

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE

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A. Introductory Comments

As a comprehensive liberal arts college, related to the United Methodist Church, North Central is committed to effective teaching, small classes, and rigorous standards. The college is committed to an education program for the whole person — body, mind, and spirit — that has been part of the North Central College experience since the Evangelical Association founded the College 145 years ago.

1. Accountability

During 2006, North Central College received \$18,190.46 from the Wisconsin Conference. Fifteen United Methodist students from the Wisconsin Conference received \$221,867 in institutional scholarship and grant aid from the college.

2. Philosophy and Priorities

The mission of North Central College is to prepare students to become productive, principled, and involved leaders and citizens over a lifetime.

3. Highlights of the 2006 year at North Central College

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT ranked North Central among top Midwest colleges for 12th straight year and ranked the College as a “best value.” Online Princeton Review identified the College as one of “Best in the Midwest.” In the fall of 2006, the full-time degree seeking undergraduate enrollment was 2,000, with a total head count enrollment of 2,700.

B. Highlights in Ministry and Service

1. Campus Life and Spiritual Opportunities

As Chaplain Lynn Pries concluded his twelfth year and began his thirteenth full year in ministry to the North Central campus community. Ministry programs include: a weekday Chapel service, a weekly, contemporary worship, Friday evening concerts, a new group exploring faith and social justice, Bible studies, weekend retreats, the Gospel Choir, and the United Methodist Student Organization. Two hundred two people attended the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. prayer breakfast with guest speaker, Rev. Tracy Smith Malone '90. The 18th Annual Gospel Extravaganza attracted 400 persons.

2. Opening the Campus to the World

Service programs included twelve on-going projects involving five hundred students who volunteered more than six thousand hours and five spring break mission trips involved 55 students and to work and serve.

3. Developing Leaders for the Church

New Visions, our music ministry touring company, led worship celebrations in ten churches. The Summer New Visions Company, composed of five students, directed weeklong programs in four churches and led five weeks of camping programs. Five students brought Vacation Bible School programs to twelve local churches through the New Beginnings program. These teams provided weeklong programs for 1300 children and youth. Five students attended the 2006 United Methodist Student Forum at Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan. Three North Central

College graduates, class of 2006, enrolled in Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. One of the three NCC graduates to enroll in G-ETS is Ashley Barlow, a member of the Mequon UMC, Mequon, WI.

C. Relationship to the Conference

We affirm our affiliation with the Northern Illinois Conference and request continued support by sending us your students and financial support for scholarship aid.

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