

FRANCIS MARION WESLEY FOUNDATION

The Wesley Foundation at Francis Marion continues to grow and strengthen as our ministry to students increases. In 2006, we made contact with over 200 students. We have a total over sixty students involved in the campus ministry with an average attendance last semester of 41 at our main weekly worship celebration. Less quantifiable, but still indicative of growth, our student leadership continues to flourish, take initiative and even leadership roles on the Conference level through the South Carolina United Methodist Student Movement. At present, the Wesley Foundation is the fastest growing campus ministry group at Francis Marion University.

Here are a few of the activities we participated in over the past year:

- Students traveled to several different churches to share what God is doing in our campus ministry
- Several local mission projects including painting and making repairs on homes in our community
- Participated in a New Orleans Mission trip (formerly Sea Islands Mission) with other Wesley Foundations from around the state.
- Launched our Wesley Foundation quarterly newsletter, which is sent to 400 addresses.
- Co-sponsored a campus-wide event with Baptist Collegiate Ministries to collect canned goods and raise awareness about homelessness—65 students slept in cardboard boxes in the middle of campus
- Brought renowned speaker Lauren Winner (Author of *Girl Meets God* and *Real Sex: The Naked Truth about Chastity*) to Francis Marion for a campus-wide event.
- Used and lived into the theme, *The Next Level*, for our spring 2006 semester—in an effort to take our faith, service, commitment, discipleship and the Wesley Foundation as a whole to the next level.
- South Carolina United Methodist Student Movement retreats and convocations.
- Two new student-led, small group Bible studies
- Small fundraisers
- Invited guest speakers and preachers from churches in the Florence area.
- Many fun/fellowship outings

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