

**CONFERENCE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAMPUS MINISTRY**

This has been an interesting year as we have made progress in some areas, yet have been stymied in accomplishing some of our goals. Our goals from last year were carried through, but with much different results.

1. *To compile and maintain a list of college students from our conference to ensure connection with the local Wesley Foundation or United Methodist Church.* In 2012 we were aided by the Charge Conference reports that required each church to submit a list of college students, where they were attending, their addresses, and a way to contact them while on campus. However, although the discipline still requires such reports to be submitted to the charge conference and to the Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry, the report was purposely omitted from the Charge conference forms distributed by the District Superintendents, and thus the information was not gathered. The rationale that was given was that by the time the Charge Conferences are held and the reports compiled, the students are well into the semester and have passed the 48 hour window that was discussed at Annual Conference last year. With that in mind, it was suggested the push for names comes earlier, around the time of Annual Conference and not Charge Conference (while the report should still be included in the Charge Conference report as per the Discipline). So while we were not able to compile a new list, it is our hope that we will accomplish it in the next year, by starting before Annual Conference.
2. *To compile a list of Churches within our Annual Conference who support higher education by giving scholarships.* We continue to promote this internally, yet have not done an adequate job of getting this request or clarifying this for the Annual Conference. We hope to select a member of our Board as the point-person for this data, and then work to help each church celebrate the way they contribute to Higher Education at next year's Annual Conference.
3. *To help Wesley Foundations in their ministry to students.* We have only received a few requests for help, most of those involving leadership events and transportation costs, but we continue to put the highest emphasis on making a difference while our students are at college, not simply getting them to college.
4. *To encourage local churches to engage with the colleges in their communities and to consider beginning a Holy Club, a Wesley Foundation, a Bible Study, or a College and Young Adult Group.* Several churches have already begun this practice and are making great headway. We were not able to connect with them to offer them any assistance, but remain open to possibilities, especially at the community college level.
5. *To provide resources to local churches as they maintain connection with their students who attend college.* We have sent our periodic announcements to churches, pastors and youth leaders informing them of ideas to help with their connections.

47 6. *To seek ways to support new campus ministry efforts.* No work was accomplished on  
48 this goal.  
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50 One of our major issues this year has to do with the rule changes by the General Board  
51 of Higher Education and Campus Ministry regarding the Merit Scholarship. We were not  
52 permitted to request applicants to submit their forms to our Annual Conference, but  
53 required to have all scholarship applicants fill out the generic form online at GBHEM.  
54 This prompted some confusion within the conference and anxiety regarding the award,  
55 as we no longer have the control and discretion we are accustomed to having.  
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57 This led as well as the desire to give more aid to students within our conference led us  
58 to create the Annual Conference Scholarship Resolution to be voted on during this  
59 session of Annual Conference. We hope to be able to have a more direct impact on the  
60 lives of students within our conference, recognizing that a large portion of our students  
61 do not leave the bounds of this conference and do not attend a United Methodist related  
62 College or University. Our resolution will allow us to encourage these students as well,  
63 and encourage participation in Wesley Foundations while at the college of their choice.  
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65 Our goals for 2014 will continue to be the same, believing we can make substantial  
66 progress on each of these, with the help of each church, each pastor and each youth/  
67 college minister. Together we can help shape the future of the Peninsula-Delaware  
68 Conference, not simply wait to see what it becomes.  
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71 Respectfully,  
72 Rev. Vaughan R Hayden, Chair  
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76 **BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY**  
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78 The Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry has had an exciting  
79 and eventful year in 2013-14. We started the conference year off by seeing 2 colleagues  
80 commissioned as provisional elders and 5 colleagues ordained as full elders.  
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82 We held a continuing education event for pastors who were moving appointments. This  
83 workshop is always beneficial to pastors whether this is their first move or they have moved  
84 ministry setting several times.  
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86 A training for all four district committees on ordained ministry was held in June, where a  
87 revised District Committee handbook was presented.  
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89 The Supervision committee has strived to work with all of our provisional candidates who  
90 have questions and concerns regarding the next stages of their interview process.  
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92 The Conference Relations Committee has been busy caring for our colleagues in transition  
93 through retirement and leaves of absence.

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95 The enlistment and recruitment team has been hard at work encouraging potential ministry  
96 leaders to wrestle with the call to ordained ministry in their lives. We were able to pay over  
97 \$58,000 of Ministerial Education funds to assist certified candidates working on their college  
98 and seminary degrees, local pastors attending course of study and candidates attending  
99 local pastor licensing school.

