

**Executive Director/Senior Pastor –
The Wesley Foundation and United Methodist Church at the University of Illinois**

The Wesley Foundation and Wesley UMC at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana - historic ministries set in the heart of a Big Ten campus - are seeking an experienced and creative **United Methodist elder** to serve as our next Executive Director and Senior Pastor. We are seeking someone with an innovative spirit and enthusiasm for campus-based ministry to provide direction and administration of the church's transformative ministries, the campus ministry's board and development, and alumni relations.

As Executive Director and Senior Pastor, you will lead a creative team of program specialists and support staff to develop relevant and engaging ministries for students, individuals, and families; create meaningful worship services; cultivate spiritual formation and discipleship in a multigenerational context; encourage community outreach through our food pantry and mission opportunities; strengthen connections with Wesley alumni and supporters; and engender an inclusive and affirming community where everyone has a place at the table.

Imagine yourself walking through Wesley's student center, architecturally modeled after St. John's College at Oxford. You notice a student playing an impromptu jazz piano solo in the student lounge, our student group, Illini Fighting Hunger, hosting a packaging event in the Great Hall, visiting scholars chatting in the Etc. Coffeehouse, undergrads cramming for an upcoming exam, our Queer Space group discussing faith and identity, and a student peer minister giving a freshman a tour of the first Wesley Foundation in the world.

As you walk through the Education wing, you pass a committee meeting in the conference room and the Christian Education director prepping for Advent. You hear volunteers and neighbors in need sharing a laugh in the food pantry downstairs as one helps the other receive the assistance they need to get through the month. As you enter the expansive Modern Gothic sanctuary, your thoughts turn to the upcoming staff retreat. You wonder, "How can we more fully live into our calling to be a place where individuals, couples, and families, people from diverse backgrounds, and persons of all ages are welcomed, loved, and transformed by God's grace? What exciting and innovative ministry ideas might our gifted leadership team develop to meet these needs?"

If you believe your gifts and experience would match well with this particular position and this unique campus-based church and Wesley Foundation, please email your resume and cover letter to applications@wesleyui.org. Preference will be given to applications submitted by November 1, 2022, as phone interviews will begin immediately. Starting date for this position is flexible (January 1–July 1, 2023). For more information, including a more-detailed job description, please contact Rev. Julie Dowler (jdowler@wesleyui.org).

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