

The UCM Guide

2026-2027

Dailyness noun

dai-ly-ness | 'da-lē-nes

The fact or condition of happening or being done on a daily basis.

Also: the quality of being ordinary, routine, or mundane; e.g. everyday character; reliable regularity





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Intro to UCM

KELLY JOHNSON, CHAPLAIN AT UofC, UCM TEAM LEADER

Consider this your invitation to join in community as we connect, learn, pray, play, eat, and serve together.

University Campus Ministries (UCM Calgary) is a Christian community of students, chaplains, and student leaders at the University of Calgary (UofC), Mount Royal University (MRU), and Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT). We started in January 1996—and 30 years in, it feels like we are just getting going, loving deeply and enjoying the lessons learned over the years. Our reach is broader than the campuses alone, and includes connecting with students and faculty from multiple Calgary post-secondary institutions. We gather to learn, serve, play, and grow in our awareness of God and in meaningful friendship with one another!

Speaking of friendship, one of our greatest desires is to foster an environment where you find belonging over the course of your studies. Finding friends and community on campus is vital to the depth and strength of your faith! We find Jesus at the place where we find His friends. As you lean on and learn alongside peers seeking to know God more, you will find yourself encouraged, challenged, and strengthened in your walk with God.

God will use the university environment to form you, and He has graciously allowed us to create spaces with you to lean into this formation. Whether through prayer, scripture, worship, teaching, conversations, community gatherings, spiritual practices, or service, you are invited to consciously, creatively, and intentionally devote time to growing in your character, habits, relationships, and faith.

One of the ways we do this is by asking questions of God, ourselves, the world, and others. We encourage you to ask the hard questions this year, for it is in them that you will be drawn deeper into the wonder and mystery of God.

You will not be alone in your asking and wrestling! As you ask questions, make new friends, and study, we will come alongside you to pray, guide, listen, and love you all the way to the end of your time on campus and beyond.

FYI: UCM Calgary has supporters and participants from over 20 denominational backgrounds. We are part of the SERVE Campus Network across Canada and the ABNWT District of the PAOC.

UCM has offices at the University of Calgary in the Faith and Spirituality Centre (487 MacEwan Student Centre), at SAIT in the Stan Grad Centre (MB305), and at Mount Royal University (1143). We would love to meet you! Drop by and say hello. For more information on us, visit our webpage at ucmcalgary.org.

To stay informed about learning and service opportunities, as well as social gatherings, **subscribe to our Substack page:** ucmcalgary.substack.com/. Download the app and you'll receive a weekly post from us keeping you up to date with what's going on.

Visit our Linktree:

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**Our social media links
are listed on page 9
of this guide.**

How to Connect with Us

Kelly Johnson — Kelly is our UCM team leader. He works out of the Faith and Spirituality Centre (MSC 487), where he can often be found. You can reach him at kelly.johnson@ucalgary.ca.

Art Kung — Art is our chaplain at SAIT. His office can be found at Stan Grad Centre, MB305. You can reach him at art.kung@sait.ca.

Daniel Mok — Daniel is our Associate Chaplain at the University of Calgary and Pentecostal Chaplain at SAIT. You can contact him at dkkmok@ucalgary.ca or daniel.mok@sait.ca.

Logan Johnson — Logan is our Ministry Associate at the University of Calgary. You can contact him at logan@ucmcalgary.org.

Stephanie Alexandre — Stephanie is our Ministry Aide at the University of Calgary and Mount Royal University. Our MRU office can be found in I143. You can contact her at stephanie@ucmcalgary.org.

Tina Romero — Tina is our intern at the University of Calgary, Mount Royal University, and SAIT. You can contact her at tina@ucmcalgary.org.

We invite you to consider being a student leader at your campus
— both for your own growth, and to serve your peers.

**RELATIONALLY MENTORING AND EQUIPPING STUDENTS
AS THEY SERVE JESUS ON THEIR CAMPUSES, IN THEIR
CITY, AND AROUND THE WORLD.**



Scan here to sign up for our Connect Form!



UCM Launch Party

Looking to start the academic year off in Christian community? Come to the UCM Launch Party! Meet new people, mingle, connect, play games, and share some snacks together. You'll also be introduced to what UCM is all about and how you can grow, be formed in Christ with others, and discover how God is in every area of your life. We are looking forward to getting to know you all!