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101 This summer a long standing dream of many conference leaders is about to become a  
102 reality. We will have our first Local Pastor's Licensing School within the bounds of our  
103 Annual Conference. This will take place at Camp Pecometh during the last week of June.  
104 Many thanks to Dr. Shirlyn Brown for her vision, persistence and leadership in making this  
105 dream come true.

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107 In February and March, we interviewed 6 full elder candidates, 3 full deacon candidates, and  
108 3 provisional elder candidates.

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110 I have participated all year in the meetings and activities of the North East Jurisdiction  
111 Board of Ordained Ministry where we wrestle with denominational issues concerning  
112 ministry leadership and seek to make our processes more streamlined and effective.

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114 I am grateful for this Board full of gifted and caring individuals who serve our conference  
115 through countless hours of reading papers, interviewing, mentoring, shepherding and  
116 holding leaders accountable. It is a job with work behind the scenes but very important  
117 work within the life of our Annual Conference. I am grateful to our Executive Board and our  
118 officers for rolling up their sleeves and tackling the hard work. I also give thanks and praise  
119 to our Cabinet and Bishop Johnson for their assistance, prayers and mentoring.

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122 Submitted by:  
123 Rob Townsend, Chairperson

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127 **WESLEY COLLEGE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**

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129 Greetings from Wesley College! In my second year as campus minister at Wesley, we  
130 continue to see growth in our campus community in regards to Spiritual Life. I am excited  
131 about the work that is taking place here on campus and the teamwork that is taking place  
132 between our campus ministry groups. As a part time campus minister, I believe that the  
133 most effective way to do my job is to empower students, faculty, and staff to create the  
134 kind of spiritual environment where members of our community can experience the  
135 transformational love and grace of Jesus Christ!

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137 This year we have worked on developing a Spiritual Life Board on campus. This board is  
138 made up of students from our various faith based student organizations. This has become of  
139 time of strategic planning, communication, and encouragement. As we continue to meet, I  
140 expect that great things will come out of this group for our campus community.

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142 We continue to offer monthly Praise Nights that are sponsored by my office. As before, they  
143 have featured local pastors and worship leaders, including the Wesley College Gospel Choir.  
144 What has been different this year is the lead role that our students are taking in planning  
145 and leading these services. We continue to average around 50 students for these evenings  
146 and are already planning what next year might look like.

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148 Over Spring Break, we had our first mission trip since I took over as Campus Minister. After  
149 taking a weekend trip to Crisfield, MD last year for clean-up from Hurricane Sandy, I felt  
150 strongly about returning to the area to serve. Our students were greatly impacted by the  
151 stories they heard and by serving in the community. It's always a good sign when students  
152 ask, "When can we return?"

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154 One of the greatest joys that I had during the school year has been having students over to  
155 our house twice a month for Bible Study and dinner on Sunday nights. These times have  
156 given my wife and I the opportunity of getting to know our students better and to offer  
157 them a "home away from home" feel. We have had between 10-15 college students at our  
158 house for these studies. It is exciting to see our students jam around our dining room table  
159 as one family for the meal and discussion. Andrea and I use this time to model what a  
160 Christian marriage and families look like as well as encouraging them in their faith.

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162 We have three very active student organizations on campus: FCA, SWAT, and Impact. Each  
163 group has their own niche on campus and does great work. These groups are building up  
164 principled Christian leaders through one-on-one discipleship and student led Bible Studies.  
165 Students from these groups are active in serving on campus and in the Dover community.  
166 Some of our students have felt so strongly about mission work that they have served on a  
167 short-term mission trip that they found on their own during the course of the year.

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169 I have several goals for the upcoming year at Wesley.  
170 1. Continue developing our Praise Nights to give more students the opportunity to  
171 worship on campus and with their peers.  
172 2. Continue developing the Spiritual Life board so that it can set the pace in developing  
173 a dynamic spiritual community.  
174 3. Develop a Fall Retreat for students to explore and grow in their faith.  
175 4. Provide opportunities for leadership development through attending conferences  
176 aimed at College/University students (Passion, Urbana, CCO)  
177 5. Grow the number of students who participate in our Spring Break service  
178 opportunity.

