

*Survey of Campus Ministers*  
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In the fall of 2005 an online survey was distributed to all United Methodist campus ministers by the Division of Ordained Ministry. The purpose was to gather information to inform a leadership course in the Campus Ministry Track of Wesley's Doctor of Ministry Program. Questions were open-ended with no response options offered. The results below come from sixty-six respondents. Results that represent five percent or more of the responses to individual questions are reported.

**1. *What do you see as the greatest strengths of campus ministry on your campus and other campuses today?***

- **Meeting the spiritual needs of students – 25% of responses to this question**
- Students – 12%
- Ministry of presence – 8%
- Ecumenical and interfaith relations -6%
- Leadership development – 6%
- Diversity – 5%
- Service – 5%

**2. *If you could wave a magic wand and change one thing about your campus ministry, what would it be?***

- **Better funding – 24% of responses to this question**
- Larger ministries reaching more students – 10%
- Better understand and cooperation by the church – 8%
- Less fund raising and other administrative work – 6%

**3. *What do see as the most critical issues and needs facing campus ministry in the next few years?***

- **Funding – 25% of responses to this question**
- Ministering across the liberal/conservative divide – 7%
- Campus Ministry becomes a priority of the church – 6%
- Spiritual and theological resource for students – 6%
- Relevant programs for students – 5%

**4. *What topics or other suggestions do you recommend for an upcoming course for campus ministers on 'leadership and administration for campus ministers'?***

- **Funding – 17% of responses to this question**
- Developing student leadership – 9%
- Board development – 8%
- Campus minister's role and needs – 8%
- Communications/marketing/church relations – 6%
- Relations within the school – 5%