Date: Thursday, September 10



Time: 7PM



Location: Brentview Baptist Church (downstairs)

A Thought to Orient Us

If you have ever seen a still pond, you know that it doesn't take long for this still pond to start looking a little gross. The freshest ponds are the ones that have a stream flowing in, and consequently, a stream flowing out. At UCM this year, we want to be intentional with every student about where they are being filled, and where they are flowing out. Is God consistently your source of strength? Are you turning to Him more than to other things to bring you comfort, strength, and perseverance in the moments when you need it?

Then, evaluate where you are flowing out. Are there people you have a heart for, and want to see come to know Jesus? Do you pray for them? Are you serving others around you with love? Are you being led by the Holy Spirit in your relationships? Are your everyday relationships being guided by the love of Christ?

We want to be intentionally helping our students see where this is happening, and provide meaningful opportunities to participate in both their filling and their pouring out. In having this, we believe that the Christian life can be one of deep fulfillment and joy in Christ.

ROOTED IN

Dailyness

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. (John 15:4)

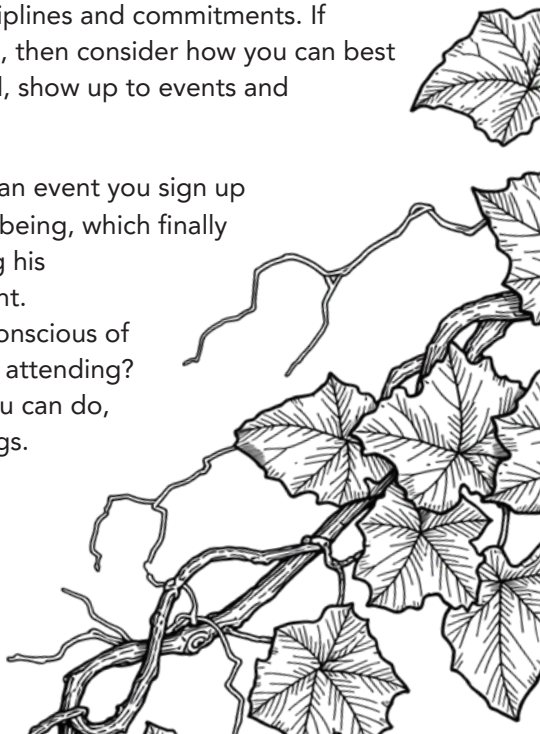
A FEW PRACTICES OF DAILYNES

Daily Devotion: At the heart of dailyness is our time spent with God in Bible reading and prayer. To help this practice form within us, we are using the online devotional Lectio 365 (see next page for details). We invite you to participate with us!

Daily Attention: One of the key spiritual faculties each of us needs to develop is our ability to notice how God is with us, and how He might be leading and teaching us. We call this paying attention. We want to learn this way together, regularly reporting on what we are noticing.

Daily Connection: The Christian life is primarily about our connections, and only secondarily about our disciplines and commitments. If righteousness is “right-relatedness”, then consider how you can best connect. Grab a coffee with a friend, show up to events and gatherings, and be with people.

Daily Service: Service is more than an event you sign up for: service is a way of thinking and being, which finally becomes an identity. Paul, following his master Jesus, called himself a servant. What would it be like, then, to be conscious of daily ways of helping, assisting, and attending? Don't think first of the big things you can do, but of the smaller, less-noticed things.



Community Groups

A student's campus experience can often be one of two things: It can be a long 4+ years of endless work, assignments, and isolation, or it can be one of the most formative, deeply impactful experiences for growth and discovering who you are in Christ. This largely comes down to the communities you have throughout this experience. At UCM, we want to be intentional in providing healthy communities for people to grow in knowledge of the Word, themselves, and others.

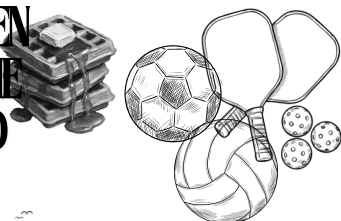
Community groups are how we are pursuing that transformational community this year. Whether it is men's or women's groups, going through a book of the Bible together, or sports and hiking groups, these will be some of the intentional ways we are pursuing deep community this year.

