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"my grandmother taught me about Jesus"

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"Mimi first introduced me to the love and grace of Jesus"

youth leaders

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Ali Ellwell: "The first time I heard the story of Jesus I was 6, I had just started going to Sunday school. I remember being really excited because we talked about Jesus and got to color pictures of sheep as we learned about Jesus in the role of Shepherd. However, even though I went to a Christian school it wasn't until I was 14 and attended a youth conference with my Church that I really understood who Jesus was and why my faith mattered to me!"

Dejha Crudup: "It was my grandmother who taught me about Jesus not only through conversations and reading the Bible to me, but she also made sure I went to church and to all the youth events that would eventually shape my faith and not only lead me to Christ, but into ministry as well."

Kristopher Sledge: "My grandmother, who I always called Mimi, first introduced to the love and grace of Jesus of Nazareth. Through her own personal encounters with Jesus, I was able to become greatly intrigued in who this Jesus character was all about!"

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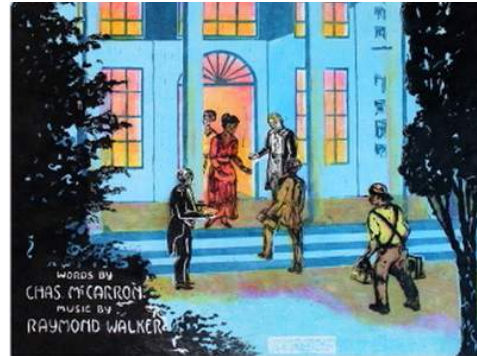


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Student Council

by Alexandra Woody

Wesley's Student Council acts as the voice for the student body by creating a space in which concerns can be raised. They work with the administration, faculty, staff, and community to build unity. Student Council also sponsors various student organizations. But how is Wesley's Student Council organized and who is a member?

Toward the end of the spring semester, elections are held to vote for members of Wesley's Student Council. Five slots are left open to be filled by incoming first-years who are elected in the beginning of the fall semester.

Once the spring elections have been completed, an election is held to fill four of the executive committee positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Once those positions were elected, a Parliamentarian is appointed.

The Student Council constitution outlines a committee structure to fulfill the workload of this organiza-

tion. The constitution also specifies the chair for many of these standing committees: Hospitality (chaired by the Secretary), Communications (Vice President), Finance (Treasurer), Constitutional (Parliamentarian), Elections, and Student Care. Each committee is made up of elected representatives, student organization representatives, and others appointed from the student body at large.

Student Council also consists of one representative from each student organization, which also provides the opportunity to update the community on activities and service opportunities they are hosting. The organizations that have representation are Asah, Association of Black Seminarians (ABS), Faith and Politics, Korean Student Association (KSA), Literally Active, Of Sacred Worth (OSW), Plumblin, Washington Theological Consortium, and Wesley Fellowship (WF).

This group of students works

together to build a better community for all of us here at Wesley. The meetings, held every other Friday morning at 8:00am, are open to anyone. The next meeting is Friday, October 8th.

Student Council Elected Members:

Ellen Filette, President
Yvonne Agduyeng, Vice President
Kipp Nelson, Treasurer
Miracle Worrell, Secretary
Jane Adams, Chair, Elections Committee
Joshua Berry, Chair, Student Care Committee
Rachel de Bos
Brad Kenn
Samantha Klipsch
Samantha Larson
Montreal Martin
Laura Ross
Lee Schriber
Alex Walker
Samuel Williams

"Welcome to our 1st-Year Elected Representatives!"



Laura Ross

Samuel Williams

Rachel de Bos

Sammy Klipsch

Brad Kenn

Wesley Ambassadors

by Samuel Williams

In early September, Wesley's administration welcomed the new Student Ambassadors for the 2015 – 2016 school year. The following students will serve as Ambassadors: Linda Kapuch, Ben Lollie, Crystal Mann, Kipp Nelson, Kevin Phillips, and Samuel Williams.

WTS Director of Recruitment Nick Works said the Wesley Ambassadors play a key role in the school's community life, as the program is designed to "foster leadership essentials through the development of networking skills, service learning, and organizational leadership skills. We are truly excited to have [them] participate in the continuation of

this extended learning opportunity."

The Ambassador program allows participants a) to effectively engage the public concerning Wesley programming, classes, and events; b) to understand and to demonstrate the importance of professional networking and strategic partnerships for the work of ministry; c) to integrate their theological education with concepts of leadership, administration, and networking through service learning; and d) to serve as a resource for student success and mentoring in the Wesley Community.

