

SHARING OUT



The way United Methodists share in ministry with those beyond themselves.

ap·por·tion·ment (n) *Sharing out, distribution, allotment, allocation*

UNDERWRITING CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Where do our apportionments go? They underwrite ministries in West Ohio like:

\$336,062 for 17 West Ohio Campus Ministries at the following Ohio colleges and universities.

- Bowling Green State University
- Central State University
- Clark State Community College
- The Downtowners
- Hocking College
- Miami University
- Ohio State University (3)
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- Shawnee State University
- Sinclair Community College
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Toledo
- Wright State University

For more information about the campus ministries at these colleges & universities, visit www.westohioumc.org



Campus ministry at Central Avenue UMC in Athens, Ohio, means having over 250 Ohio University students in active ministry with the congregation.

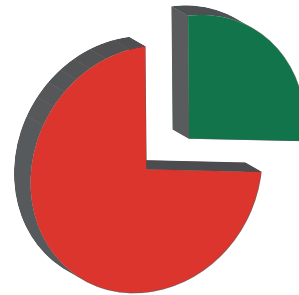
As Pastor Paul Risler explains, *"We don't have a 'special' college student ministry. The college students are a part of every aspect of who we are. They play active roles in everything. They are involved on boards, on staff, leading worship, leading small groups, involved in small groups, preaching, you name it."*

Part of why Central attracts students is that Central has created a culture of challenge and call. It happens through teaching and just hanging out there.



Where Does Your Apportionment \$1.00 Go?

73¢ stays in West Ohio, supporting the ministries of the local church, district and conference.



27¢ goes to the general church, supporting United Methodist ministries worldwide.

Apportioned funds enable United Methodists to do together what no church, district or annual conference could do alone.

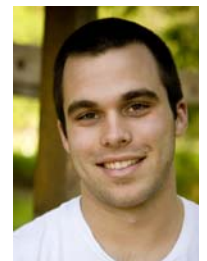
Pastor Risler shares the following story of two Ohio University students attending Central who are now pursuing a call to ministry:



Ian Strickland is an OU student who was attracted to Central Avenue and began attending church regularly. At a church "Talent Share," Ian sang one of the songs he wrote. I noticed his ease and engaging presence in front of people. At some point, Ian approached me and said that he was discerning a call to the ministry as a vocation. I prodded Ian about his interests and sense of call and started to see Ian's gifts. I began informally

mentoring Ian; he was hungry to discuss theology and understand the inner workings of the church. I asked him to give the announcements and then began giving him more and more opportunities. Ian applied for and was accepted as a 2008 Ministry Intern for the West Ohio Conference.

Dave Lyell served as a leader in our youth programs. He came into college knowing he would be an engineer and work for the family business. I knew at some point that Dave was wrestling with a call to the ministry. When the intern opportunity became available, I suggested that Dave consider applying. Dave also served as a West Ohio intern this past summer, and came out of the internship solid in his call to clergy as a vocation.



Both Ian and Dave plan to attend seminary. Central now has plans to start a satellite site where both Dave and Ian will serve and continue to acquire ministry experience, continuing the ministry empowered by Central Avenue United Methodist Church and West Ohio Conference apportionments.