These groups will form through the needs that arise for our students. Whether it is started by a staff member, or if you, as a student, want to see a group started, we want to support you. We believe that through this step towards life together, we will be shaped to be more like Jesus and find joy in our university experience. Please reach out to any staff member if there is a community group you would like to see started, or write it down below!

DREAM WITH US

What would you like to see on campus?

**WAFFLE
WOMEN
OF THE
WORD**



*Write down a few
ideas, and then, send
them to us!*

OUR DEVOTIONAL THIS YEAR:

Lectio 365

It is year five of our community commitment to dailyness. This year, we want to anchor our prayer by following the devotional resource, *Lectio 365*.



This resource provides three different opportunities throughout the day to P.R.A.Y- Pause, Reflect, Ask, and Yield (otherwise known as Lectio Divina). This devotional utilizes a morning, midday, and nightly reflection, including daily scripture readings, quiet listening prompts, and set prayers. Additionally, the devotional follows the seasons and celebrations of the Christian calendar, which urges us to take our lives and place them in the broader story of Jesus, allowing our lives to be shaped by the rhythm of His life!

Each day of prayer contains a complete 'office' to pray, and a number of elements for you to pray with either quietly or aloud. The daily patterns of prayer contain a Psalm, a Bible passage, time for silence, free prayer, and set prayer. The Lectio 365 app gives you the space to read for yourself, or the app will read it to you if you so desire.

As we participate in the Lectio 365 daily readings and practice Lectio Divina together, we seek to be shaped, formed, and transformed by the Holy Spirit's indwelling presence in our community and in our own lives.

Lectio 365 does not have a hardcover version, but it is a completely free resource that can be found through all app stores.

**We ask that you pursue the call to
dailyness with us!**



Life on Campus

SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER

Scripture and Prayer at the UofC – Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays starting at 9 am in MacHall 317. Contact Logan for more information at logan@ucmcalgary.org.

Scripture and Prayer at MRU – Contact Kelly for more information at kpjohnson@mtroyal.ca or Stephanie at stephanie@ucmcalgary.org.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS ON CAMPUS

Worship @ the U (UofC) — We meet at noon on Mondays in MacHall 317. Contact Daniel at dkkmok@ucalgary.ca.

Worship @ the Well (MRU) — We meet Wednesdays at noon, in a room TBD. Contact Kelly at kpjohnson@mtroyal.ca, or Stephanie at stephanie@ucmcalgary.org.

Christian Prayer & Praise @ SAIT — Hosted in MC311 at noon on Tuesdays. Contact Art at art.kung@sait.ca, Daniel at daniel.mok@sait.ca or Tina at tina@ucmcalgary.org.

Interfaith Interface @ SAIT – We meet every Friday at 12 pm in MB305. Contact Art at art.kung@sait.ca.

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTINGS

Follow us on our socials:

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SUBSTACK

We provide weekly updates with all of our events and info here: <https://ucmcalgary.substack.com/>.

EVENTS

Visit our Linktree: <https://linktr.ee/ucmcalgary>
Or by **scanning the QR Code**.



“God in Our...”



“For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things.”

Paul makes this statement in Romans 11: 36. It is a powerful statement, and, ultimately, true.

In our everyday lives, however, this is often something that is challenging to fully enact. Sunday worship times can be a weekly reunion with God, and our moments of time in scripture and prayer are a checklist item to satisfy the minimum requirements.

Seeing God at work in everything we do needs to be an intentional effort and practice we cultivate throughout our lives.

At Convergence this year, as we move through this theme of “God in our...”, we will look at several areas of our lives where we can pay greater attention to how God may want to move.

Whether this is a larger area of life that you hadn’t considered, or a simple, mundane part of your everyday, this year will be all about inviting God to show us that we can live every moment with Him.

We believe that this series will transform us as a community into people who intentionally participate with God in all areas of life. We want to grow into a new imagination of how God may want to work in our lives, and how, by His Spirit, He may want to use us in those areas.

The Convergence

The Convergence is a monthly gathering of students from across our three campuses (we converge). Led by the UCM team and powered by student participation, the Convergence gathering is a time to worship and learn through teaching off-campus! The talks are intended to engage both the mind and the heart. Our faith is worthy of serious intellectual engagement. At the same time, it is intended to be an experience of God with each other. This is how we are changed!