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180 I continue to covet your prayers and support for my ministry and the community at Wesley.  
181 I look forward to the coming year and the opportunities to serve God together.  
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183 Great Things Await!  
184 Rev. Steven R. LaMotte, Campus Minister

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188 **CARE TEAM**

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190 The Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference CARE team continues to meet every 3 months  
191 to review completed trainings and to execute changes and updates. The CARE team  
192 convenes annually with the Bishop and Cabinet to remain connected to the needs of our  
193 conference. The CARE team has conducted three Sexual Ethics I trainings in 2013. We are  
194 planning Sexual Ethics II training in May and will hold two Sexual Ethics I trainings at “the  
195 Well” in October. The CARE team will hold our annual training day apart at Pecometh in May  
196 and will continue to minister to the needs involving sexual ethics misconduct and healing for  
197 the congregations within the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference.

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199 "Do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God."

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202 Submitted by:  
203 Cindy Koski, CARE Team Convener

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**WESLEY FOUNDATION CAMPUS MINISTRY**  
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210 During the 2013-2014 academic school year, we (The Methodist Student Association) were  
211 intentional about living out the mission of being “A campus community connecting to share  
212 the love of Jesus Christ.” Our connection was most vividly seen when we came together for  
213 Bible study, fellowship, community service, and worship.

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215 However, prior to the academic school year, we sought additional training. As a result,  
216 during the summer we were very busy attending training events and workshops. In June, I  
217 attended campus ministry training in Chicago and two of our students, Saida Dorsey and  
218 Madeline Porter, attended leadership training (Oasis) in Washington D.C.

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220 Late in the summer, we opened the school year by attending two on-campus Organization  
221 Fairs. The first fair was held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and the second fair was held on the 29<sup>th</sup>. At  
222 both events, we were able to pass out token giveaways, flyers, and answer questions. We  
223 received contact information from 32 students.

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225 Subsequently, we followed up with each student by inviting them to an official Kick-off  
226 Meeting, which was held on September 10<sup>th</sup>. During that time, we shared our mission  
227 statement and purpose. Also, we had great fellowship and discussed the most convenient  
228 times for Bible study and community service. Rev. Alice Johnson Ervin (Wesley Foundation

229 at DSU Chair) was in attendance as well, to offer our students support and to extend an  
230 official welcome.

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232 Our Bible studies were rich and engaging. The average attendance was between 14-16  
233 students per week. We met on Tuesdays at 7:00pm and on Thursdays at 7:00pm. I am  
234 also happy to report that we have finally secured a meeting space in the Education and  
235 Humanities Building. Now, we don't have the distractions of meeting in the lobby.

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237 During our time together we generally eat, share our daily experiences, and study the Word  
238 of God. The students were very open about their challenges and eager to share their joys.  
239 This type of forum, gave rise to Bible studies and dialogue on racism, dealing with  
240 problems, relationship building, dating, and real worship. Our small group discussions were  
241 well received and provoked a deeper desire for our students to apply biblical principles to  
242 their everyday life.

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244 At homecoming, Ariael Brooks Porter represented us as Miss Methodist Student Association.  
245 It was a very proud moment for us as we watched her wear a beautiful full length evening  
246 gown at the coronation. However, since the parade was cancelled, due to rain, we were  
247 unable to use our newly purchased car magnets. Nevertheless, we still have them for next  
248 year. Ariael, Miss MSA, also represented us with her praise dancing at the installation  
249 service of our Dover District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith.

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251 The Wesley Foundation was also very active in providing financial assistance during the  
252 year. By the grace of God and the generosity of our connection, we (Whatcoat UMC-Dover,  
253 Wesley UMC-Dover, Asbury UMC-Smyrna, and Centennial UMC-Smyrna) were able to help  
254 students suffering from financial hardship. Our first opportunity to offer benevolence was to  
255 two young ladies. Unfortunately, due to loss of employment, they had fallen on hard times  
256 which prevented them from paying their rent. As a result, they were on the verge of  
257 becoming homeless. If it had not been for the financial assistance of the Wesley  
258 Foundation, these bright and highly motivated students may have had to withdraw from  
259 school. The good news is that they received their assistance and are back on track pursuing  
260 their degrees.

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262 Shortly there-after, we were also approached by a transfer student in need of books that  
263 were not provided by his academic scholarship. Consequently, we responded by making  
264 arrangements to buy the young man's books for the entire semester. He too, is back on  
265 track and following his dreams. In addition, financial assistance was also given to MSA  
266 students attending the Young Adult Summit in Ocean City, MD.

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268 We have also been connecting students back to the local church. Each week, Centennial  
269 and Whatcoat (Dover) have been offering DSU students with an opportunity to have a  
270 worship experience off campus. Transportation is always made available.

