

## **The Sue E. Rothmeyer Advocacy for Campus Ministry Award**

The Sue E. Rothmeyer Advocacy for Campus Ministry Award was established in 2017 to recognize individuals who faithfully advance the work of campus ministry by amplifying its importance and value to the broader church and society.

Sue Rothmeyer has long been a strong advocate for Lutheran Campus Ministry. She was a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where her Campus Pastor was Phil Knutson. Her professional service began when she served as Campus Minister at Iowa State University from 1984 to 1995. Her passion and advocacy was well respected and her influence an important catalyst for campus ministry support in the Southeastern Iowa Synod where she served as Secretary as well.

Sue joined the ELCA Churchwide office in 1995 and has served in various roles including: Director for Administration and Planning in the Division for Higher Education and Schools; Director for Campus Ministry in the Division for Higher Education and Schools; Interim Executive Director in the Division for Higher Education and Schools; Associate Executive Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministries in the Vocation and Education Program Unit; Program Director for Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry in the Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit; and Assistant to the Secretary in the Office of the Secretary.

When Sue accepted the appointment as interim executive director of DHES, her advocacy and passion for Campus Ministry was well known in the ELCA. Then presiding bishop, Mark Hanson, said of her: "Sue Rothmeyer, a respected colleague on the staff of the Division for Higher Education and Schools, brings to the position of interim executive director a deep commitment to ELCA colleges, universities, campus ministry and schools, strong administrative experience and visionary leadership. Her gifts are undergirded by her faith and are reflected in her passion for God's mission in the world."

Sue Rothmeyer has offered a lifetime of advocacy and service to campus ministry and continues that important work to this day. In recognition of this advocacy of and service to campus ministry, Sue Rothmeyer is the first recipient of this annual award named in her honor.

