Section 1:
Campus Ministry Profile

Name of Ministry: Wesley Foundation at the University of Miami (also: UM Wesley)

Campuses Served: University of Miami

Total Number of Student Actively Involved in the Campus Ministry: about 100 students participate in at least one of our ministries at least once a month

Campus Minister/Director: Beth Bostrom

Physical Address of Ministry: 1210 Stanford Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146

Ministry Website: www.umwesley.org

Facebook Group and/or Page: UM Wesley

Ministry Twitter: @WesleyAtUMiami

Ministry Blog:

Other media:

Ministry Email: info@umwesley.org

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Section 2: Campus Profile

Please complete the information below for each campus served

Name of College or University: University of Miami

List the estimated numbers for the following categories for the college/university:

a. Total Enrollment: _____16,172_
   b. Living on-campus: _____4100__
   c. Undergrads: _____10,590___
   d. Grad Students: _____5582___
   e. International Students: _____2596___

How you are officially connected to the campus? Describe connections you have with Student Affairs, Student Governments/Organizations, Counseling Centers, or other campus offices, departments, services, or organizations.

At UM, religious life professionals are members of the University Chaplains Association (UCA). This means a couple of things. First, when I started at UM, I was presented to, voted upon, and approved by the Chaplains Association. The Chaplains Association reports to the Dean of Students within the Division of Student Affairs, and is seen as a kind of religious gatekeeper for the University. Anyone coming onto campus to work with students in a religious capacity must be approved by the Chaplains Association, which creates a chain of accountability not just on the denominational side but also within the University.

The second implication of being a part of the Chaplains Association is that I am a Full Chaplain on campus, recognized as a courtesy employee of the University. Last year and the year before, I was the Chair of the Chaplains Association and an official member of the Dean of Students staff. The Chair attends weekly Dean of Students staff meetings, monthly Student Affairs Department Head meetings, as well as retreats for both the Dean of Students Office and Student Affairs. This year I am Vice Chair, so I have semi-official, courtesy status, and attend those meetings when the Chair is unavailable.

As a member of the Chaplains Association, Wesley is part of the Religious Life Department under the Dean of Students Office. UM Wesley is not a registered student organization, which has been the case since before I arrived four years ago. Thus, we do not fall under Student Government. My understanding is that the group has been a registered student organization off and on through the years, but there are few enough privileges to it that we do not miss them. As a department, we have access to everything we have needed in terms of reservations on campus, collaboration, activity fairs, etc.

The Counseling Center has a liaison (the director at this point) who attends Chaplains Association meetings, which helps facilitate referrals for individual students, collegiality, and partnerships for larger occasions.
What unique mission opportunities exist on-campus?

UM is situated in Miami, a city known internationally for its party scene. Thus, students often get caught up in the flashiness of the environment, and participate in local music or cultural festivals that emphasize fun via substances, so alternative programming is a major opportunity. We take that opportunity and responsibility seriously, and offer safe but fun and exciting social interaction through our weekly CoffeeHouse (with live music) and our monthly Mystery Adventures. We also take every opportunity to help students wrestle with how to make good choices and live out what they believe.

Also, Miami is an extremely diverse city and campus, so we are able to experience and enjoy many cultures easily. For example, one worship dinner might be Puerto Rican food cooked by Puerto Rican students, while another week we may have Haitian food or chili or Cuban mojo pork. Little opportunities like these, along with so many festivals, neighborhoods, and cultural events around the city, help us appreciate the diverse beauty of the Kingdom of God.

A beautiful opportunity for missions is that 1st UMC of South Miami is directly adjacent to campus, which allows us to easily serve in their community meal on Wednesday nights, serving dinner to people who are homeless, have disabilities, are elderly, or have limited incomes. We also have several students who regularly tutor inner city children at the location of the Branches afterschool program that is located at that church. This summer, two of our students served as interns at the Branches in South Miami, and one of them has stayed on as part time staff for this school year.

What significant roadblocks have you encountered on-campus?

No major official roadblocks stand out. However, it is difficult to get students to commit to things like trips or events. In a city like Miami and on UM’s campus there is always something else going on, so students resist committing so they don’t miss (what they may perceive as) something better.