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272 I would also like to give a personal thanks to Whatcoat UMC (Dover) for presenting our  
273 students with opportunities to serve the greater Dover community. Each week, students  
274 can go to Whatcoat (Monday through Thursday) to help where needed. Whether they are

275 working with the After School Tutoring Program, Soup Kitchen, Brown Bag, or Clothes  
276 Closet, the lesson of "giving back" is being learned. At the end of each semester, we  
277 celebrated their excellent work by having a fellowship dinner.

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279 The Wesley Foundation also provided workshops and events that were helpful in the  
280 development of professional and spiritual leadership. Drs. Berlin and Reba Hollingsworth  
281 educated our students on parliamentary procedures and Rev. Jamar Jackson gave a  
282 separate workshop entitled "Saved, Sex, and Single." Both workshops were well attended  
283 and well received.

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285 On April 4<sup>th</sup>, we traveled to see the play "Moses" at Sight and Sound in Lancaster, PA and  
286 were absolutely blow away by the production. The students were amazed by the story that  
287 they have read and studied since childhood. Following that event, on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, we  
288 traveled to Ocean City, MD for the Young Adult Summit. This was our second year  
289 attending and each year the students have used this opportunity to grow closer to God.  
290 Ariel Brooks Porter (Miss MSA and founder of I-Step) also brought her step team from DSU  
291 to participate.

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293 The 2013-2014 academic school year was a great success. The Wesley Foundation was able  
294 to support the efforts of the Methodist Student Association with the necessary resources to  
295 develop strong spiritual leaders. Please keep us in prayer as we continue to make disciples  
296 for the transformation of the world.

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299 Submitted by:  
300 Rev. Rudolph H. White, Jr., Director of Campus Ministry

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304 **WESLEY FOUNDATION CAMPUS MINISTRY**  
305 **SALISBURY UNIVERSITY**

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307 The Wesley Foundation at Salisbury University is a Christian fellowship campus ministry  
308 sponsored by the United Methodist Church and named for John Wesley, the founder of the  
309 Methodist movement. John Wesley believed that wherever people are in their understanding  
310 of faith, it is beneficial for them to meet together often in small groups and encourage each  
311 other along in their spiritual journey.

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313 Wesley Foundation students are provided an environment and atmosphere conducive to  
314 study as they explore their faith and have the opportunity to be spiritually connected as  
315 they transition into their formative stage of life. Additionally, they have worked diligently to  
316 make a connection with the local church.

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318 Wesley Foundation is a diverse campus ministry open to all, regardless of race, religious  
319 affiliation, or lack thereof. The foundation seeks to bring heart and mind together exploring  
320 every day issues of faith by reaching out to others through prayer, and compassionate

321 conversation. Wesley Foundation strives to meet together for weekly prayer, Bible Study,  
322 meetings, (including Student Executive Meetings each week); community and campus  
323 service projects; spring and fall retreats; fostering relationships through social events; and  
324 seeking opportunities as a group to develop leadership skills. Students also attend off  
325 campus worship services, community events, and activities sponsored by local churches.  
326 Student presence at Sunday Worship services are often dependent upon academic studies,  
327 involvement in other organizations, employment, or visiting with family on weekends.

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329 The Campus Minister and the Wesley Foundation students are the vessels of ministry being  
330 used by God to evangelize and bring new members to Wesley Foundation at Salisbury  
331 University. Students actively participate in recruiting other students to become a part of  
332 Wesley Foundation all throughout the semester but especially during Student Activities Fairs  
333 held in the fall and spring semesters. The Spring Student Activities Fair has been and  
334 continues to be a time when the smallest number of students is recruited. However, the fall  
335 2013 and spring 2014 recruitment effort landed a diverse group of students who have  
336 proven to be active and committed spiritual leaders. The recruitment process prompted the  
337 students and campus minister to organize a display table that would attract new students to  
338 the organization but to distribute needed resources to educate and keep students abreast of  
339 biblical materials that will enhance their spiritual development.

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341 In the fall of 2013 and spring of 2014, Bible Study topics discussed were: Anxiety, being  
342 calm; Humility; Unconditional Love; Spending quality time with God; The Gospel; Saved  
343 from to be saved to; Unshakeable faith; Christianity 101; Heart Conditions and Bad Fruit,  
344 Good Fruit. All topics were studied in depth (as time allowed) and students shared real life  
345 experiences that related to the Bible Study topic for that particular evening. Students  
346 continue to hear other ministerial leaders; which affords them the opportunity to be more  
347 ecumenical as a Christian fellowship. A Christian resource was purchased for the students  
348 titled, "Jesus Is – Find A New Way To be Human." The book is authored by Judah Smith.  
349 Consequently, the Campus Minister and students were invited as special guests to attend  
350 the 2013 and 2014 "National Day of Prayer." This event gave them even more exposure to  
351 ecumenicalism.

