

## Introduction/Background Information

So far this year we have had two meetings regarding the continuation of a Campus Ministry (CM) floor in Mortensen Hall for the 2005-'06 school year. Many people have shown interest in doing a floor like this again, because current members of the floor have found it to be a really valuable environment to live. Thus, there are several of us from the current CM floor who are interested in doing another floor next year, as well as many people who were not a part of it this year who would like to be.

The benefits of a CM floor in Mortensen for a second year will continue to be really great. Through this special interest floor, we have been able to reach out to other students, make a difference on the Augsburg campus, and become involved in the larger metro community. We want this to continue!

The first benefit we discussed is that we are all very excited about the prospect of having key leaders from Campus Ministry activities (Auggie Fest Inreach/Outreach, FCA, the Discipleship team, etc.) united on the same floor for a second year. This will enable great minds to come together in an easier way to collaborate and make on-campus and off-campus events even better than they have been in the past.

Second, the CM floor has been a great place for fellowship and spiritual growth. We are always being commented to about how friendly our floor feels. The potential members of the CM floor for next year desire for this outreach to continue, and we feel that the best way for it to happen is to have another full-floor community of committed individuals. With this CM floor, we will aid each other in our faith journeys as well as create a place where others who are not members of our floor can feel welcome to express themselves.

A third benefit that we discussed is that our CM floor community is a great asset to Augsburg in welcoming new people. We feel like we have been a very friendly group of upper-class students who have been vital in welcoming new students to campus and getting them involved with CM activities. By having a CM floor for a second year, we will have the resources to continue to do this. As a Christian community, we all feel that it is important to be open and available for others, and we are eager to making sure that Augsburg is a place where this happens.

Finally, our CM floor will benefit the members of the floor. We are all dedicated to making next year a really great year. We are a genuinely loving community and we want the best for each other. We all feel that having a CM floor in Mortensen is the most beneficial environment to show our support for one another. Through the goals that we have created for ourselves, we feel that our floor community will grow in friendship, in academics, in faith, in devotion to humankind, and in relationship with our Creator and Savior.

This group is very committed to each other and to the purpose of Augsburg College and the Campus Ministry. It would be through this floor that the Gospel would be spread and that all of its members will grow in the Lord.