

Oklahoma Annual Conference

Annual Conference Council

Campus Ministry

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Standing Committee on Campus Ministry leads, empowers, nurtures and advocates for healthy United Methodist related campus ministry. A primary focus of this year is the development of a strategic plan for the current and future of campus ministry in the Oklahoma Annual Conference. In this plan is a vision statement which we hope will catch the heart and hopes of the entire Annual Conference.

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This strategic plan leads this committee and we hope represents our Oklahoma Annual Conference. Though it appears here as a finished document, we understand this to be in process and subject to the changing scene on our campuses, our world and in our church.

Our 16 campus ministries are locations where students are challenged to commit boldly to Jesus Christ within our United Methodist Church and are characterized by intellectual excellence, moral and spiritual courage, and holiness of heart and life.

A growing United Methodist Student Movement is building within our Annual Conference and nationally. Oklahoma college students are prominent leaders nationally and across the state.

Student intern peer ministers are reaching out to engage and include students at many of our campuses. Campus ministers are offering worship, Bible studies, mission opportunities, and Christian identity formation in each Oklahoma United Methodist Campus Ministry site. Aging campus ministry buildings and furnishings, competitive salaries and support services, and reaching out to campuses not served by our campus ministries are among the current concerns and challenges for our committee. At the same time we celebrate the devotion and generosity of clergy, lay, student, faculty, alumni, family, and friends that keep the doors open and vital to each new generation of students.

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A STRATEGIC PLAN TO GUIDE THE WORK OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS MINISTRY (SCCM)

MISSION STATEMENT:

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Strategy One (S1):

The SCCM facilitates the equipping and training of local campus ministry boards and campus ministers.

- S1 Goal One: The SCCM facilitates the equipping and training of campus ministers to insure both effectiveness and a balanced and comprehensive ministry plan.
- S1 Goal Two: The SCCM equips and trains local campus ministry boards for effective support and for leadership of campus ministry.

Strategy Two (S2):

The SCCM will foster a clear communication and advocacy plan among all Conference entities – churches,

Conference leadership, campus ministries, camps, Annual Conference, etc.

Strategy Three (S3):

The SCCM advocates, creates, and maintains adequate and adventurous funding for campus ministry.

- S3 Goal One: The SCCM seeks to increase the Bishop’s Endowment for campus ministry.
- S3 Goal Two: The SCCM prepares the annual SCCM budget and apportionment request for campus ministry.
- S3 Goal Three: The SCCM performs a comprehensive analysis and recommendations of facility needs, both existing and new, and shares needs and recommendations with appropriate parties.
- S3 Goal Four: The SCCM empowers local boards for fund raising.
- S3 Goal Five: SCCM explores the establishment of an Annual Conference office of development for raising funds for several programs, including campus ministry.

Strategy Four (S4):

The SCCM develops and implements a fair and faithful system of mutual accountability of local boards and their ministry settings.

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- S4 Goal One: Gather detailed information and insights from local campus ministries.
- S4 Goal Two: Process the information from the visitation teams.
- S4 Goal Three: Publish and celebrate the information from the visitation teams.
- S4 Goal Four: Invite campus ministers to inform the SCCM of needs, ministry plans, and evidences of effective ministry.
- S4 Goal Five: The SCCM provides for evaluation and improvement of its own work.

Strategy Five (S5):

The SCCM helps to shape the outcomes and expectations that characterize healthy UM-related campus ministry.

- S5 Goal One: The SCCM explores and identifies characteristics of healthy campus ministry and also partners with campus ministries to help them develop the capacity to define what “healthy campus ministry” means in their setting. Marks of healthy campus ministry include the following:
 1. Healthy UM campus ministries “Make Disciples, Change Lives, Create Leaders.”
 2. Healthy UM campus ministries promote understanding of UM heritage and identity.
 3. Healthy UM campus ministries foster loyal, faithful UM congregants.
 4. Healthy UM campus ministries teach, give access to, and promote awareness of the *Social Principles* of the UMC.
 5. Healthy UM campus ministries develop and operate with a strategic plan. (Train boards and campus ministers on strategic planning with boards and in campus ministry settings.)
 6. Healthy UM campus ministries celebrate and promote the relevance, identity, and voice of the UMC for campus communities and beyond.
 7. Healthy UM campus ministries help students explore faith-based options to life issues.
 8. Healthy UM campus ministries increase the number of students, faculty/staff, and graduates who are and who become active, growing disciples

and leaders in the life and ministry of the UMC, its congregations, and beyond.

9. Healthy UM campus ministries receive students (freshmen and others) at their faith level and intentionally provide ways or programs that can lead them to a more mature faith.

10. Help students connect with a local church both during their college years and after leaving the campus.

- S5 Goal Two: Communicate the marks to campus ministry and all related entities and leaders.
- S5 Goal Three: Facilitate self-assessment by each campus ministry concerning these marks

Strategy Six (S6):

The SCCM extends the reach of campus ministry to all students and campuses.

- S6 Goal One: The SCCM recruits, trains, and equips local churches to engage in ministry on/to campuses that have no United Methodist campus ministry.
- S6 Goal Two: Seek adequate funding for new ministries. (See funding Strategy Three)
- S6 Goal Three: Make recommendations to the Conference concerning the establishment of new Wesley Foundations (*2004 Discipline*)
- S6 Goal Four: Establish branch or satellite campus ministry from existing ministry.
- S6 Goal Five: Move to multiple staff as needed.
- S6 Goal Six: Develop United Methodist Student Movement, UMSM in Oklahoma, relating students not now served to UMSM.
- S6 Goal Seven: Review viability of existing ministries.

Strategy Seven (S7)

The SCCM advocates to the bishop and cabinet for the best possible appointments according to the *Book of Discipline*, with due consideration of gifts and calling.

- S7 Goal One: Promote open search within and outside the Conference for best possible appointments.
- S7 Goal Two: Increase compensation level to facilitate best appointments.

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