCM-USA and establish a dedicated contact person who can answer any questions you may have.
6. Plan a program. This is best done in collaboration with all the people who are interested in being involved in the group. You could have a mix of social events, discussions, film nights,

workshops, speakers and trips. Or you could pick a theme for the term and link all your sessions together looking at different aspects of the theme. Or perhaps you will have a strong social justice focus and be more involved in campaigning and volunteering. Do you want to include prayer, worship and Bible study? If so, where and when? Will you combine them with your main meetings? In this packet, the Steering Committee offers some programmatic tools for development (See development plan – “Quest for the Kin-dom”)

7. Encourage regular meetings of chapter, where pastoral care, calls for social action, and group-decisions can occur. Take minutes of these meetings.
8. Get noticed. Once you have some events planned, you need to make sure people know about your group. Word of mouth is essential; invite friends along and anyone who has expressed an interest in getting involved. Put up some posters and leave flyers around in places where students are likely to look e.g. chaplaincy and local church notice-boards and display tables. Make use of facebook to set up a group page and advertise events. Book a table at your club fair in September, think of a quirky publicity stunt, and ask people to sign up with their contact details. It's the best time of year to get people on board. Plan a big follow up event - perhaps a picnic or BBQ – to help people get to know each other. If you'd like help with ideas or would welcome an extra pair of hands then contact the SCM steering committee.
9. Communicate and keep going. Keep communicating and spreading the word about your group! If you have a website or facebook group, then keep it up to date. Send out regular emails to members of your group, reminding them of events that are coming up. If you have bulletin board space then update it each semester with new photos and a copy of your program of events. Make sure that those who are organizing the group are meeting regularly to share tasks and ideas. You may want to meet as often as once a week or once a fortnight but if you keep each meeting short and organized then it won't be too demanding. Involve new people so that they feel part of the group and find something they can participate in. If your founding members are graduating soon you'll need to think ahead and plan a smooth handover to a new committee or planning group.
10. Work with others. Once your group has formed friendships and found its identity then you can start exploring how you can work with others. You could organize a joint event with another faith group on campus e.g. an evening on prayer with the Islamic Society. You could plan a vigil for World AIDS Day, involving members from the local community. Or you could arrange a day trip to another SCM group in your region or an ecumenical retreat. Think big! Small groups of people can change the world! Don't forget to dream dreams and think creatively about your group. Make sure you have at least one event a term which allows members to share their ideas and plan for the future of the group.

In summary, these steps are here to provide a theoretical framework that could serve to guide someone who is interested in forming a local chapter on their campus. By supplying this framework to all prospective and realized chapters, the Steering Committee of SCM-USA hopes to encourage a common language and understanding of what a local SCM chapter looks like in its infancy and structure.

APPENDIX A: Branding Materials

- Hi-def WSCF logos and pictures that could be useful in flyers and other Do-It-Yourself advertising
- Buttons and things other SCMs in the NARC have created and don't mind sharing
- Create own altar-cloth with their members
- Create "Ut Omnes Unum Sint" ("That All May Be One") stencil in English, Spanish, and many other languages to be used on shirts and whatever else you like...
- Assemble portfolio describing the actions of other SCMs and what has happened at regional events

APPENDIX B: Ideas for initial events

- Potluck, group worship, and speaker (most likely the seed organizer)
- Identify a current event that calls for action from a the US-SCM's perspective, organize a panel discussion of teachers, students, local clergy, etc. to discuss what it would mean to respond in a Christ-like way (WWJD?) At the end, invite audience members to join the SCM-chapter as a means of coordinating collective action.
- Book study of contemporary and relevant Christian text that catches people's interest and is congruent with the Key Values (no dense theology texts!)
- Put together lending library of inspired literature, movies, and music from the members of the SCM-chapter. Have sharing sessions where each member speaks about how one particular book, musician, or movie has affected their life/faith-journey.
- Organize service opportunities in local community in the name of the SCM, open to all. Take opportunity to tell participants about the SCM chapter and the possibilities it holds.
- Rally and energize newcomers to participate in conferences and events that are happening in on the regional and national stage.

APPENDIX C: Communications and networking

- Set-up Facebook group for the local chapter open to public in the area, post news/blog articles pertinent to Key Values, pictures/videos from chapter events, links to other SCM chapters and the wider federation.
- Set-up Google group to post all minutes of chapter meetings and to facilitate communication and discussion between chapter members between face-to-face meetings. Also post all resources for branding, networking, and outreach.
- If possible, make a newsletter/zine with articles written by chapter members and details of the chapters actions and thoughts. Make available to the wider campus and community as well as to other SCM chapters (by post or internet).

