

ABS  
(Association of Black  
Seminarists)

Montreal Martin, President



ABS was founded on the principle of unity, and its sole purpose is to create an environment and atmosphere for [seminary] students who are of the Black/African Diaspora to fellowship, worship, and discuss the needs of our specific communities. Within such a community, one is able to share his/her unique gifts, talents, achievements, religious, ethnic, and personal experiences.

Worship every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in Oxnam Chapel. On the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, community forums addressing the needs of one's spiritual well-being and other community needs.

For more information, contact [abs.blackseminarians@gmail.com](mailto:abs.blackseminarians@gmail.com)

 ABS at WTS

*Asah*

Erin Wheeler, President



*Asah*, whose name is the transliteration of the Hebrew word "to fashion," seeks to nurture students, faculty, and staff to infuse the arts with their faith through arts programming, service projects, and social events.

 *Asah*: A Meeting of the Arts and Theology

Plumblin

The mission of Plumblin is to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ by bringing to bear on the consciousness of the Wesley Community issues related to social justice and proclaiming the essential nature of justice to the beloved community and the call of the Church. Plumblin advocates that such work towards ending local and global unjust suffering might become foremost in the institutional psyche

KSA  
(Korean Student  
Association)

Gi Il Lee, President



KSA focuses on looking after the well-being of the on-campus Korean population through supportive interactions with the community on a spiritual and practical level.

Prayer meeting every Thursday night from 9:30pm to 10:30pm.

For more information, contact [nayagil@gmail.com](mailto:nayagil@gmail.com)

Of Sacred Worth

AhannaLise Stevens-Jennings, President



Of Sacred Worth exists to support the inclusion of all people regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental abilities in worship spaces. Our group especially focuses on promoting understanding of LGBTQ people in the church through various opportunities for discussion and dialogue.

Meetings held every other Thursday at 12noon beginning September 3rd.

For more information, contact [ahnnalisejennings@gmail.com](mailto:ahnnalisejennings@gmail.com)

 Of Sacred Worth - Wesley Theological Seminary

### Wesley Fellowship

Emma Johnston, President



Wesley Fellowship organizes and plans fun fellowship events to bring the ministry of play into our hectic lives. We include faculty, staff, students, and their families into our events. And on Wednesdays we wear purple. #WF2k15

Meetings are held every other Tuesday from 5:00pm to 6:30pm in Bess Jones beginning September 8th.

For more information, contact [wtsfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:wtsfellowship@gmail.com)

 Wesley Fellowship

### Literally Active

Literally Active is a student group that participates and supports each other in physically active pursuits. We have run together and hiked together as well as played and watched group sports together. If you like to run, play tennis, hike, yoga, etc, find us on Facebook or around campus!

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### Student Council



True discipleship does not lend itself to doing nothing. In recent years, Student Council has brought focus to issues that affect the lives of students and staff, and they are no less dedicated to being a compassionately constructive force on campus and in the world this year as well. The first few weeks of class will be a busy time of holding elections for the contingent of first-year students who will round out this year's representatives and listening to the community to identify what goals will be pursued in the coming months.

To learn more about Student Council, visit their webpage at <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/CommunityLife/WesleyStudent-Council> or send your questions or ideas to [studentcouncil@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:studentcouncil@wesleyseminary.edu).

Ellen LaCroix Fillette, President  
Yvonne Agduyeng, Vice President  
Kipp Nelson, Treasurer  
Miracle Worrell, Secretary

### Faith and Politics

Christopher Stewart, President



The Faith & Politics Society seeks to address theological and political questions of humanity both theoretically and practically by reviewing policies, hearing the diverse voices of those who are affected, and addressing concerns that arise in our communities and abroad.

The first meeting will be held Thursday, September 17 in room K105 from 5pm to 6pm.

For more information, contact [stewartchris8@aol.com](mailto:stewartchris8@aol.com) OR 202.744.6853

By Leigh Finnegan

An important aspect of discipleship is service. This month's service spotlight is on Campus Kitchen, a ministry of the Metropolitan Church community which distributes meals to veterans, youth, and elderly at-risk individuals. This once small feeding program now depends on the help of student leaders and community volunteers to produce 1,800 meals a month in its commercial-grade kitchen.

Much of the food used to make these meals is recovered from Mom's Organic Market, Chipolte, and farmers' markets across the DC metro area. By identifying and recovering food that otherwise would have been wasted and turning it into nutritious meals, Campus Kitchen DC aims to use food as a tool to promote individual health and community development as well as to reverse the effects of racial, environmental, and economic injustice.

Campus Kitchen DC also offers students from American University, George Washington, and Georgetown the opportunity to gain experience in non-profit management. The application of what they have learned in the classroom about business, public relations, and development have served to increase Campus Kitchen's operational effectiveness. Meanwhile, seminary students find meaningful ways to impact the community while participating in an atmosphere of Christian fellowship.

Consider joining the efforts of this ministry by becoming part of a food recovery team or by helping cook meals for distribution. To find out more about Campus Kitchen DC or to sign up as a volunteer, visit: [www.nationalchurch.org/Serving/Campus\\_Kitchen](http://www.nationalchurch.org/Serving/Campus_Kitchen).

## Disciples in Service



## Disciples in Community

By Theresa Eggleston

"Why would you want to live with people you don't even know for a whole week?" That was the question my sister asked me almost 10 years ago when I went to summer camp for the first time. She had a good point. As a shy kid who didn't speak up much, why would I want to live with strangers for a whole week? People from church said it would be fun. My mom encouraged me. I'm pretty sure they were all hoping I would break out of my shell a little and talk to somebody on my own terms.

Little did they know they had opened a whole new world to me. Since my first week at summer camp, I had been itching to live in community. From dorm life to summer jobs as a college intern, I wanted more of what that first week at summer camp had to offer: fellowship, camaraderie, and lasting friendships.

When I was accepted to Wesley a year ago, my husband and I had

the option of living in Carroll Hall or finding our own apartment in DC. Being a couple who met in the loving arms of intentional community during summer camp, we turned to the Birch Intentional Community downtown.

This isn't the same as communities I had lived in before, but it is just as impactful and life-changing. Living in this community helps me be aware of God's molding hands. It teaches me about my best side

- and my worst. Living with one another intentionally opens my eyes to how my personality affects others, while at the same time, learning about others' personalities. Living in community gives me the unique chance to hear how God is writing a story with someone's life.

I am excited about this challenging, but life-altering, experience with a new group this Fall and all that comes with it: coming together in fellowship, loving, crying, being broken, being whole, and being fully human with one another in the presence of God. But the best part is the transformation that comes from living with strangers who, after a whole year, don't become just friends, but family.

