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To: Pastors, Lay Leaders, and Members of The South Carolina Annual Conference

Re: **STUDENTS IN MISSION** (a life-changing summer opportunity for young adults)

Over the past year our Church has been talking a lot about vitality, but you don't need me to tell you that no conversation about improving the strength of our congregations and Connection is complete without a consideration of how we are nurturing and providing spiritual growth opportunities for our young people. The current generation of college students wants to feel like they are making a tangible difference in the world around them. It is incumbent upon us as their pastors, teachers, family members, mentors, fellow congregants, and friends to not only provide such experiences, but to do so in ways that create opportunities for personal spiritual growth and the development of leadership skills.

For 41 years **Students in Mission** (SIM, formerly known as SIP) has engaged the young adults of our conference with transformative experiences, but we need your help in spreading the word about this amazing opportunity! **Since its beginning in 1972, the most important source of recruitment for Students in Mission has been pastors, youth ministers and those who are in ministry with young adults.** SIM will be placing students at a number of different sites throughout the state. The students will engage in cluster communities and reconnect meetings over the course of the Summer, giving them the opportunity to not only experience and live out the mission of the church but to also explore and contemplate their own vocation within a group of their peers.

SIM is highly selective because although it is an incredibly rewarding experience, it is also very challenging. If you have young adults in your congregation that are committed to their faith, are leaders, are exploring ministry, or would really benefit from a transformative experience such as this, please consider emailing them or printing out and mailing them the attached brochure and application. **The deadline for mailing or emailing the application and references is March 29th.**

Please let the students and young adults in your congregations know about this opportunity to serve, stretch in their relationship with God, and overall have an amazing and transformative summer. **Please note that they must have graduated from high school and have**

completed at least one year beyond high school by May 2013.

Thank you for your support and participation in this highly rewarding ministry. If you or your students have any questions about this opportunity please call me at 803-327-5640 (O), 843-601-3724 (C), or email me at winthropwesley@gmail.com.

Grace and Peace,

Ricky Howell