

# Reformed University Fellowship

## Affiliation Agreement Summary

Reformed University Fellowship is the General Assembly Agency of the Presbyterian Church in America which ministers on college and university campuses. RUF does not work by itself, but only in partnership with presbyteries. This partnership is detailed in the Affiliation Agreement. Here is a quick summary of the features of that agreement.

### **Responsibilities of RUF**

- 1) Handle the money.
- 2) Evaluate campus minister candidates for suitability in campus ministry.
- 3) Assist presbyteries in evaluating campuses and establishing campus ministries.
- 4) Assist presbyteries in finding campus ministers suitable for their campuses.
- 5) Train campus ministers.
- 6) Supervise campus ministers.

### **Responsibilities of presbytery**

- 1) Establish a budget for each campus.
- 2) Provide the funds.
- 3) Interview potential campus ministers.
- 4) Call campus ministers. (Examine and ordain when necessary.)
- 5) Supervise campus ministers.
- 6) Update the budget each year.

### **Notes:**

- a) Money raised for an RUF ministry is kept in an RUF bank account, but is considered presbytery's money and will be used only at their direction. The budget submitted annually is presbytery's instructions to RUF how to pay personnel and ministry expenses.
- b) Presbytery is responsible for raising the funds, but it may go about this however it sees fit. Most presbyteries use a combination of presbytery funds, donations from churches of the presbytery, and individuals who know and support the campus minister.
- c) Presbyteries may interview and select a campus minister from among those men who have passed RUF assessment. Or they may select a man and send him to assessment. Either way, passing assessment is an absolute requirement for an RUF campus minister.
- d) Supervision is done jointly by RUF and presbytery. RUF supervises through quarterly reports and visits by an Area Coordinator. Presbytery supervises through an RUF committee. Both should be concerned for the minister's personal life and professional performance – but presbytery is better suited to evaluating his personal life, and RUF is better suited to evaluating his professional performance.