

Grace United Methodist Church

Conference Related Institutions

Report

Connectional Ministries

Relation to the University of Indianapolis

Over the last ten years, Franklin Grace UMC has made some intentional efforts to build a bridge to the University of Indianapolis. The following represents some of the aspects of that “bridge-building” in the life of the congregation.

Areas of Collaboration

Here are ways ministries have unfolded between Franklin Grace UMC and UIndy. We consider these ministries as ways of gesturing toward our mutual mission and heritage.

1. EUB/Links

- a. Franklin Grace Church has been blessed with numerous leaders from the EUB Tradition. The Bishop Milhouse family, along with Dr. George Jacobs and Rev. Wilma Allen, comprise a rich tapestry of ministry. There are many more. Rewarding has been how these aspects have come to the fore. Other persons have included Vesta Hill and Donna and Marlow Mullen, Bob and Joyce Coleman.**

2. Educational Aspects

- a. Herb Cassel, former head of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, has taken an active role in our ministries of education and stewardship at Grace Church. He has been an invaluable person to have in the church.**
- b. Several Professors from UIndy have offered and taught Classes at Grace Church: Michael Cartwright, Jeremiah Gibbs, and Greg Clapper. All have been well-received.**

3. Lantz Center for Christian Vocations

- a. Pastor Andy Kinsey teaches in the Lantz School of Christian Vocations (in addition to the COS). Pastor Kinsey also serves as a mentor to students at UIndy in the Lantz Program.**
- b. Grace Church has had several youth persons go through the Lantz Center and now are entering into ministry – Joey Gamboa (CTS) and Joe Sanford (Sellersburg UMC)**
- c. Grace Church sent a youth to participate in the new Vocations Academy in July 2018 (Jenna Newton).**

- d. **Grace Church will be having a forum with David Boyd and Jeremiah Gibbs on the Vocations Academy in the fall.**

4. Youth Ministry

- a. **Grace Church has offered students at UIndy opportunities to serve as interns in youth ministry at Grace Church. This will continue.**

5. Music and Worship Ministry

- a. **Grace Church has had several choirs and ensembles from UIndy come and share in worship.**
- b. **Grace Church currently has two youth at UIndy who are majoring in music.**

6. Scholarship Support and Financial Aid

- a. **Referring to Herb Cassel – Grace Church has provided financial support to UIndy so that it may fund a scholarship in the name of Herb Cassel.**