

## Campus Pastor's Report – May 19, 2019

It is with deep gratitude that I offer UMC my thanks for supporting 3rd Way Collective for another school year! During our fifth year at Penn State we...

- collaborated or created 77 events and activities
- connected with more than 3000 community members
- collaborated with more than 20 organizations
- worked with more than a dozen local faith communities
- co-hosted 8 guest speakers

We continue to meet students who are stuck between choosing to hold on to their faith identity, or reject it and stand up for the justice causes they care most about. Our presence in their lives offers them a literal “third way” to navigate the world they live in. During this year I have also received an increased amount of affirmation for our community commitment, building bridges between the campus, community, and our congregation. A local faith leader recently remarked that we didn't used to collaborate as much before 3rd Way Collective began.

I couldn't do this work without you. Thanks for your love and ongoing support.

My 3-month sabbatical began on May 1st. During this time I will be resting and reflecting on our first five years of this unique campus ministry, and spending quality time with his family. I am also hoping to write regularly throughout these three months as a way to publicly process the experience. You can read my thoughts on the 3rd Way Collective website by visiting this link - <https://www.3rdwaycollective.org/category/sabbatical/>

Thank you for being a congregation that values its ministers in this way. I am grateful for your willingness to offer this time to me and my family.