Section 3:
Staff Profiles

Campus Minister/Director:
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Mobile Phone: 803-287-1902
Education (undergraduate/graduate degrees):
- B.A. English, Greensboro College
- MDiv, Candler School of Theology, Emory University
Years served in present ministry: 3
Years served in collegiate ministry: 5
Years served in any professional ministry position: 9
(3 as commissioned clergy, 2 prior as Pediatric Chaplain Resident, 1 as Interim Campus minister, 1 as Campus Ministry Intern, 2 as US-2 Missionary at a family shelter)

**Ministry Associates:** *(complete information for each intern):*

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**Interns:** *(complete information for each intern):*

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**Administrative Staff:** *(complete information for each):*

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**Section 4:**

Facilities Profile

List all facilities owned including how each is used in the ministry:

**Wesley Foundation building** -- 1210 Stanford Drive Coral Gables, FL 33146

Used for student ministries, including worship, small groups, CoffeeHouse, and other activities. The large hall that was formerly the worship space is leased to the College of Arts and Sciences and houses a gallery. Upstairs are six rooms and a one-bedroom apartment. Currently, seven students reside in these rooms, paying a utility fee and offering hospitality and leadership for the ministry. Our Ministry Associate lives in the apartment, which is part of her compensation.

**Parsonage** – 4901 Biltmore Drive Coral Gables, FL 33146

Residence for campus minister.
Three-bedroom, two bath, two car garage.
List all facilities leased or rented and how each is used in the ministry:
As mentioned, Kresge Hall in the Wesley Foundation building is leased to the University for use as a gallery. The College of Arts and Sciences rents the space to other groups for use as a lecture hall and event location.

In reviewing the above, are the facilities you utilize adequate or inadequate for your ministry needs? What opportunities and/or roadblocks do these spaces present to your ministry?
The buildings suit our needs at the present time. We rearrange our “Big Room” for different events ranging from Worship to CoffeeHouse to a Wes-lympics Decathlon during exams this spring. We discovered a storage room behind the Gallery a few months ago, which has helped with clearing out the a/c mechanical room and has also offered additional boxes of old files and computer parts from the 1990s or before. Luckily, we like a good adventure and/or treasure hunt.

One expensive challenge of a 60 year old building is ongoing maintenance concerns. Currently, we are working on replacing an exterior stairway per fire inspector mandate, which is an expensive venture outside the bounds of our regular budget. This project has been in the works since February and has been slow going due to procedures in the City of Coral Gables.

The lease of Kresge Hall helps offset our budget significantly, and also contributes to utility payments. However, facility repair costs seem to have increased each year for the past several years.

Describe any facility issues or significant maintenance/repairs needed:
As mentioned, we will be replacing an exterior stairway in the next week.

We have had a persistent and puzzling leak into the Gallery space, which has damaged the carpet to the point that it needs to be replaced. In our quest to find and fix the leak, we have fixed air ducts, plumbing, a/c units, and replaced a roof vent. We are determined to find the cause and stop the leak, but the recurring problem has damaged our relationship with the Gallery staff.

A long-term funky smell in the office area has prompted testing for mold, and we should have the results of those test in the next few weeks.

Also, at least one of our air conditioning units is likely to need replacing in the not distant future.
**Mission Statement:**
To build relationships with as many students as we can at the University of Miami, and to offer space for them to encounter God and others.

**Vision Statement:**
To be an open, welcoming community where students can:
- encounter God’s love,
- deepen their faith,
- build meaningful relationships,
- and actively share God’s love with the world through service and witness.

**Core Values:**
- Sharing God’s love with others through listening and serving
- Exploring the big questions of faith and life
- Welcoming & connecting with everyone who enters our space
- Building relationships of mutuality, caring, and trust
- Using what we have to do the most we can
- Creating openness to the movement of God’s spirit among us
- Recognizing the sacred in the ridiculous

**How are you intentionally reaching new people for Jesus Christ through your ministry?**
Our approach to evangelism is one of relationship and openness. Our weekly CoffeeHouse and monthly Mystery Adventures are ministries of hospitality and fellowship that allow students to ease into a Christian community in social, laid-back/adventurous, and non-threatening ways. These events are a means for us to build relationships with students who wouldn't otherwise seek out (or even accept an invitation to) a church. Students are able to invite any of their friends to CoffeeHouse or Mystery Adventures, regardless of any beliefs or lack thereof.