E. Affiliation to Student Christian Movement – USA

Thank you for your interest in affiliating with the Student Christian Movement – USA (SCM-USA). Affiliating with the SCM-USA provides your local chapter the opportunity to participate in ecumenical social justice and advocacy work not only in your area, but within the North American Region, and the global World Student Christian Federation. Ultimately your local chapter is participating in the historic rebirth of the SCM-USA whose launch is scheduled for 10-10-10. We are excited for you to join in this movement, bringing us one step closer to our goal of building a grassroots movement of student led ecumenism impacting local communities and the world!

By providing some information and answering some of the following questions, you are assisting the SCM-USA steering committee in learning about your organization, the way your organization can impact the SCM-USA, and the ways SCM-USA can be of assistance in helping to build your local chapter. Please complete the following questions and return them to your regional coordinator or steering committee member within one week of receiving this.

Contact Information

Primary Contact

Name _____
Email _____
Phone number _____
Address _____
Website _____
Role within local chapter _____
Denomination Affiliation(s) _____

Additional Contact

Name _____
Email _____
Phone number _____
Address _____
Website _____
Role within local chapter _____
Denomination Affiliation(s) _____

*One contact must be a student

University or Local Church Affiliation _____

Organization Information

- 1) Why is your organization interested in affiliating with the SCM-USA?
- 2) In what ways would your organization bring a unique voice to the SCM-USA?
- 3) In what ways can the SCM-USA be of assistance in the building of your local chapter?

Please send completed forms to: SCMAAlerts@gmail.com

F. US-SCM CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Quest for the Kin-dom

SUMMARY

Quest for the Kin-dom is a program that enables your local chapter to publicly share their personal experience as Christians on a topic. It aims to start more dialogue and involvement within the wider community. The session follows a lively format which engages seekers intensely for an hour and a half. During each session three chapter members speak briefly from the heart about their own faith journey in relation to the evening's topic (to be determined by the SCM chapter). The seekers are then divided into small groups, each facilitated by a chapter member who makes certain that everyone has a chance to share from their own heart and experience. The three presenters then offer a second, shorter set of talks that address issues and ideas that came up in the small groups. A question and answer period follows, inviting questions about the WSCF and the SCM chapter. The program closes with a short worship experience as crafted by the SCM chapter. The purpose is not to have everyone agree, but more to demonstrate the importance of dialogue and the exciting potential for brainstorming actions ecumenically on shared concerns and interests.

This development program focuses on in-reach AND out-reach as complementary activities- In other words, the more you can get *the people* in an SCM-chapter to share with one another about how their faith journey has fed their desire for furthering justice and love through community action, the better *the SCM-chapter (as a whole)* will be at articulating itself and building support within the wider community.

GOAL: build larger and stronger SCM chapters that can become self-sustaining and action-oriented by providing personal examples of SCM participation, witness, and discussion.

PREPARATION (IN-REACH)

-Month(s) before: the SCM chapter identifies and engages in discussion within its membership around the questions that they wish to discuss within the community.

Suggested activity for facilitating discussion:

Double-circles exercise –

1. Assemble two concentric circles of chairs, paired up facing one another . Participants sit facing one another, in pairs.
2. Each person is then given 2 minutes to share their perspective on a single topic (ex. inside person answers the question: how do you understand War and Peace as a Christian? Then after two minutes, the outside circle answers a *different question*: how do you understand economics as a Christian?). 8 Questions are decided ahead of time by the group as a whole.
3. After each person has responded to a question, the inside circle moves one chair to the right and another round of answering the questions ensues, but with the *outside* answering the first question and the inside answering second (this way, everyone gets to speak their mind on every question, but are not responding back and forth on the same question so that it's non-argumentative)

4. After all people have had an opportunity to share their minds on all 8 questions with other individuals, come back into a large group and ask people for themes they heard emerging, how they perceive the group as a whole, their thoughts, reflections, etc.

-After thorough discussion between individuals and the whole group, issues and concerns of social justice and activism can be identified as good topics to speak on publicly in the hopes that they can grow the local chapter, engage their community in important dialogue, and take larger ecumenical actions and statements.

