



HOW THE CCCU SERVES YOU

The CCCU's goal is to be your essential partner as you fulfill your God-given Christian higher education assignment within your unique context.

SECURING FUNDING AND RESOURCES FOR YOUR WORK

Your membership with the CCCU gives your campus access to vital resources and additional funding for your institution's work.



NEARLY \$1.3 BILLION IN PANDEMIC RELIEF FUNDING

secured for U.S. institutions as of March 2021* (not including funds that institutions may have received under the Paycheck Protection Program).



\$700,000 IN GRANT FUNDING

to support CCCU efforts (January 2020-March 2021)

PRESERVING YOUR MISSION

Christian higher education is invaluable to the nation. With connections in Congress, the Department of Education, the Treasury Department, the White House, and the courts, the CCCU utilizes all the levers within the three branches of government to preserve, protect, and advance the Christ-centered mission of Christian colleges and universities.

In 2020 we sent:



108 LETTERS

to Congress, the White House, the Treasury, or the Department of Education.



8 AMICUS BRIEFS

to the Supreme Court and other federal courts.

- **Sharing Your Voice at the Supreme Court:** In 2020, the CCCU has raised your voice in the judicial square by filing eight amicus briefs. There were three cases of particular importance for the mission of Christian higher education. In the *Fulton* case, we argued that **government should not be allowed to create laws designed to limit religious freedom** protection under the guise of neutrality; that ruling should come out in the spring of 2021. Our brief in *Our Lady of Guadalupe School* sought to **preserve and protect the ability to hire for mission** by advocating for a rightful understanding of the ministerial exception. In the Title VII cases, we filed a brief emphasizing that **the law should protect the biblical understanding of sex**. We also joined a brief in the Harvard admissions case that argued that including race as a factor among many allows colleges to craft a strong, diverse, and holistic class.
- **Responding to the Equality Act:** In addressing the cultural tension surrounding religious freedom and LGBT rights, the CCCU advocates for a balanced legislative approach that preserves religious freedom and addresses LGBT civil rights under federal law. The CCCU has been [publicly opposed](#) to the Equality Act as currently drafted and remains firm in its position that any protections for LGBT persons must be paired with the essential religious freedoms that maximize freedom for all.

*This March 2021 estimate could change slightly, as the third round of relief funding had not yet been released as of April 22.

PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL CONNECTION AND DEVELOPMENT

- **Professional Development Webinars and Calls:** Though the pandemic changed our typical professional development conference season, the CCCU continues to give your campus leaders important opportunities to explore the pressing trends and issues facing Christian higher education, share best practices, and spend time in community with peers. Since July 2020, we hosted or co-hosted **more than 30 webinar** events. Additionally, we **hosted monthly calls for peer leaders across campuses**, providing important connection opportunities to exchange updates and share ideas in response to the pandemic.
- **New Database of Racial and Ethnic Diversity Resources:** In February 2021, the CCCU launched a [new website](#) featuring a database of racial and ethnic diversity resources for the Christian higher education community. These resources are intended to assist institutional leaders at Christian colleges and universities in facilitating learning and leading campus conversations. This website features links to more than 120 resources, divided into eight different topical categories and also differentiated by practitioner level.
- **Faculty Scholarship:** Thanks to a gift from Christian Community Credit Union and the long-term support of Walter and Darlene Hansen, **more than \$100,000** is available for the 2021 Networking Grants for Christian Scholars, which encourage collaborative scholarship among CCCU faculty from multiple campuses. Applications are still being accepted through June 21, 2021. Additionally, John Templeton Foundation granted **\$2.1 million** and the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust granted **\$236,000** for *Supporting Structures: Innovative Partnerships to Develop the Future of Bench Science at Christian Liberal Arts Institutions*. This program supports the development of research collaborations among CCCU institutions, major research universities (or other research institutions) and postdoctoral fellows.
- **Advance Magazine:** This biannual publication continues to provide articles about Christian higher education, scholarly research, and reviews of influential books. The two latest issues explored the impact of and innovative responses to the pandemic and **include contributions from leaders at nearly 50 CCCU institutions** across the U.S. and around the world.

ENABLING PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIPS

- **Online Education:** The CCCU has partnered with the education technology company [CampusEDU](#) to provide state-of-the-art online education. CampusEDU works directly with campuses to create online courses and provide them with a suite of tools to connect with and reach this generation of learners. Their innovative platform seeks to transform the online education world by creating a compelling virtual learning environment for students.
- **Online Course Sharing Consortium:** More than 60 CCCU institutions are part of the collaboration with [Academeum](#) that helps CCCU institutions share unfilled seats in online courses. This enables campuses to maximize efficiency and profitability for their online courses as well as supplement their own programs with high-quality coursework from Christ-centered partner institutions.
- **Property & Liability Insurance Consortium:** CCCU's insurance consortium (underwritten by Sovereign Insurance Group) for property and liability insurance offers substantial savings for individual institutions. Since its inception, this consortium **has saved members over \$1.1 million in premium costs and has on average doubled their liability protection**.
- **CCCU Off-Campus Study Programs:** The CCCU offers faith-integrated, off-campus study programs in the **Middle East, Oxford, and Washington, D.C.** that foster students' intellectual, cultural, vocational, and spiritual growth.