



Wesley College 2018 Annual Report

Education for Building the Community Mwanza, Tanzania

Message from the Principal

What does it take to change the world? What does it take to change a community? Is it even possible? While it is often impossible to track all of the factors present in making a world-wide change or even a community-wide change, we know that there are watershed moments in the lives of communities and even more so in the lives of people. I believe that it only takes a moment to change someone's life, someone's trajectory. A moment in which they are given a choice -- a chance -- to do something which seemed previously impossible, and they take it. Wesley College is dedicated to providing those chances and opportunities to people in Tanzania, that opportunity to make a decision that was not previously available, acquiring an education that was previously out of reach, and using it to change their part of the world.



As we pass our two-year anniversary as a college, the fruit has started to be seen. As more and more people come through the doors, encounter us in the community, and respond to a new style of education, the need for Wesley College in Tanzania is confirmed. As 2018 closes and a new year begins, the three focuses of Wesley College continue to prove to be valuable guides. The desires, needs, and successes of students continues to confirm the method with which we move forward. In 2018 we saw progress in each of our three main areas of focus...

- 1. Providing easier access to post-secondary education**
- 2. Providing practical, modern education which allows students access to an ever-changing global job market.**
- 3. Forming servant leaders for the community.**

...and we look forward to continuing to move forward in these areas in 2019.

Success in our focus areas:

1. Providing easier access to post-secondary education
 - a. 79% of our students passed their qualifying exam and will be moving into their last year of secondary education before starting college.
 - b. 61% of our students passed their national exams for secondary education and are qualified to go on to college.
 - c. Wesley College awarded 47 scholarships for students to study certificate or diploma courses.
2. Providing practical, modern education which allows students access to an ever-changing global job market.
 - a. Our library has 35 e-readers, each housing more than 300 titles.
 - b. Our teachers have been equipped with tablets, projectors, and other teaching aids to continue to expand the use of technology in the classroom.
 - c. We added teleconferencing equipment in order to bring professors, lectures, and professionals from around the world into our classrooms.
 - d. We registered with G Suite for Education and have started to incorporate G Suite tools into classroom management and student experiences.
 - e. All certificate and diploma students participated in field practice experiences which prepared them for the workforce.
3. Forming servant leaders for the community.
 - a. Wesley College students participated in planting 412 trees on the future site of the college, starting to leave their mark on the community in a positive way.
 - b. Student government was equipped and mentored on leadership skills by faculty and staff.
 - c. A servant leadership program was created specifically for Wesley College students by a graduate intern of the Clinton School of Public Service, which will be launched in 2019.

Basic Statistics on the college

Students = 139

- Theology – 15
- Adult Education – 67
- Development Students – 53
- Business Students – 10
- ICT – 16

Faculty and Staff = 26

- Full time = 17
- Part time = 9

Finances:

Income:

Advance from UMC – \$41,343
Donations – \$112,447
Grants – \$29,900
Other college income – \$3,082
School fee revenue – \$6,889

Total – \$193,661

Expenses:

Special Projects or Programs

- AAUMTI Writer's Work Shop – \$9,856
- Urban Church Planting Training – \$3,794
- Pamoja Training – \$1,918
- Development Summit – \$1,055
- Next Generation Ministry Training – \$816

Debt Payment – \$21,818

Charitable Giving = \$4,558

Scholarships for Room and Board = \$21,707

Admissions and Registration = \$3,659

Marketing and PR = \$7,898

Auditing and Financial Services = \$2,214

Capital Expenses = \$11,730

Student Affairs = \$2,244

Operating Expenses = \$32,994

Personnel = \$57,743

Academic Resources = \$5,731

Field Practicum = \$665

Total – \$190,400

Major Milestones:

First NACTE intake – October 2018 Wesley College registered its first students in community development and business administration.

Hosting Writer's Workshop – Wesley College had the honor of hosting the Anglophone Group of the African Association of United Methodist Theological Institutes for an academic writing workshop. The main presenter was Dr. John Mbiti who is a world-renown African theologian and writer.



Abel Ignas - Community Development Student
"God willing, I want to start my own NGO to help the community with their many challenges."

The workshop was supported by the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and attended by professors and lecturers from colleges and universities from five African nations.



Graduation – November 2018 saw Wesley College’s first graduation. Eight theology students and eighteen students from adult education graduated and prepared to either enter the ministry or proceed with higher education. The guest of honor was the Honorable Mabula, Member of Parliament for the Illemela District.

Urban Church planting program – Faculty at Wesley College, with collaboration from The Village Church in Nashville and especially lead pastor Rev. Travis Garner, created an urban church planting curriculum to help pastors at in the Tanzanian Annual Conference be better equipped to plant churches in urban areas. Nine pastors participated in the training and five will be followed for the next two years to evaluate how effective the training program is.

Registration as a testing center – Wesley College succeeded in being registered as a testing center with the National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) and is now allowed to administer secondary examinations for adult education students for form II and IV.

First year for Diploma in Theology - Wesley College welcomed the first class of Diploma in Theology students, having started a certificate in theology in 2017. This course prepares students for higher levels of leadership in the church as well as further study in theology on the degree level. It is a two-year program.

Supporters & Scholarships

Wesley College would like to thank all of the supporters and impact partners who made 2018 possible.

The Clinton School of Public Service, through their international service program, supported a graduate intern to be in Tanzania for ten weeks which resulted in the launch of a new servant leadership program for students.

Volunteers also came from the United Methodist Church through the Volunteer in Missions Program and on their own to support Wesley College in training staff, teaching classes, and providing support in communications and fundraising.

The Head of Theology from Wesley College was blessed to attend the meeting of the African Association of United Methodist Theological Institutions and continue to learn from this organization.

The Tanzanian Wesley Education Foundation supported Wesley College with gifts equaling \$76,201 in 2018. These funds allowed Wesley College to provide 47 scholarships to students, outfit two classrooms with desks and chairs, and cover other expenses as the college is getting started. It would not have been possible without the support of the Wesley College Foundation.

Board of Trustees

Wesley College is governed by a diverse board of trustees appointed by the Tanzanian Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. The board includes five nationalities, multiple Christian denominations, clergy, bishops, business owners, educators, and government workers in education.

Most importantly we would like to welcome our new Chair of the Board of Trustees Bishop Dr. Mande Muyombo, resident bishop of the Tanzanian Annual Conference. He said that, "God's Spirit is moving the United Methodist Church to new places and initiative a transforming discipleship. Wesley College stands as a school which is providing the pastoral leadership that is needed to sustain the movement."

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