Examples of topics include: “Christians and Capitalism”, “Christians and Diversity”, “Christians and War”, “Christians and the Environment” and “Christians, Charity, and Service” (broad enough and controversial enough to grab public interest and invite a variety of views).

-Three individuals are selected to speak from their own experience for 10 minutes on the selected topic. Each person is scheduled for a different evening, a public space is reserved, a worship format is determined and organized.

EXECUTION (OUT-REACH)

-Two weeks before: Publicize! Publicize! Publicize! In church newsletters, campus bulletin boards, online, by word of mouth, chalk on sidewalk the day before, everywhere! Include information about the topics, small bios on the presenters, and SCM chapter info.

-Immediately beforehand: many participants will be coming in after a long day of work and/or class so providing refreshments is an important part of the evening. This allows seekers to mingle with each other and with chapter members. Socializing also takes place following the session and the promise of food will always help gather participants.

-There is a role for everyone: Have the space prepared and designate a Host to welcome participants, provide a written description of the event’s content and format, and answer any questions. Other roles include preparing refreshments, be a speaker, facilitating small groups, assembling a small table of literature that visitors may be interested in, organizing publicity, etc.

-Have speakers at a table with name tags and water.

-Start on-time and have the Host introduce the program, the speakers, and the topic. Later this person will help divide people into small groups and manage the time.

SCHEDULE OF EVENT:

1. Welcome, introduce SCM, speakers, and topic (2 minutes)
2. Speakers present from their own experience: *how they first started to wrestle with the topic/question* (5 minutes each = 15 minutes)
3. Small group discussion (2 seekers per local-chapter member if possible) focusing on the visitor’s experience with the topic. Chapter members should act as facilitators and work to

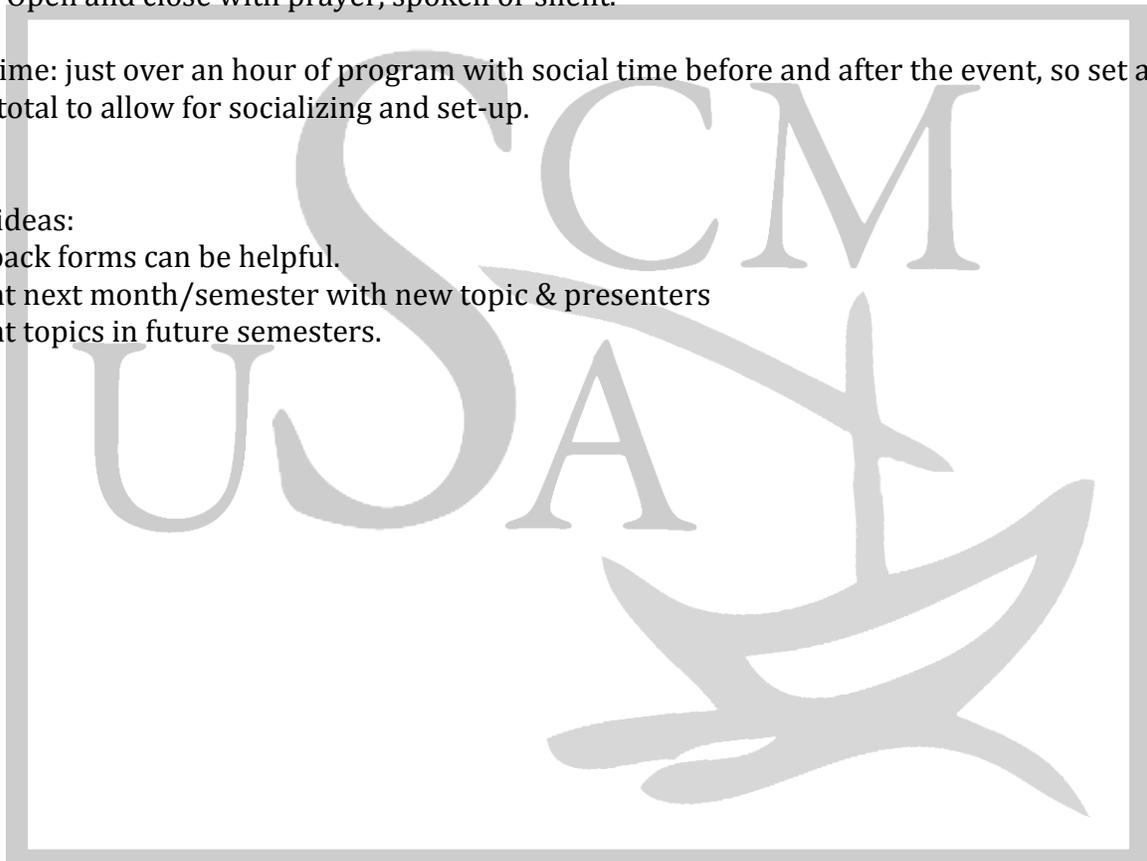
engage the experiences of the visitors (NOT to talk, talk, talk about their own experience)
(13 minutes)

