The Wesley Foundation at the University of Illinois resides at a crossroads. For as long as anyone can remember, it has been at the corner of Goodwin and Green, a key location for its campus ministry. What better place to be “a home for all” than a well-known intersection at the heart of campus? For students who have come here, it has also been the crossroads of their youth and their adulthood. This is where they develop the capacity to take responsibility for their own physical, mental, and spiritual health. Today, Wesley continues to stand at the intersection of the past and future for students.

Dan King Crede, Foundation Director

“We have a glorious and historic past! We are the first Wesley Foundation in the world, incorporated on October 13, 1913. As a community of faith, we at the Wesley Foundation bring our core values to life outside the walls of our sanctuary and beyond the corner of Goodwin and Green. We demonstrate what it means to be a Christian before we explain what it takes to be a Christian.”

“Faith is our instructor, Service is our classroom, and Love is the subject. We are responsible for our vision of Inspiring Students, Transforming Lives, and Enriching Our World with Christ’s Love. As we fulfill this vision, we honor the works of those who came before us, leaders like Willard Nathan Tobie, James Baker, and Paul Burt. As we stand upon their shoulders, we must be mission-ready. Join us in embracing this bold vision for Wesley’s future.”
current programs

etc. coffeehouse & international coffeehouse
The Etc. Coffeehouse and Student Lounge provide students with comfortable and welcoming spaces to study, read, and hang out with friends. With the help of student volunteers, the coffeehouse (open M-F) offers a variety of fair-trade coffees and teas, with proceeds from donations going to support the Wesley Food Pantry and Illini Fighting Hunger. The weekly International Coffeehouse gives students, visiting scholars, and community friends the opportunity to build friendships, practice English, and learn about each other’s cultures.

illini fighting hunger & wesley food pantry
IFH began as a way to bring people together to fight hunger in our communities. This student group facilitates meal and single-ingredient packaging with college students, schools, youth groups, faith communities and businesses throughout Illinois. The group has led the packaging of more than 1.8 million meals, and over 70 tons of rice and beans, much of which has been donated to the Eastern Illinois Foodbank. Students also participate in the fight against hunger by volunteering at the Wesley Food Pantry, which serves more than one thousand community members each month.

midweek & small group studies
Wednesday nights offer students the chance for fellowship, conversation, and casual worship. At Midweek Connection, students catch up with each other over coffee and snacks. The student-led Midweek Worship helps students face stressful, busy weeks as they find inspiration and spiritually recharge through music, prayer, reflection, and communion. Students also explore various questions and grow in faith through small group studies, such as our undergrad Bible study and grad student book study.

fellowship & friendship
Wesley provides plenty of opportunities for students to take a break from school and studying to relax, have fun and deepen friendships with others. Students enjoy things like the annual canoe trip, game and trivia nights, movies in Wesley’s theater, MarioKart tournaments, karaoke singing, cookouts, holiday parties, finals stressbusters, and more.

Providing all of the above activities and opportunities is an important part of our ministry at Wesley as we seek to support the total well-being of students (physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually), and as we encourage them to experience Wesley as a place to belong and a place to become.
expanding missions

local
Cunningham Children’s Home (Urbana)

Volunteers in the Conversation Partner Program use their listening skills in one-on-one conversations with Cunningham youth on topics that help them develop core values to guide them throughout their lives. This ministry occurs during the school year.

national
Jonestown, Mississippi

Wesley volunteers work alongside Jonestown residents and other communities’ volunteers, through Habitat for Humanity, to construct new homes and repair old homes. As further community needs are identified, additional service programs will be developed. This week-long mission trip takes place each year during the university’s Spring Break.

why wesley matters

“I first stepped into Wesley the summer before my freshman year. An international student in a new country, Wesley immediately made me feel welcomed and at home. I continue to feel truly blessed by the friendships and community I have formed with the people here, and for the inspiration and encouragement that they have given me to continue to grow in my faith and in my service to others.” – Reshmina Williams, Civil Engineering student

“Simply said, Wesley is family. The various aspects of the campus and church communities at Wesley are always there when I need them, and give me opportunities in turn to be there for others. I know that the people in my Wesley family will be part of my life long after I move on from the University of Illinois.” – Morgan Boes, MD/PhD student and Bell Choir Director

“The positive atmosphere of Wesley encouraged me to be open about my faith, my doubts. I was invited to share insights at Bible studies, lead a weeknight worship service, and plan just-for-fun events like Trivia Night. Leading and planning is something I’ve always liked to do, and Wesley taught me how to direct that for God’s work.” – Olivia Harris, Wesley alum
Our next century requires the combined commitment of students, alumni, friends, and congregants to inspire, transform, and enrich our future. To be a part of this path forward:

**bookmark** [www.wesleyui.org](http://www.wesleyui.org) so that you can stay informed about what’s happening at Wesley

**follow** us on Facebook (Wesley Student Center at UIUC and Etc. Coffeehouse)

**recommend** a tour of the Wesley Foundation to high school students visiting the University of Illinois

**encourage** students from your area who are attending the University of Illinois to check out Wesley

**attend** Wesley Foundation reunions or stop by and say hello when you’re on campus

**participate** in one of Wesley’s mission opportunities

**lift** up the Wesley Foundation, its leaders, and the University of Illinois community in your prayers

**support** student programs by making gifts to the Wesley Foundation Annual Fund

**keep** us informed of your current contact information

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**julie dowler, campus minister**

“Students are searching for places where they can discuss significant life issues, where they can develop their gifts for leadership and service, and where they can build deep friendships as they explore their journey of faith. It’s an exciting opportunity to be in ministry with them as they navigate the transitions they experience at this particular time in their lives. I hope you will choose to partner with us in this ministry of hospitality and spiritual formation through your continued prayers and support as we invite students and members of the U of I community to make Wesley their home on campus.”

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