THIS YEAR'S THEME: "GOD IN OUR..."

**LOCATION: DOWNSTAIRS AT BRENTVIEW BAPTIST
(3512 CHARLESWOOD DR NW)**

TIME: 7:00 PM

THE CONVERGENCE PODCAST

We've got a podcast! The Convergence Podcast can be found on all major listening platforms. Search for The Convergence Podcast or UCM Calgary on your favourite streaming platform.



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Convergence Schedule

THIS YEAR'S THEME: "God in Our..."

September: *God in Our: Story*
Convergence — **Sept 17**

October: *God in Our: Community*
Convergence — **Oct 8**

November: *God in Our: Resources*
Convergence — **Nov 5**

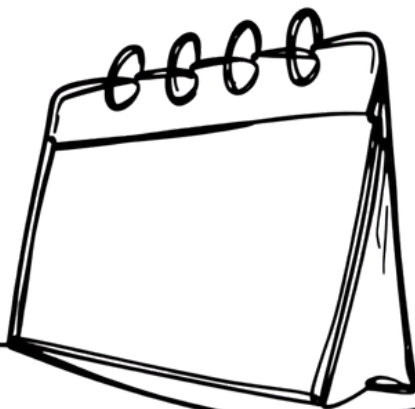
December: *God in Our: Longing*
Convergence — **Dec 3**

January: *God in Our: Effort*
Convergence — **Jan 14**

February: *God in Our: Emotions*
Convergence — **Feb 11**

March: *God in Our: Bodies*
Convergence — **Mar 4**

April: *God in Our: Play*
Convergence — **Apr 1**



The Table

The Table is a beautiful opportunity to share a delicious free meal (you read that right!) with many post-secondary students throughout our city. It started as a place to address food insecurities among the students in Calgary, but it quickly turned into a space for community to be formed.

The Table is held monthly at Journey Church (10307 Eamon Rd NW), which is easily accessed as the last stop on the Northwest C-train line (Tuscany station).

The event begins at 6 pm and concludes by 8 pm. It is for post-secondary students only.

Check out the dates below!:

September: The Table — **Sept 24**

October: The Table — **Oct 22**

November: The Table — **Nov 26**

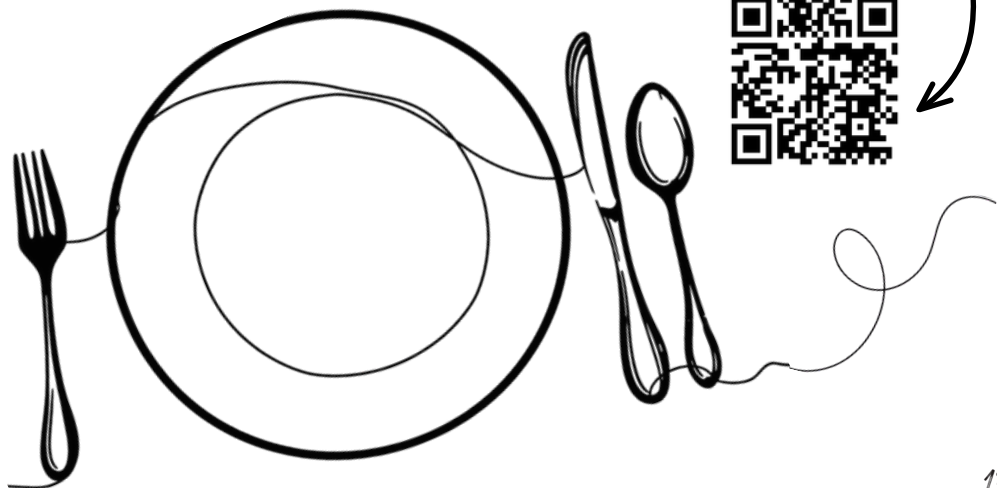
January: The Table — **Jan 28**

February: The Table — **Feb 25**

March: The Table — **Mar 18**

April: The Table — **Apr 8**

Please know that to attend The Table **YOU MUST** register. This can be done through our linktree. **QR code below.**



Service Opportunities

Here are a few opportunities to serve our city that are led by UCM staff:

Student Leadership

Student leadership is an opportunity to have intentional leadership in the life of UCM. We want to allow students to intentionally invest into the events that they are a part of, and have an opportunity to lead within them. For every student leadership role, our staff will provide development for the students, opportunity to influence our events, as well as opportunities for students to lead others. Contact Logan Johnson at logan@ucmcalgary.org, for more details.