4. Speakers present again (for 5 more minutes each) on *how they have continued to wrestle with the topic up into the present day, and if possible, how the SCM chapter is involved in this.*
(15 minutes)
5. Q&A between the speakers and the audience (10 minutes max)
6. Thank the presenters and the audience (2 minutes)
7. Invite everyone to join in a time of short worship, the form of which is reflective of the ecumenical nature of the group (13 minutes)
8. At the end of the evening always thank everyone for coming. Point out the literature on the table in the back. Invite folks to stay and linger to finish the refreshment and socialize.
Announce the regular meetings/worshhips/activities the chapter holds!
9. Open and close with prayer, spoken or silent.

Total time: just over an hour of program with social time before and after the event, so set aside 2 hours total to allow for socializing and set-up.

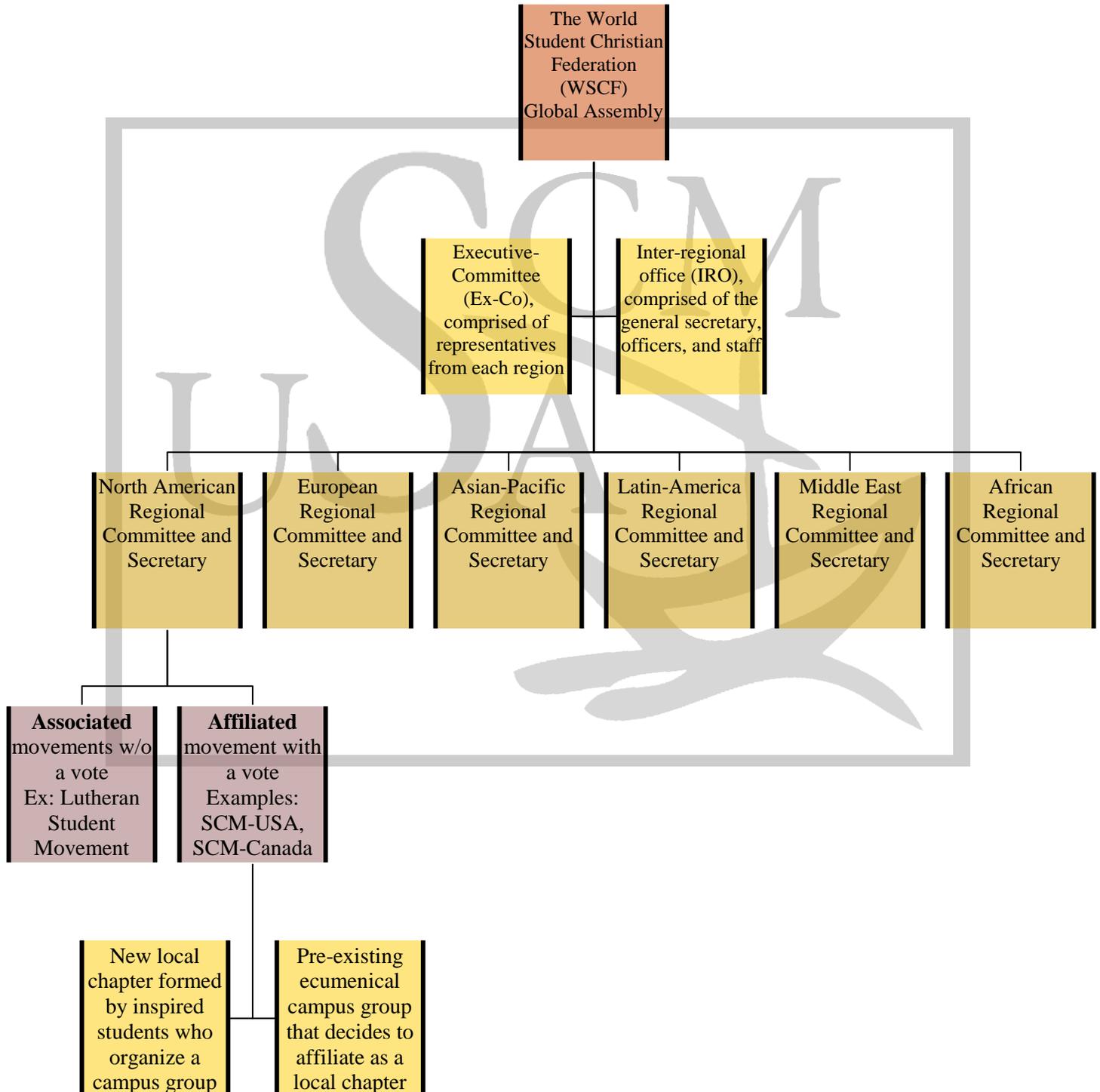
Other ideas:

