



The United Methodist Church

Indiana Area

Indiana Conference

Dear Pastors and Congregation Leaders:

The 2010 Annual Conference voted to continue a conference-wide offering to support our campus ministries around the state. Congregations can collect the offering any Sunday in February, and on behalf of the Indiana Annual Conference, our campus ministers, and the students on campus today that will be our church and community leaders tomorrow, I'm asking your congregation to join in collecting this offering.

As the new Indiana Conference has become a living reality, we've undergone a shift in how we support and connect to ministries outside of the local church. We've recognized that our very best ministry, our most fruitful efforts, come when our local churches are passionate and connected to the missions they support. As direct funding to our campus ministries through the conference has now ended, our current UMC-affiliated campus ministries rely on local church support and this special offering, and we are hoping that every congregation in the Annual Conference will participate.

This request, however, is about more than a one-time offering. Campus ministry is a vital mission field for our local churches. We have ministries today serving eleven college campuses that are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and these are *your* ministries. They exist with your support, not just financially, but in your prayers, in connecting your graduating seniors to these ministries, and in recognizing the vital contributions these ministries are making in our campus communities.

Today we are asking our congregations to invest not just in our college students currently on campus but in the future of our church. We hope that you both will support the February offering and, perhaps more importantly, will invest in ongoing relationships with our campus ministries. For more information on campus ministry in Indiana, visit www.inumc.org/campusministry, or call and talk to one of our outstanding campus ministers. On behalf of the students and campus communities who are shaped and formed by our vital campus ministries, I thank you.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Michael J. Coyner

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Please send your Campus Ministries Offering to the Conference Treasurer at:

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