Project Amigo with Kelly Johnson

This is our regular yearly service-learning trip to build a home in a developing world context. This is a week-long trip over the Winter 2027 Reading Break. Contact Kelly Johnson or Stephanie Alexandre about future plans: kelly.johnson@ucalgary.ca; stephanie@ucmcalgary.org.

Jesus Loves You Society with Art Kung

JLYS Centre for Families is a local Calgary non-profit, located in the Beltline, whose purpose is to build friendships with low-income mothers and their children. Join Art every Thursday, 4-7 pm, to engage with the homework club for the kids, and to join the dinner table to build relationships with families. Contact Art Kung at art.kung@sait.ca for more details.

Day Space at Journey Church

Journey Church hosts a Day Space for those experiencing homelessness all year round. This is an opportunity to serve the poor and marginalized in our society by offering a glass of cold water, clothing them, and serving them food. It is open Monday-Friday from 10am-5pm year-round. Contact Logan Johnson at logan@ucmcalgary.org for more details.

The Friendship Program

The Friendship Program is geared towards helping international students develop meaningful friendships with Canadian families. This is a beautiful opportunity to begin a friendship with international students, having them over for tea, sharing a meal on Canadian holidays, or inviting them to participate in family events! If you'd like to get involved, contact Kelly at kelly.johnson@ucalgary.ca for more information.

Testimonies

"The life-long friends that I made through the UCM community led me to experience the love of Jesus more profoundly than I ever have. That God led me to UCM and placed such wonderful people in my life is beyond all doubt." - **Sam, UCM Alumn**

"I eventually found out about the [Interfaith] Centre at SAIT, which led me to UCM. That was a turning point for me. For the first time, I was surrounded by people who shared their faith openly and genuinely. I met people who encouraged me, prayed with me, and helped me understand who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him."

- **Breannah, UCM Alumn**

"Spending time in this community was just as important as the time I spent completing my diploma because I found peace in God and built a stronger foundation for my faith." - **Andrea, UCM Alumn**

"The number of students that we've been able to serve, bless, and love from around the world is amazing."

- **Shawn Tomlinson, Co-Director of The Friendship program**

"Two things really stand out about UCM and Kelly and the way the team works. One is their spirit of hospitality. They really truly welcome students where they are, how they are. They create a place of belonging for them. And I've loved being part of that and watching that happen. And the second is a real heart for discipleship. They are committed to both the people on the team and the people that they're reaching to and whose lives they're touching in the schools, in the universities, and Calgary. They're really, really wanting them to grow, to go deep, to go further, to feel known."

-**Mark Buchanan, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology at Ambrose University**



30 Years at a Glance

1996- Appointed



Kelly Johnson is appointed by the PAOC to serve the University of Calgary. With that, Pentecostal Campus Ministries (PCM) is launched with Worship @ the U.

1998- MRC



Need at Mount Royal College leads to the beginning of Worship @ the Well. PCM becomes UCM (University Campus Ministries).

2005- Multi-Faith Director



Kelly serves as Director of the Multi-Faith Centre at the University of Calgary, leading to the creation of the Wellness Centre. Art Kung joins UCM, both at UofC and MRC.

2011- Friendship Program



Beginning of the Friendship Program: a program meant to help international students develop meaningful friendships with Canadian families.

2015- 3 Campuses



Art Kung, who began working with UCM in 2005, transitions from serving at MRU to SAIT. Since then, UCM has been serving at three major campuses in our city.

2018- The Convergence



A gathering of students and young adults in our city to worship and dig into the Word of God. It is a time of teaching, worship, and fellowship with other students throughout our city.

2022- The Table



Alongside Journey Church and the Friendship Program, we begin serving at The Table: A monthly meal shared with international and domestic students initiated to address food insecurity and build community.

Notes

Take notes on a Convergence talk or a daily devo, jot down podcast recommendations, note details of upcoming events, remember someone's favourite coffee shop, write down a quote to remember, etc.





Embracing *Dailyness* EST. 1996

*Relationally mentoring and equipping
students as they serve Jesus on their
campuses, in their city, and around the
world.*



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