One of the requirements of Ambassador participation is attendance at several seminar meetings. The meetings occur

on Thursdays during the Fall semester and are opportunities to meet with facilitators from the seminary. These meetings are places for community building, instruction, and reflection. As a component of participation, they are meant to help Ambassadors to succeed as both a student and a future alumnus of Wesley.

Wesley Ambassadors have the unique opportunity to develop and receive training in communication, public relations, marketing and interpersonal skills. In conjunction with the Admissions Office, the Office of Community Life, and Development Office, ambassadors are visible at many campus events held for prospective students and their families.

Calendar of Events

Week of Oct 4-10	Tues Oct 6	Chapel, 11:00am-12:00pm. Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Sathianathan Clarke, The Bishop Sundo Kim Chair in World Christianity; Professor of Theology, Culture and Mission Bess Jones, 5:00-6:00pm. Wesley Fellowship Meeting
	Wed Oct 7	Chapel, 6:15-7:00pm. Wednesday Night Worship. Preaching: Dr. Ryan Danker
	Thurs Oct 8	Elderdice, 12:00-1:00pm. Of Sacred Worth is hosting a case study led by Dr. Youtha Hardman-Cromwell. The purpose is to help people in ministry discern what to do with the issue of homosexuality. Regardless of where one falls on the issue, she will provide an environment where individuals can discuss fears and concerns about facing homosexuality in the ministry and help those individuals to find healthy ways to respond to parishioners and others who come with questions. Elderdice, 4:00-5:00pm. Community Forum, Theme: Health and Wellness with NAMI
	Sat Oct 10	Larriland Farms, 9:00am. Wesley Fellowship will be going to Larriland Farms. You can pick apples, pumpkins, and go on a hayride and a variety of other things. We will be meeting at 9:00am in the parking lot.
Week of Oct 11-17	Reading Week! No Chapel Services	
Week of Oct 18-24	Tues Oct 20	Chapel, 11:00am-12:00pm. Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Lucy Lind Hogan, Hugh Latimer Elderdice Professor of Preaching and Worship
		Chapel, 5:15-6:15pm. ABS Worship Fall Revival
		Location TBA, 6:00-7:00pm. Of Sacred Worth will have a reflection and discussion time with Dr. Timothy Sedgwick, The Clinton S. Quin Professor of Christian Ethics at Virginia Theological Seminary. The conversation will be shaped around the themes presented in his book <i>Sex, Moral Teaching, & the Unity of the Church</i> .
	Wed Oct 21	Chapel, 6:15-7:00pm. Wednesday Night Worship. Preaching: Andrew Davis, Student.
	Thurs Oct 22	Elderdice, 4:00-5:00pm. Community Forum, Theme: Alumni Event by David Shank
Sat Oct 24	Hot Cider Hustle 5K and 15K. The Housing Office and Literally Active Student Group are supporting Wesley students running/walking in the Hot Cider Hustle 5K and 15K held at RFK Stadium in Washington, DC. For more information, visit http://allcommunityevents.com/hotciderhustledc/ Please contact Resident Manager Katie Beth Miksa if you plan to participate. She can be reached at kmiksa5738@students.wesleyseminary.edu	
Week of Oct 25-31	Tues Oct 27	Chapel, 11:00am-12:00pm. All Saint's Service, Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Kendall Soulen, Professor of Systematic Theology, Director of the Master of Theological Studies program
		Chapel, 5:15-6:15pm. ABS Worship Fall Revival
		K114, 6:00-7:00pm. Outlet Workshop: Drawing and Painting. Sponsored by <i>Asah</i> .
	Wed Oct 28	Chapel, 6:15-7:00pm. Wednesday Night Worship Millian Lounge, 7:30-9:00pm. Halloween Game Night
	Thurs Oct 29	Elderdice, 4:00-5:00pm. Community Forum, Theme: Child Hunger Advocacy. It's crazy isn't it, that any child ever goes to bed hungry? Whether it's in our neighborhoods, our schools and even in our very own churches, we have children who simply don't have enough to eat. Join Reverend Kären Rasmussen for an introduction to her bold project to alleviate childhood hunger and ensure that No Child Goes Hungry.
	Fri Oct 30	Millian Lounge, 7:30-9:00pm. Pumpkin Decorating & Halloween Movies. We will be watching kid and parent approved Halloween-themed movies.

Upcoming

Increasing Active Engagement Conference will be held Saturday, November 14 from 9:30am-1:00pm on campus. Information on this event being organized by the Lewis Center for Church Leadership is available at churchleadership.com/newdisciples.