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353 Since the past Annual Conference Year, students have participated in "The Big Event" and  
354 the "I Love Salisbury" event which are volunteer events where campus organizations travel  
355 to areas around Salisbury and assist residents with small clean-up efforts. Students also  
356 participated for the first time in a "Canned Food Drive." The Wesley Foundation students  
357 and campus minister planned and implemented a workshop titled "Relationship Exposure."  
358 This workshop was held in November 2013 and gave students a foundation on which to  
359 build personal and professional relationships. Further, in December 2013, the students  
360 ended the semester by giving back to the community. They hosting an "Adopt-A-Family"  
361 project housed in the HALO Christian Shelter. Gifts were purchased and given to a particular  
362 family that may not have gifts during the Christmas season. Students enjoyed attending  
363 "The Young Adult Summit" held April 11-12, 2014 in Ocean City sponsored by The Vision  
364 Team, and Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century. Additionally, as a Fall  
365 Retreat opportunity, students attended the Sight & Sound Theatre to see the Gospel of  
366 Jesus come to life in the production of "Noah."



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368 Future Wesley Foundation goals for Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 are the planning and  
369 implementing of a "Take Control of Your Finances Workshop" and "Are You Called to  
370 Ministry Night; A Revival" and in order to collaborate with the local church that is being  
371 served by the campus minister, the fifth Sunday in March has been declared "Wesley  
372 Foundation Day." A Prayer Breakfast and worship service was held. The speaker for the  
373 Prayer Breakfast was a WBOC Reporter and the former president of Wesley Foundation  
374 delivered the message at the morning worship service.

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376 As mentioned earlier in this document, Wesley Foundation has a phenomenal Student  
377 Executive Board who has a deep passion for Christ and the work of transfiguration. The  
378 Student Executive Committee includes a President, Vice President, Public Relations  
379 Coordinator and a Hospitality Coordinator. All positions function in consultation with the  
380 Campus Minister/Executive Director. There continues to be a strong leadership presence in  
381 Wesley Foundation at Salisbury University. To God Be the Glory!

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383 The primary goal of Wesley Foundation continues to be: To promote and establish the  
384 spiritual development of students as they maintain a relationship with Jesus Christ. Wesley  
385 Foundation will continue to witness and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ on and off  
386 campus. As you have read, this organization is in the habit of exploring other opportunities  
387 for ministry. Additionally, Wesley Foundation at Salisbury University welcomes the  
388 opportunity to receive referrals from United Methodist congregations and other  
389 denominations as well.

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391 Wesley Foundation at Salisbury University continues to be a member of the United  
392 Methodist Campus Ministry Association (UMCMA). Find us on Face book, (SU Wesley);  
393 Website, (suwesleyfoundation@gmail.com); Twitter, @SUWESLEY; and Blog,  
394 suwesleyfoundatio.blogspot.com. The campus minister may be contacted via e-mail,  
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397 **The Wesley Foundation adopted Scripture is:** Proverbs 3:1-6 "My child, never forget  
398 the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart. If you do this, you will  
399 live many years, and your life will be satisfying. Never let loyalty and kindness leave  
400 you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Then  
401 you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation. Trust in  
402 the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all  
403 you do, and he will show you which path to take." (NLT)

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**WESLEY FOUNDATION CAMPUS MINISTRY**  
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The Wesley Foundation at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore found itself under new leadership as the Rev. Darlene Dixon, pastor of Metropolitan UMC, was appointed to serve as Director of Strengthening the Black Church and Congregational Development for the Peninsula-Delaware Conference. Rev. Ronald Bell, Sr. was appointed senior pastor and Rev. Ervin Wallace, Jr. was appointed as assistant to the pastor at Metropolitan UMC and the Wesley Foundation at UMES.

Our initial goal was to meet with the Wesley Foundation Board of Directors (BOD), and develop a ministry plan to evangelize incoming students and their families for the fall semester. With the help of the BOD and personnel from the Student Affairs & Enrollment Office, the Wesley Foundation was able to participate in UMES' First Look. First Look is an outdoor event which involves all student organizations. This event allows organizations to recruit new members and explain their mission and purpose to new students. Twenty-four students signed up at the Wesley Foundation table at this event.

At our second BOD meeting, which was held in the UMES Chapel, we invited those students who had signed up at First Look to come and meet the Wesley Foundation BOD. Our discernment from that meeting was that we needed to take the vision of our ministry to the students. In other words, rather than the students coming to us, we should go to the students.