We partner with students at the Music School to offer live music at CoffeeHouse. This allows us to build relationships with students we might not come in contact with as frequently or easily. Here is one story of CoffeeHouse as a gateway to entering the ministry. At the beginning of last year, a sophomore was adamant that she would not come to Wesley even for CoffeeHouse because of bad experiences with church growing up. Her suitemate kept telling her how cool CoffeeHouse was, and she would hear the music when walking to her dorm. Finally, about halfway through spring semester, she came to CoffeeHouse. A couple of weeks later, she came with her suitemate to dinner on Sunday before worship. The next week, 4 people came with her to dinner and they all stayed for worship. This year, she and the students she brought with her are some of our most regular and dependable students, and she continues to seek to understand this pull toward faith that she feels.
How are you helping new people grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ through your ministry?

All aspects of the ministry at UM Wesley are geared toward bringing students closer to Christ and others, in a variety of ways. This year, we started calling our Sunday night dinner and worship “Community Night.” Community Night dinner gives students a way to catch up and become more connected to the community. Worship offers students a chance to sing, pray, reflect on scripture, and consider how to follow Christ more closely.

Small groups offer students a chance to explore scripture, to ask hard questions, and to sit with the complexity and mystery of faith in a safe and supportive group of peers. Our Mission Encounters are a chance for students to live out the commands to “Feed my sheep” and “Go make disciples” through actively offering love and service to people in other contexts. Students also are able to wrestle with the disparities between their lives and the lives of other children of God, which opens the door to conversations about theodicy and call.

Student leadership allows students to develop their gifts for ministry, draw other students into the community, and offer themselves in service to God. Social and hospitality ministries give students an easy way to connect with each other and learn more about community, sharing, and mutuality.

What does your campus ministry do very well?
At this point, we are very good at hospitality. Our CoffeeHouse, one of our main weekly events, is mainly a ministry of hospitality. We invite music students to perform as headliners and we open up afterward for open mic. Students perform at and attend CoffeeHouse who would never attend a church service, which gives us the chance to build relationships with people we wouldn’t get to know otherwise. Similarly, our end of the semester Study Hours are an offering of hospitality, as the Wesley building is open from 9am to 3am for almost 2 weeks so that students can have a comfortable, quiet place to study. Our regular students bring their friends, CoffeeHouse musicians come study, and other students just wander in. In a way, hospitality is our strongest form of outreach. That sounds strange, but we have worked hard to make Wesley a place where people are comfortable and know they are welcome. We have several very involved students who started coming to CoffeeHouse, became a part of the community, tried out worship here, and are now regulars or even leaders in the ministry.

What are one or two priorities for your campus ministry that would most contribute to the strengthening of the ministry over the next three years?
1) Increased staff support related to ministry programs would help reach more students and would increase potential fundraising efforts.
2) The building continues to have pressing maintenance issues. Not only do we need to find significant fundraising arenas, but we need to create a comprehensive plan for immediate and long-term maintenance of an aging building in South Florida.
What was your average worship attendance this spring? 25
What was your peak worship attendance this spring? 32
What is the average attendance of your largest weekly gathering (if it is not worship)? 45
How many different students are active in discipleship/small groups this semester? 10
How many different students have been involved in mission/service? 14
How many students have been active in leadership this semester? 7

Please about share the following:
- professions of faith: 0
- baptisms: 0
- candidates for ordained ministry: 0

MINISTRY OUTLINE

WORSHIP
Sunday night Community Night Worship

DISCIPLESHIP/SMALL GROUPS
Wednesday night group Bible study

FELLOWSHIP/COMMUNITY BUILDING
Sunday night Community Night Dinners
Thursday night CoffeeHouse
Monthly Mystery Adventures
Beach days, cookouts
Leadership retreats
Resident community

HOSPITALITY
CoffeeHouse
Residents hosting outside events in the Wesley building

ON-CAMPUS OUTREACH/EVANGELISM
CoffeeHouse
Mystery Adventures
Partnering with other groups on campus
Building relationships with students and staff outside Religious Life
MISSION (Local, National, International)
- Local: Wednesday night serving dinner at 1st UMC of South Miami, tutoring and mentoring at Branches South Miami
- National: Florida United Methodist Children’s Home
- International: Haiti

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (Including vocational discernment):
- Leadership retreats at the beginning of each semester
- Regular leadership meetings
- One on one mentoring and conversations

LOCAL BOARD INFO
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