



CHURCH RELATIONS *NEWSLETTER*

A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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Indiana Wesleyan University is honored to welcome pastors, delegates, leaders, and guests from around the world as we host the 15th General Conference of The Wesleyan Church, May 17–20, 2026. This important gathering represents a meaningful moment in the life of the Church, as leaders come together for worship, prayer, discernment, fellowship, and decisions that will help shape the future of ministry and mission across the denomination. It is a privilege for IWU to serve and support this significant event.

As a university deeply connected to the mission and values of The Wesleyan Church, we are grateful for the opportunity to extend hospitality to those who faithfully lead and serve in churches around the world. Throughout the week, we invite our campus and local community to pray for wisdom, unity, encouragement, and spiritual renewal for all who will participate. We look forward to the ways God will work through this special time together at Indiana Wesleyan University.

PROGRAMS AND NEWS



Wesley Seminary's Graduate Certificate in Christian Leadership will empower you to effectively lead in today's complex ministry and organizational contexts.

Whether you're serving in church administration, leading community transformation, or strengthening your discipleship practices, this program allows you to customize your leadership training

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In the midst of a full and faithful life as a wife, mother, and children's director, Kristi Mounsey followed her God-given calling, returning to school to earn her associate degree in Christian Ministry from Wesley Seminary.

"The accomplishment of doing something for myself and knowing that it is something that God has called me to do means so much to me."

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Rooted in Jesus' invitation to "ask, seek, and knock," this article explores the posture of prayer as an ongoing relationship with God rather than a one-time request. It challenges both our hesitation to ask and our tendency to treat God like a provider of our wishes, instead inviting us into deeper dependence and alignment with His will. As we persist in prayer, we discover that God is not reluctant to give—but eager to shape our hearts and draw us closer to Himself.

[FULL ARTICLE](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Wesleyan Church's theme for their 2026 15th General Conference is **"EMPOWERED,"** encompassing a significant prayer initiative focused on unified prayer and spiritual preparation, emphasizing being filled with the Holy Spirit to equip believers for impactful service and kingdom advancement, drawing from core Wesleyan beliefs in spiritual transformation.

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Please join us and walk down Memory Lane through photos and memorabilia from IWU's earliest days to today. Reconnect with familiar faces and rediscover the moments that helped shape your journey. And receive a special gift as our Thank You for being part of the IWU story.

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At Called to Flourish Virtual Conference, we will explore how leaders cultivate holistic growth in their organizations, communities, and personal lives through seven dimensions: intellectual, spiritual, moral & ethical, relational & communal, vocational, societal & global, and emotional & personal well-being.

DATE: May 21, 2026

TIME: 9 AM - 4 PM EST

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In a time of cultural change and ministry complexity, the call to shepherd well remains the same.

Join us for a day designed to encourage, equip, and refresh pastors and church leaders as they navigate the shifts facing today's church.

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CHURCH MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP

The CMS program was created to allow churches to encourage and assist IWU students in covering a portion of their education expenses.

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REQUEST A MINISTRY TEAM

IWU recruits, trains and sends out music ministry teams to minister at churches, Christian schools, youth retreats, and special events.

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HAVE QUESTIONS? WE CAN HELP YOU!



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