Out of this discernment the BOD, with the help of dorm directors, we identified three dorms to offer bible study and fellowship groups. We decided to focus on one dorm at a time, so for the fall semester Murphy Hall became the mission field of our ministry. Weekly bible study was held in the lobby of Murphy Hall. Attendance ranged anywhere from 15 to 40 students each evening. Through the Tuesday evening bible study, students were invited to Sunday morning worship at Metropolitan UMC, where anywhere from 15 to 30 students attended each week. Metropolitan church van picked up students from the dining hall each Sunday and returned them to campus following the morning service.

Students participated in the ministries of Metropolitan by ushering, reading scripture, performing praise dances, singing in the choir, cleaning the church, and collecting food to give to families during the Thanksgiving season. Students also participated in UMES and Metropolitan's 127<sup>th</sup> Founders Day Service where more than 200 of UMES students, faculty and staff attended along with President Juliet Bell. In October of 2013, UMES held Parent's Day and the students and their parents were invited to attend worship on Sunday morning to which many did attend.

**Goals**

The goals of the Wesley Foundation for 2014 and beyond the fall semester are rooted in the vision that ministry should be taken to the students. In order to foster spiritual wellbeing and wholeness on the UMES campus the Wesley Foundation will offer the following ministries to the campus community:

- 459 • Weekly Bible Study at University Terrace.
- 460 • Mission and Outreach Opportunities:
  - 461 ○ Involve students in community service opportunities. The first event in the
  - 462 spring will be partnering with UMES in an Alternative Spring Break project.
- 463 • Attend the Pen-Del Young Adult Rally.
- 464 • Provide Spiritual Formation Opportunities:
  - 465 ○ Develop a student prayer group on campus.
  - 466 ○ Develop a Facebook prayer group for students, staff, faculty, and support staff.
- 467 • Provide Worship Opportunities:
  - 468 ○ Provide transportation to and from Metropolitan UMC for worship and other
  - 469 ministry opportunities.
  - 470 ○ Invite student to share their gifts and talents by including them in the worship
  - 471 services as liturgists, ushers, choir members, helpers and etc.
- 472 • Maintain our United Methodist presence on the UMES Campus by participating in
- 473 commencements services and other activities on campus.

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476 Submitted by:

477 Ronald Bell, Sr., Pastor/Executive Director UMES Wesley Foundation  
478 Ervin Wallace, Jr., Assistant Pastor/UMES Campus Minister

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**WESLEY FOUNDATION CAMPUS MINISTRY**  
**UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE**

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**Goals for 2013**

- 486 1. to increase visibility of the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry on the U.D. campus  
487 through a variety of social events and programs to draw new students.
  - 488 • Handed out over 700 bottles of water during Freshman Move-In Day.
  - 489 • Served UDairy Ice-cream to over 300 people on Sunday afternoon of Move-In
  - 490 Weekend.
  - 491 • Promoted Wesley at both fall and spring Student Activity nights.
  - 492 • Wesley student officers attended all worship services at Newark throughout
  - 493 September wearing their gray "Wesley Polos".
  - 494 • Wesley Band members wore their T-shirts on 1 day of Band Camp to recruit people
  - 495 on the same day that the Campus Pastor (along with other religious leaders) gave
  - 496 out freeze pops to the band during band camp. It worked!
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- 498 2. to work with the URLO (University Religious Leaders Organization) and the RSO  
499 (Religious Student Organizations) groups to coordinate our efforts as people of faith.
  - 500 • Worked with other religious leaders to promote faith groups on campus during
  - 501 prospective student events. Including Freeze Pops to band camp, and offering Ashes
  - 502 to the UD campus community on Ash Wednesday.
  - 503 • Represented all of Protestantism in a panel discussion about faith and living on
  - 504 campus to residence assistants.

