

## **What the Local Church Can Do to Support Campus Ministry\***

### **Prepare Your High School Students**

- As high school students begin to think about and prepare for college, invite one of the Virginia Conference campus ministers to talk to them – and schedule a follow-up visit to one of their programs.
- Provide information about United Methodist Scholarships and Loans:  
<http://www.gbhem.org/loans-and-scholarships>
- When they leave for college, share their names with our conference - this will enable the campus minister at their college to contact them and invite them to participate:  
<http://vaumc.org/CollegeInfo>
- While students are away at college, keep in touch. Add them to the mailing or email list for the church newsletter, pray for them regularly, send cards and care packages for semester final exams, and welcome them home at winter and summer breaks.
- Host special gatherings over Christmas break for returning students, invite students to participate in spring break mission experiences, and offer Bible studies and fellowship opportunities through the summer for those who are home.

### **Support Your District Campus Ministry**

- Campus ministries need your prayers, financial support and gifts of service or meals.
- Campus ministry operating budgets are financially dependent on voluntary contributions from churches, church groups and individuals.
- Include your district campus ministry in your church budget.
- Provide annual gifts from church groups (UMM, UMW, Sunday School Classes).
- Volunteer to serve on a campus ministry board or committee.
- Volunteer to serve a program meal or snacks for campus wide share the love events.
- Invite campus ministers and students to participate in worship, lead or participate in special seminars or programs.

### **Educate Your Church**

Provide information about the Black College Fund, African University, and special offerings such as United Methodist Student Day (Nov) and Native American Ministries Sunday (Apr).

#### Web Links:

UMC VA Annual Conference Higher Education and Campus Ministries

<https://vaumc.org/board-of-higher-education-and-campus-ministries/>

Campus Ministers and Chaplains

<https://vaumc.org/campus-ministers-and-chaplains/>

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