

## HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAMPUS MINISTRIES

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**Description:** The Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry (BHECM) promotes the mission of the United Methodist Church to make disciples through our colleges and our campus ministries. Our work with college students represents a two-fold concern of the church: (1) to be faithful in risk-taking mission in the college and university campus mission field, and (2) to equip and empower future lay and clergy leadership for the local congregation. The first concern expresses commitment to our mission mandate; the second a wise investment of our resources.

Projects in any given year include assessment of campus ministries (in the fall) and the work of preparation and follow-up accompanying that. Managing the distribution and collection of assessment forms and communication with campus ministers is vital for a smooth assessment meeting. The BHECM also consults with ministries regarding capital projects as needed. The recent work of assessment and benchmarking of Wesley Foundation ministries and assessment of our Annual Conference's strategic approach to campus ministry will likely continue to present key issues facing the BHECM in the next quadrennium.

**Book of Discipline:** *BOD 634*

**Conference Rules:** 6 members (3 clergy, 3 laity) plus 2 student members, the Director of Center for Leadership Development, and a Wesley Foundation campus minister representative are ex officios. Others are enlisted to serve with ex officio status depending on expertise and need.

**Expectations:** Meets 4-6 times/year. Work on special issues/projects may dictate more frequent meetings of the board or of a task force. Relate with campus ministers with supportive oversight, yet with an appropriately critical eye to discern gaps and room for improvement. The BHECM assesses Wesley Foundation ministries for faithfulness and fruitfulness, sets salaries of campus ministers, and allocates conference apportionment funds for Wesley Foundations. The BHECM will be proactive in setting benchmarks for ministry growth and health, so members will be expected to be proactive students of the campus ministry context for ministry, balancing oversight responsibility with the need to learn from campus ministers about their ministry context.

Must have a passion for ministry to and with college students and for supporting campus ministry diligently, energetically, and creatively. Must be willing to visit a campus ministry each semester, one of which can be a board meeting for the Campus Ministry, and financially support Campus Ministry in the Texas Annual Conference (as is expected of all the board members of each Campus Ministry).