- 505 • Hosted Midnight Pancakes during Spring and Fall final exams at Newark U.M.C. with  
506 the other religious leaders.  
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- 508 3. to increase awareness of the Wesley Foundation Campus ministry with the churches of  
509 the Peninsula-Delaware Conference through newsletters, articles in conference  
510 Communicator, and promotional displays and presence at Annual Conference.  
511 • Have a table at Annual Conference.  
512 • Try to share articles after major events.  
513 • Communicate through quarterly letters to all churches in the Wilmington District.  
514 • Preached at 4 churches in the Pen Del conference in the month of July.  
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- 516 4. to assist in the transition from High School to College life by informing High School  
517 seniors and their youth directors of our ministry at the University of Delaware through  
518 having a presence at the Conference Youth rally.  
519 • Maintained our practice of including information about all campus ministries across  
520 the country.  
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- 522 5. to provide a variety of mission opportunities for students.  
523 • Went to Crisfield, MD with UMVIM to serve after Hurricane Sandy.  
524 • Worked with local Habitat for Humanity day, a local nursing home, Community Clean  
525 Ups, River Clean Ups, etc.  
526
- 527 6. to provide meaningful Bible Study opportunities for the students to explore and engage  
528 the word of God.  
529 • Undergrad Bible Studies on Wednesday and Thursday nights at 7pm finished The  
530 Acts of the Apostles.  
531 • Grad Group studied Proverbs, and Indispensable Relationships You Can't Be Without  
532 by Dr. Leonard Sweet.  
533
- 534 7. to provide opportunities for worship in various settings, and provide leadership  
535 opportunities in those various settings.  
536 • Wesley Sunday at Newark U.M.C. had 25 total students participate in various  
537 capacities from preaching, singing, reading, praying, and ushering.  
538 • Wesley students continue to participate in Worship at Newark U.M.C. as Lay  
539 Liturgists, choir members, and praise band members.  
540 • Monthly Re-Charge service that is student led.  
541 • Fall Retreat at Camp Pecometh where 18 students got to prayerfully ponder what "I  
542 am no longer my own, I am thine" means.  
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- 544 8. to provide a safe place where **all** students are welcome to share their faith journey with  
545 one another.  
546 • We continue to create an atmosphere where all feel safe and welcome, and willing to  
547 take necessary steps to protect that atmosphere.  
548
- 549 9. to grow the Wesley Foundation Grad Group in number and variety of learning  
550 opportunities, service opportunities, social events, and worship experiences.

- 551 • We see new faces each year.
- 552 • Grad Group of 8 meets for weekly Bible study on Monday or Tuesday nights.
- 553 • Grads are included in other Fellowship, Service, and Worship opportunities.
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- 555 10. to Expand the Board of Directors to include more pastors from the Peninsula Delaware
- 556 Conference, parents of students of the University of Delaware, and staff of the University
- 557 of Delaware in order to increase varying viewpoints and to better delegate the
- 558 responsibilities of fundraising and overseeing the ministry of the Wesley Foundation.
- 559 • We are inviting some more people to our board.
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- 561 11. Continue to us the Strategic Plan for the future of the Wesley Foundation at the
- 562 University of Delaware including short term and long term goals to address the needs
- 563 and wants of this growing ministry to the U.D. campus community.
- 564 • Our strategic plan has been developed and will continue to guide our decisions as to
- 565 how to best grow the financial support base so we can grow the ministry in order to
- 566 share the gospel of Jesus Christ with more students on campus.
- 567 • With the change to a full time Campus Pastor this year, we have adjusted our
- 568 strategic plan to better accommodate this new development.
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- 570 12. Encourage and support students to explore the call to ordained ministry and begin the
- 571 ordination process.
- 572 • There are 2 students/alumni who have begun the candidacy process, Scott Shamrock
- 573 and Kendrick Sullivan.
- 574 • The Board of Directors has created a structure in order to be a sponsoring body for
- 575 candidates in the ordination process.
- 576 • Attended Exploration 2013 with 1 UD student and the rest of the young adults from
- 577 around the conference to encourage them in their discernment of their calls.
- 578
- 579 13. Expand our fundraising efforts to find new people and churches to support this vital and
- 580 growing ministry.
- 581 • Mary Haggard did a "preaching tour" this summer at 4 churches in July throughout
- 582 the conference.
- 583 • Continue to look for new places to do "Wesley Sunday" and to speak to promote
- 584 Campus Ministry around the conference.
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586 **2012 Narrative**

587 ***Discipleship*** – We started the year off studying Rev. Adam Hamilton’s **Christianity and**  
588 **World Religions** with the Lutherans, Presbyterians, and Blue Hens for Christ, during the  
589 Winter Session. It was a great time of learning and discussion about how the similarities  
590 and differences between Christianity and other faiths around the world. We hope to  
591 maintain that spirit of growth along with the spirit of connection to each other and with our  
592 God by continued study of God’s word. Once the Spring Semester began, we continued our  
593 study of Acts of the Apostles. When summer started, we decided to focus on movies with  
594 theological themes, with a good mix of funny and deep. We continued with and finished  
595 Acts in the fall semester. It got a little dry during the "travel slides" portions, but amazing  
596 to see how much people did to spread the Gospel to such a hurting world. We continue to

597 average around 24 undergrad students, with a max of 35. We continue to provide two  
 598 nights of Bible Study in order to stay in the Wesley Lounge and keep a more intimate feel.  
 599 Our Grad. Group continues to meet weekly throughout the year and is shifting more into a  
 600 Young Adult group. We had our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fall Retreat focusing on the Wesleyan Covenant  
 601 Prayer at Camp Pecometh and delved into what it means to live with the attitude of "I am  
 602 not my own, I am thine". Sunday Fellowships are now drawing 25+ students that continue  
 603 to be fed by different "brunch angels." Because of the numbers, we try to use Memorial  
 604 Lounge for our Fellowship time on Sunday mornings.