- Feedback forms can be helpful.
- Repeat next month/semester with new topic & presenters
- Repeat topics in future semesters.



G. World Student Christian Federation: Introduction to the Global Structure

The life of WSCF is based on local ecumenical groups of students in universities and colleges who work, study and pray together. From these local groups come national movements which meet together at least annually to maintain and inspire their corporate lives as movements. Each country then belongs to a WSCF region that brings its various national movements together to work on common projects and programs on a regular basis. Each region is supported by salaried staff and a Regional Committee oversees its operations. The regions work together to form a global network of student movements which is known as the World Student Christian Federation. The global federation is served by Officers and an Executive Committee, an Inter-Regional Office, General Secretary and Inter-Regional Women's Coordinator. The highest decision-making body of the World Student Christian Federation is its four-yearly General Assembly.



H. Flyer for our launch event on Columbus Day weekend in Atlanta, GA



Overcoming Violence: Encountering the Past, Engaging the Present, Empowering the Future!

Oct. 8th-11th, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA



Do you dream of being a Christian community organizer or activist?

Do you want to practice what you preach, and join with other Christian students in transforming the nation and the world?

Do you believe that together, as one, we can seek the peaceable Kin-dom?

COME JOIN US!

The Student Christian Movement of the United States of America (SCM-USA)

Founded in solidarity with the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF), SCM-USA is a student-led, grassroots organization, rooted in Christ, that actively seeks justice and peace, speaks truth to power, and works to overcome oppression in communities on local, national, and global levels by empowering students and young people to claim their voice, exercise leadership skills, engage in innovative theological reflection, and build transformational networks of relationship in the Church and the wider world.

This event will include:

- Inspiring speakers and panels discussing social justice, peacework, and ecumenism
- A variety of worship experiences to represent the strength of our diversity
- The official re-birth of the Student Christian Movement - USA
- Training and workshops on leadership, social change, and community organizing students from a basis of Christian faith, theology, and practice
- Opportunities to network and have fellowship across denominational lines for the sake of unifying the body of Christ

Registration and other information can be found at:

SCMUSA.org or by e-mailing SCMalerts@gmail.com

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I. How you can support and advance the work of SCM-USA

-Contact your regional coordinator (to find your regional coordinator, check the communications guide in section F), let them know you'd like to become involved in the work of SCM-USA by joining one of the working groups of the Steering Committee. Working groups include, preparatory committee for the launch event, personnel and team-building committee, media and communications, and organizational capacity building.

-Spread the word! E-mail other people this toolkit, talk about SCM-USA, contribute to our online blog or video-blog, and share these ideas with campus ministers, other students, and teachers who might have interest. Tell your home church! Tell everybody!!

-Join our Facebook group: **Student Christian Movement, USA**

-Follow us on Twitter: **scm_usa** and on our YouTube channel: **SCMUSAORG**

-Check-out and bookmark our website – WWW.SCMUSA.ORG

-Contact your denomination's ecumenical officers and youth ministries coordinators and let them know that they need to support the work of SCM-USA and keep them updated with the work that you and we are doing!

-Fundraise! Everything from bake sales, benefit concerts, and grants. Funds provided to the national movement go towards maintaining the communication structures of SCM-USA (website fees, conference call costs, etc.) and the costs of events and planning.

-Find other organizations that we should partner with, collective actions that we should participate in, issues and theological questions we should wrestle with.

-Come to the launch event on 10/10/10 at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA.

Welcome,

THIS IS YOUR MOVEMENT!

God has no hands but our hands.

THE IDEAS YOU BRING ARE THE FUEL FOR THE FIRE!