

## THE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAMPUS MINISTRY

*“With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.”*

*- UM Baptism Covenant*

Remember when you left your parents’ house for the first time? The excitement, the home sickness, the mix of emotions and you needed a safe place, a home away from home where you could be yourself. That’s what we seek to do in campus ministry. Your campus ministries provide a haven when students need a break, when they need someone to talk to, and when they are wrestling with life’s big questions – vocation, interpersonal relationships, with their very identity.

Isn’t it great to participate in a baptism? Whether you’re the family, the pastor, or the congregation, it’s truly special to invite someone to be a part of the family of God. You know these same students are the ones with whom you covenanted when they were baptized. It’s a blessing when the campus ministry meets a young adult that has yet to meet Jesus. Both of these students need the support of a faith community, people who walk alongside them through those sometimes-tumultuous college and grad school years.

We need your help! Can you spread the word in your own congregations that there are places to plug in while students are in college? Church doesn’t drop them in High School graduation and then pick them up when they have kids. We need to be there especially during these years of transition in young adulthood. I heard one person at Revolution ask one of the campus ministers if there was a Wesley at the school she was going to. Thankfully, there was.

You already give to campus ministry through your apportionments! Thank you for giving them! We greatly need extra support over the coming years. If you have a campus ministry in your area or district or want to support all of them, we need it. We also need your prayers - for our students and fruitfulness in our ministries. We want to create spaces for students to grow, interact, learn, and flourish. Will you help us?

All of God’s Blessings,

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