FYI

October 30 is the application deadline for scholarships for Winter 2016 immersions. See Financial Aid for details.

Library hours are Mon-Thurs 8:30am-10:00pm, Fri 8:30am-4:30pm, Sat 10:00am-5:00pm, Sun closed.

EVANGELISM

Our sharing and inviting others to experience the good news that God loves

us and invites us into a

transformational

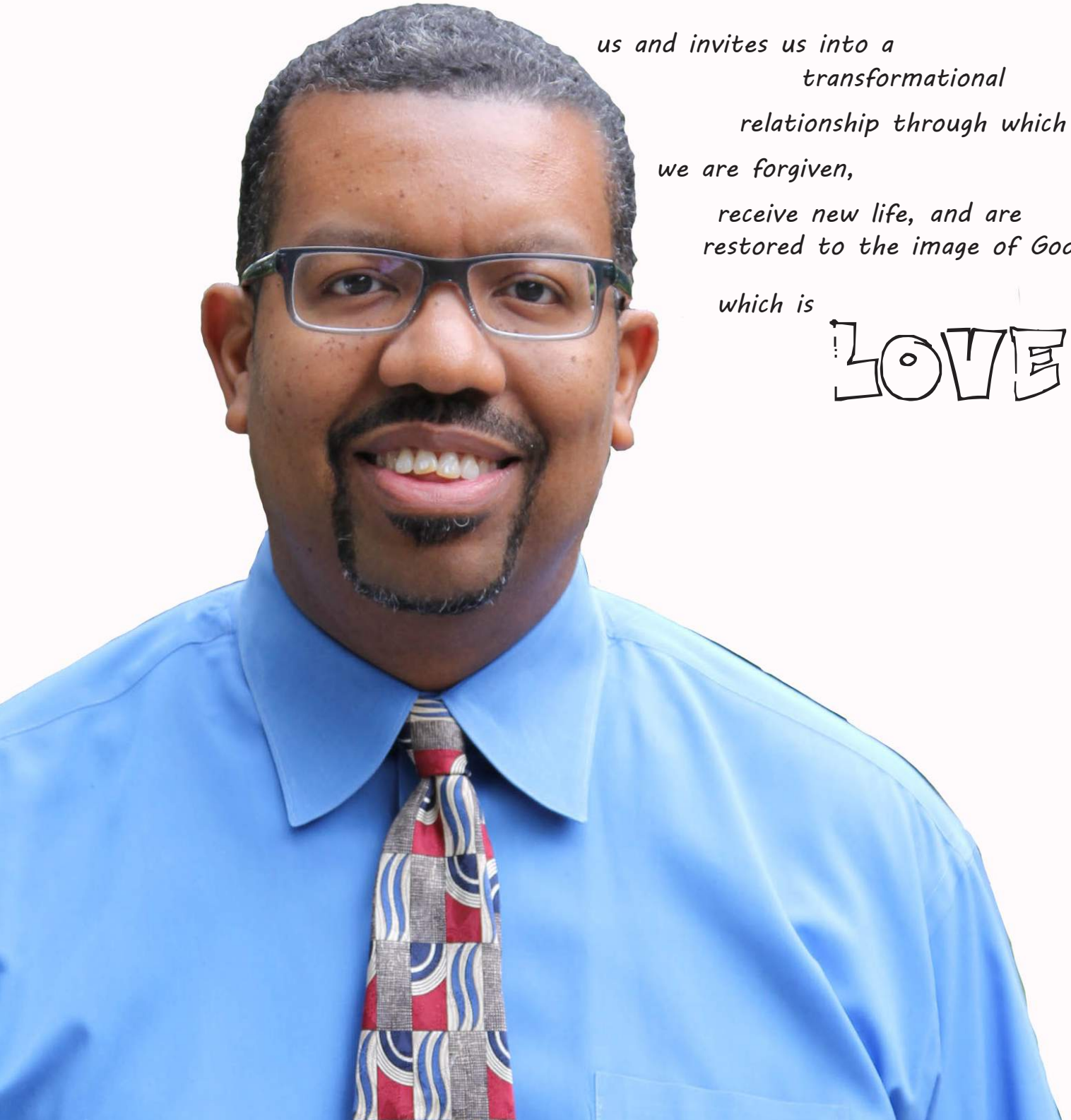
relationship through which

we are forgiven,

*receive new life, and are
restored to the image of God,*

which is

LOVE



In comparing his academic credentials to the reputation he has built over his career, one may wonder how Rev. Dr. F. Douglas Powe transitioned from a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Emory University to being installed as the James C. Logan Chair in Evangelism here at Wesley. Indeed, evangelism was not part of his initial career plans. "I anticipated teaching Wesleyan Studies somewhere," he admits when asked about the change of focus.

