

Adopt-a-Hall PROGRAM



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RELIGIOUS LIFE

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I. PURPOSE:

To partner with local Christian churches in the Fayetteville area to provide students with a connection to the Fayetteville community and the opportunity to experience God's love and acceptance, as well as "a touch of home" while living in the residence hall community.

II. SCOPE:

Residence Hall	Approx. #
Garber	150
Weaver	150
Pearce	45
West	45
North	100
Village Houses	25 per house
Commons & McLean (apartment-style residences)	230
Total	910

*All residence halls are co-ed facilities.



III. COMPONENTS OF ADOPTION:

Program Outreach and Nature

- ◆ Provide a “gathering” or program two times each semester in coordination with the RC (Residential Coordinator). Anything the youth or young adults of your congregation would enjoy, these students will like as well! Programs might include, but are certainly not limited to, pumpkin carving, “build-your-own-ice-cream-sundae” night, painting party, or game night.
- ◆ Be a support person that the RC can call on for program ideas for church connection suggestions.
- ◆ Participate with other Adopt-a-Hall churches in any “all hall” events scheduled, typically once per semester. The most important part is your presence! Students welcome interaction with outside “family”.
- ◆ Be a resource for the University Chaplain, as requested, to reach out to students in times of need.
- ◆ Reach out to each resident in a simple, personal way at least once per semester. Ideas include a written note, birthday card, useful trinket, flower vase, or small goodie bag.
- ◆ The apartment-style living spaces do not lend themselves to group programming, although it can be done! These areas typically house senior students whose schedules are less regimented than freshman schedules. In this case, churches may find that the “personal touch” approach is more effective.



IV. MONARCH MOVERS:

(Freshman/First Year Hall move-in/Orientation)

Monarch Movers are volunteers who welcome students and families on their first day at MU and assist in moving their personal items into the residence halls. First-day interaction provides the opportunity for your church to demonstrate your care for these students and to begin forming a relationship from the beginning! MU Religious Life provides custom T-shirts to each volunteer to identify you as a partner church and “Monarch Mover,” as well as providing lunch. We ask that all volunteers wear the Monarch Movers T-shirt as a sign of unity among our many denominations and so that you can be easily identified.

Note: It will be hot! It will be exciting. YOU will be the face of comfort, reassurance and help for eager students AND nervous parents.



V. RESPONSIBILITIES:

Methodist University covenants to:

- 1) Convene with partner churches twice annually for idea sharing and input
- 2) Provide written guidelines for the Adopt-A-Hall program
- 3) Provide clear and timely communication and responses
- 4) Provide an MU staff member at each event
- 5) Arrange for campus resources (tables, chair,etc.)
- 6) Assist with printing, publicity and distribution of materials on campus as needed
- 7) Provide Monarch Movers t-shirt
- 8) Pray for partner churches and congregations

Partner Church covenants to:

- 1) Participate in called meetings and provide feedback
- 2) Abide by guidelines of the program
- 3) Provide clear, timely communication
- 4) Provide programming and events
- 5) Request resources needed at least one week in advance
- 6) Meet with RC and staff to set event dates by the second week of each semester
- 7) Participate in Monarch Movers, freshman move-in
- 8) Pray for Methodist University and students





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“Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

— Hebrews 13:1-2 (NIV)

