

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND STUDENT MINISTRY (BHESM)

A. Introductory Comments

As an agency of the Wisconsin Conference and the General Church (GBHEM), the mission of the Board of Higher Education and Student Ministry is to facilitate, nurture, support, and network with campus ministries, campus ministers, Wesley Foundations, United Methodist schools and local churches in order to support students in post-secondary education and to develop a new generation of Christians committed to faith.

B. Highlights and Accomplishments of the Past Year

- During the 2006 year, our Board used our apportioned dollars to grant eight campus ministries a total of \$94,000 including Green Bay, La Crosse, Madison, Menomonie, Milwaukee, Platteville, River Falls, and Whitewater.
- Financially, the Board continued our support of North Central College with \$15,000 and supported Wiley College with \$1,500.
- Financially supported six students to attend the Midwest Student Gathering.
- Financially supported the Shalom Zone with \$500 to help Milwaukee County minority youth have an opportunity to visit a variety of college campuses throughout the United States.
- The Board gathered with campus ministers for the purpose of networking, sharing ideas and talking about how the Board can best be of support to our campus ministries in Wisconsin.
- Sponsored the Lina McCord student at Annual Conference to interpret and promote the Black College Fund.
- Provided Molly Kral, Erika Krueger and Margaret Bresser, three active students in our Annual Conference, with \$700 scholarships to attend United Methodist-related colleges.
- Our Board's work in 2006 continued to be rewarding as it focused on communicating and relationship-building, while helping students connect with God and grow in their faith.

C. Plans for the Coming Year

- As our board meets with campus ministries we are encouraging them to find ways to introduce their campus ministry to the circuit(s) in their area. It is not our expectation that campus ministries would become circuit mission projects, but we are looking to build visibility and awareness of campus ministries that are part of each circuit in our Annual Conference.
- Our board will work to help campus ministries, with the support of local churches, circuits and the Conference, recognize and prepare students who have gifts for church leadership; either as clergy leaders or lay leaders.

Jenny Arneson, Chairperson