While completing his doctorate, his mentor Stephen Gunter recommended that he apply for an opening at Saint Paul's School of Theology to teach evangelism. He was surprised by the suggestion. "I think I had only taken one evangelism class... from him. But when your mentor says 'apply,' you do." The second surprise came when he was called for an interview. He took on a rigorous reading list to complement his studies of James Cone and John Wesley to develop a test lecture for the application process. Memories of the lecture itself have faded, but he recalls with clarity that Dr. Hal Knight was sitting in the audience, whom he would end up working alongside (and eventually co-authoring a book) when he was hired by the seminary. "I spent the next few months essentially doing an intensive post-doc with Gunter to prepare for taking on the position."

In Fall 2013, Dr. Powe made the transition to here at Wesley where he has served as the chair of Evangelism and also works with the Urban and Missional Fellows programs as part of the Institute for Community Engagement. His hope is that students get a different understanding of what evangelism means, being more theologically astute while also being able to go out and reach others in practical ways. Ultimately, to then turn around and teach others as per the biblical model.

The Fellows programs offer students, who applied during the application process to the M.Div. program, a unique experience to apply their learning in ministry settings through projects that will have a transformative effect on the community. Sometimes these projects are evangelistic. One such project involved developing an online small group for young adults to help them feel connected to the larger congregation.

Dr. Powe hopes that students who are not part of either of the Fellows programs will take advantage of the opportunities that the seminary makes available to learn more about how they can develop transformation in their vocation - whether it be a congregation or non-ministry setting. He is dedicated to bringing in people who can help teach new and creative things to help share the story of God's love for all. One such opportunity will be a class offered this Spring by Paul Nixon, who serves as the New Church Strategist for the UMC's Northeast Jurisdiction. Powe wants to see Wesley continue to offer special classes in the practice of evangelism in communities that allow students to build connections and to be coached by experts and specialists who are in high demand by churches across the country.

So what is Dr. Powe's advice to students? "Appreciate the journey, and don't get so caught up in the minutia. The journey does and will help you in your ministry."



"Photos above: Members of Urban and Missional Fellows Programs"

8 Wesleyan Missional Immersion to England

Dr. Doug Powe is planning to lead a Wesleyan Missional immersion to England in June of 2017 and wants to gauge interest in this immersion to make sure it is viable. The cost will be about \$5,000 (subject to change) and includes airfare, hotel, breakfast, all dinners except one, transportation in England for tour and guide. Below is a tentative itinerary. There will be an installment payment plan possible from September 2016 to March 2017 for those interested.

If you are interested in possibly taking part in this immersion experience, please email Dr. Powe (dpowe@wesleyseminary.edu) by Monday, October 19. Thanks!

Day 1: Overnight flight.

Day 2: Arrive in London and travel to Lincoln to visit the Lincoln Castle. Attend evening song service at Lincoln Cathedral. Overnight in Lincoln.

Day 3: Visit to Epworth (rectory, cemetery, and Wesley Memorial Church). Overnight in Lincoln.

Day 4: Visit to Cliff College. Overnight in Lincoln.

Day 5: Visit to Cambridge (university, Parker Library, and Kings College Chapel). Overnight in Cambridge.

Day 6: Visit to Oxford (Oxford Story, St. Mary the Virgin Church, and Golden Cross and Covered Market). Overnight in Oxford.

Day 7: More touring in Oxford (University College, Christchurch, Lincoln College, and Balliol College). Overnight in Oxford.

Day 8: Visit to Gloucester (St. Mary de Crypt Church) and Bristol (Bristol Cathedral, New Room Chapel, and house of Charles Wesley). Overnight in London.

Day 9: London touring including St. Paul's Cathedral, Wesley's Chapel, Wesley's House/Museum, Bunhill Fields, Spital Yard, and Metropolitan Tabernacle. Overnight in London.

Day 10: London touring including Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Parliament, and Tower of London. Overnight in London.

Day 11: Free day in London. Dinner on your own. Overnight in London.

Day 12: Flight home from London.

To be eligible to go on an immersion students must have completed 27 or more credits including the Spiritual Formations progression (MM-101 & 102). If you are interested in this immersion, please contact Dr. Powe by October 19th. If you have any questions regarding this immersion experience, please contact Dr. Powe or the PMM Office.

