## **UMC Campus Ministry Survey Report**

## Question 1 - Campus ministry should continue to be prioritized at UMC

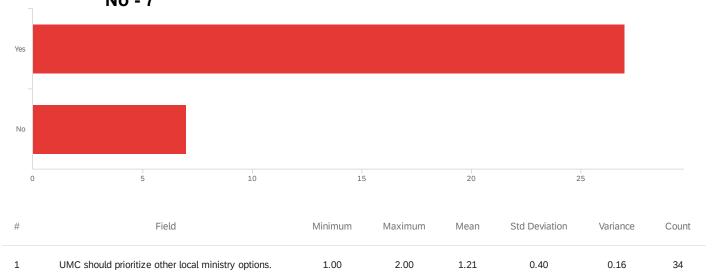


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1	Yes	50.00% 17
2	No	50.00% 17

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Question 2 - UMC should prioritize other local ministry options.

Yes - 27 No - 7



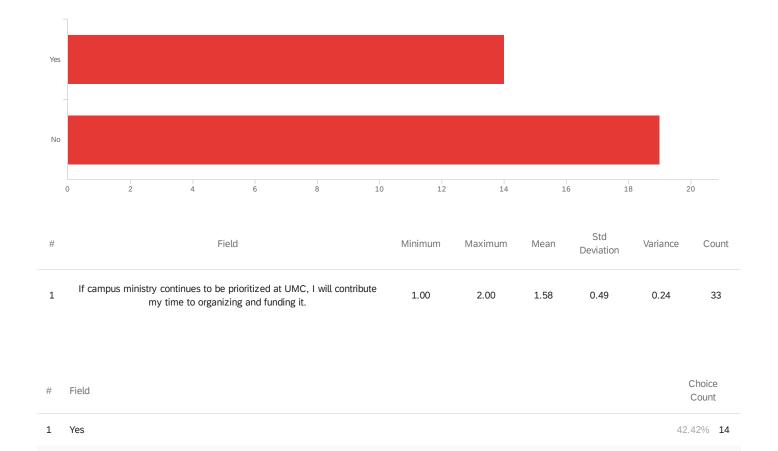
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1	Yes	79.41% <b>27</b>
2	No	20.59% <b>7</b>

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## Q3 - If campus ministry continues to be prioritized at UMC, I will contribute my time to organizing and funding it.

Yes - 14 No - 19

No



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57.58% 19

## Q4 - If you have additional comments, please offer them here.

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While I certainly appreciated the prophetic nature of the 3WC students' witness to our church last Sunday, I wonder if they're really interested in participating in the life of our church. I would hope that UMC's involvement in local ministries would enrich the life of our congregation on a more regular basis. I wonder if there are other ways we can meet needs in the community. I haven't contributed my time to 3WC because I see my calling now as spending time with my small children. This will not last forever, but I have decided to postpone involvement in a number of worthy forms of ministry for a couple more years.

As much as I admire and value Ben's work with 3WC, and though I have supported his ministry with prayer, I have not supported it financially or with my time - partly because of my desire to be present here in my community, and partly because we have chosen other organizations to support. My sense is that Ben's stepping down has provided us with a time to pause and consider where we are called as a congregation. It seems that 3WC has been carried by a relatively small group of people. Is there a ministry that more of us might gather around? Is there a way to make campus ministry more sustainable? - perhaps by being an Anabaptist resource to existing ministries or by reaching out to other supporters?

I think Ben has done great work, but I am not sure that this ministry is sustainable.

The best indicator of success for any enterprise or venture is the energy and passion that individuals bring to the task. I don't sense the energy and individual commitment at UMC for continuing the level of campus ministry programming that we have had with 3WC.

The local student population is a large community and a wonderful opportunity for a ministry. I would certainly be in favor of a campus ministry in a format that supports the doctrines of Christ's teachings and UMC.

I support campus ministry, but burnout is a serious problem. Also, if ben couldn't nake it work, who can? If we hire someone else, they should have a background in fundraising, or the board should separately hire a fundraiser.

I think we should take a break from the current program, rethink how we want to minister to students; focus more specifically on a specific group: anabaptists, for example: lots of Brethren and Menno kids on campus.

While I support having a campus ministry in some form, I have a fixed idea of what that should look like. Over the next few years, with work and travel, I will not have significant amounts of time to either be on a search committee or an advisory team.

The campus student ministry of our church should be more Christ centered, without losing the social justice implications.

While I believe UMC should continue to reach out to and seek to interact and engage Penn State students, I do not think we currently have the energy and commitment to maintain a campus ministry that involves supporting a full-time campus pastor. Given the decreasing student participation in many long-standing campus ministries I think we need to think long and hard about how any future UMC involvement in a formal campus ministry should be structured and supported.

I am really on the fence. While I support a student ministry, I believe the past level of funding is unsustainable and I don't like to see other local ministries suffer at the expense of the student ministry. I am willing to continue to fund the general church budget as I have been, but am not ready to provide additional support for the campus ministry.

I'm curious in helping a campus ministry move forward, depending on my next role. I'm also interested in other possibilities, such as UMC supporting another local campus ministry, or perhaps also a scaled-back version of 3WC.

I don't like the yes/no nature of these questions. If there are lots of people who say yes to number 3, then my answer to #1 changes. Also the way I answer #1 depends on the funding model and the ministry model. Third way became a community justice ministry, which was great, but not something that I think should be supported solely by UMC. The nature of this little box makes it impossible for me to reread my comments so excuse any typos or sentences that don't make sense!

I would like to see some sort of campus ministry continued, but more on par with our other local ministries in terms of time and money.

If you have additional comments, please offer them here.

Sharing of time and resources will depend on other church commitments.

I continue to believe that a peace-and-justice ministry is important at Penn State.

I will follow the lead of the congregation, but will commit with personal support if this is the route UMC chooses.

We are spending a lot of resources on 3rd Way but reaching a small population of students. Could the direction change to reach more students?

Could we join with other congregations to provide social justice and peace events for community-Friends, UBBC, Presbyterian? Ben poured above average energy and time into this "mission" without achieving expected outcomes. Perhaps UMC should reach out to current young attenders and families to provide needed services.

On a previous survey Interfaith Human Services was the top priority, not Student Ministry which came in second

I am not able to help organize anything since I am so far away but I certainly will help fund it as I am able.

Not sure about question # 2

I'm grateful for all of Ben's work and have no regrets about prioritizing 3WC over the past 5 years. We supported a young Mennonite pastor who touched the lives of many individuals in our community.

I do not have the history to accurately answer these questions with a simple YES or NO. However, it's been my experience that fearlessly ending one endeavor and listening for the guidance of the Spirit can lead to new and meaningful ministries that may have been overlooked.

I really appreciate Ben's ministry but our finances and my health preclude additional involvement.