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 606 **Worship** – We have some students who attend the liturgical services, but most worship in  
 607 the SonSpirit service. There are 2 students in the praise band; and a couple in the choir  
 608 too. The people of Newark UMC continue to be on the hunt for college students and help  
 609 new ones find their way to the Wesley Lounge to be included. Wesley students continue to  
 610 lead in worship as liturgists. Wesley Sunday was a great success involving 22 students who  
 611 conducted all 4 services with a full choir, wind ensemble, and praise band of students. We  
 612 hope to have the opportunity to repeat the service for other churches throughout the  
 613 conference. Let us know if you would like to have a Wesley Worship service at your church.

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 615 **Social and Outreach Activities** – We never run out of ways to have a good time. Our  
 616 social events like apple picking, games on the Green, a Halloween Party, Pinterest Party,  
 617 and End of Semester Movie Night remind students that they can have fun without alcohol  
 618 being involved. They vary in attendance from 8 to 25, but are always greatly appreciated.  
 619 Our End of Semester Movie Night and exam survival bags continue to attract a large group  
 620 each year. We hope that our participation at the Youth Rally will allow students to connect  
 621 with a campus ministry wherever they go to college, and remind youth leaders that campus  
 622 ministry should be the next logical step in their youth's faith journey.

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 624 **Missions** – We continue to find ways to serve in our local community each year, whether  
 625 it's supporting a worthy cause, or helping those in need through community clean ups and  
 626 visiting a local nursing home. This past year a group of 26 headed to Crisfield, MD to help  
 627 with Hurricane Sandy Relief. We fixed walls, cleaned a donated church building that will  
 628 become housing for future teams, fixed flooring, drudged out old insulation, and spent a lot  
 629 of time underneath buildings. For 2014 we are heading down to Aurora, NC to help with  
 630 Hurricane relief (the storms before hurricane Sandy).

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 632 **Pastoral Role** – As the Campus Pastor, the students and campus community are my  
 633 congregation. I participate and assist in leadership in the University Religious Leaders  
 634 Organization. I am "Mary the Methodist" when promoting campus ministry for official U. D.  
 635 events. Requests for counseling from students and parents continue to increase. These  
 636 students are dealing with a great number of issues. I have helped students address issues  
 637 with family, depression, alcohol, sexual boundaries, break ups, time management, and self-  
 638 esteem. Basically, all stresses that come from maturing, and becoming a Christian adult. I  
 639 have also had the privilege to participate in some Wesley weddings this summer. We have  
 640 other Wesley weddings to look forward to in the next couple of years as well.

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642 **Renewing our Foundation** – Newark UMC continues to graciously house us, and have  
643 been renovating the building, including a new heating system for the front sections of the  
644 building. This affected the Wesley Lounge, and so for the first 6 weeks of the fall semester,  
645 we had our activities in Memorial Lounge when we could not maintain our level of activity  
646 even if we were not in our own space. We are back in the Wesley Lounge, and have been  
647 able to update with our own SINK! Woo hoo! Also, the Executive Director’s office has a  
648 new floor and new paint! Come check it out!

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650 **To Sum up** – We continue the attitude of always being open for one more, and being a well  
651 watched flock of believers. We hope and pray that this Christ centered spirit of the group  
652 continues to attract new students to experience God’s love and grace in the midst of a great  
653 group of people. Each year brings a new crop of students who want to grow in their faith  
654 and love of God.

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658 through a variety of social events and programs to draw new students.
- 659 2. to work with the URLO (University Religious Leaders Organization) and the RSO  
660 (Religious Student Organizations) groups to coordinate our efforts as people of faith.
- 661 3. to increase awareness of the Wesley Foundation Campus ministry with the churches of  
662 the Peninsula-Delaware Conference through newsletters, articles in conference  
663 Communicator, Preaching opportunities, and promotional displays and presence at  
664 Annual Conference.
- 665 4. to assist in the transition from High School to College life by informing High School  
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