



**Equipping Ministry**  
**A Conference-Wide Priority of the**  
**Central Texas Conference**

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**“It occurs to me that when God wanted to change the world, the church was born in Acts. After trying to improve on God’s original evangelistic strategy, no one has come up with anything better. New churches make new Christians. Campus Ministry also makes new believers.”**

**~ Rev. David Mosser, Pastor, Graham, First UMC**

**“As Christians, we Methodists should desire to participate in the fulfillment of our Lord’s commandment to spread the Good News. Starting new churches and Campus Ministry are two excellent ways to do that.”**

**~ Mr. James Nader, Lay Member, Fort Worth, Westcliff UMC**

**“If the church’s ministry is really about changing people’s lives and making disciples for Jesus Christ, “Offer Them Christ” is at the forefront of mission outreach.”**

**~ Rev. Ben Disney, Pastor, Waco, Central UMC**

**“Jesus told us, as the Church, to do only 2 things: (1) ‘Do this in remembrance of me.’ – communion; and (2) ‘Go into all the world and preach, baptize, and make disciples.’ Many churches regularly do the first. Starting new churches is the most effective way to do the second. Campus Ministry is the only Community of Faith some students know.”**

**~ Rev. Allyson Paxton, Pastor, Red Oak UMC**

**The “Offer Them Christ” initiative is a comprehensive effort across the Central Texas Conference to seek \$5 to \$6 million in commitments to acquire property for church growth and to fund capital improvements for Campus Ministry. This initiative was approved at a called session of the Annual Conference on September 15, 2001, following a Conference-wide study which affirmed the importance of enabling the growth and advancement of these two missional areas. The recommended formula for distribution of funds raised is as follows: 85% Church Growth & Development; 15% Capital Improvements at our Campus Ministry Facilities. Individuals, congregations, corporations, and foundations will be invited to participate. Commitments toward the initiative will be strictly voluntary. The Campaign does not seek apportioned gifts, but free-will commitments.**

**This endeavor will enable significant advancement in the proclamation of the Gospel, through the creation of new congregations. The Share Program provides start-up operational funds for new churches. It does not, however, produce the amount of funds needed to purchase tracts of property for planting new congregations. “Offer Them Christ” will focus on that aspect of starting new churches.**

**By improving our facilities for Campus Ministry, we will further demonstrate our strong commitment to reach and disciple students at a crucial time in their lives when they are making important, long-term decisions. In so doing, we will create a higher Methodist presence on campuses throughout the Central Texas Conference.**