

- State-of-the-Art Research;
- 21st Century Worship; and
- Full Access.



Students enjoy the beauty and tranquility of Wesley's campus.



The Library was renovated and reopened in September 2011.

In the 2021 Academic year, Wesley successfully underwent re-accreditation from both the Association of Theological Schools and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. We used that period of self-study to frame up a new and more dynamic strategic planning process. It is driven by a set of questions:

1. Given the changing landscape of church-based ministry, how can Wesley proactively adapt to and address the emerging future needs of faith leaders and faith communities?
2. How do we sustain and develop degree and non-degree programs of excellence to reach and meet the educational and vocational needs of a diversity of students.
3. How can we stay competitive and economically viable as old patterns of support for seminaries are weakening and an increasing number of students enter less than full-time ministry?
4. How do we make effective use of our location in Washington, DC to prepare the next generation of church and community leaders?
5. How can we strengthen our institutional and academic assessment mechanisms to inform decision-making on key priorities?

And guided by a set of strategic assumptions:

1. Remain a church-based seminary and explore other markets for theological education.
2. Continue to compete nationally and internationally and enhance our presence in the mid-Atlantic region.
3. Maintain a high-quality, traditional, residential program and develop and strengthen non-traditional degree and non-degree programs.
4. Emphasize the unique programs lodged in our centers because they attract students we wouldn't get otherwise.
5. Maintain the demographic and theological diversity of our seminary community.
6. Stabilize our net tuition revenue.

In line with this new planning process, Wesley just received a \$1M grant from the Lilly endowment to produce a sustainable business plan and proofs of concept for an expanded role for seminaries to prepare a variety of pastoral leaders for the many evolving forms of the future church.

III. SPRING VALLEY CAMPUS 2021

The current Campus is comprised of Lots 6 (A&T Lots 818 and 819), 7, 8 and 9 in Square 1600 with a total area of 381,787 square feet (8.77 acres). The Campus is improved with eight (8) buildings, including three student residence buildings (Straughn Hall, Carroll Hall and the 2014 Dorm); the Library; Kresge Academic Hall; Trott Hall and Chapel; a small one-story maintenance building; and the Old President's House on University Avenue. The total gross floor area of the Campus is approximately 166,916 square feet. All of the existing buildings were part of the original Campus, except the new residence hall which was completed and occupied in 2014. The Campus has a total of 174 surface parking spaces, including 143 in the parking lot in the center of the Campus and an additional 31 spaces located along the interior roadways. Vehicular ingress and egress is provided to and from the existing Massachusetts Avenue driveway. Vehicles leaving the Campus can only turn right onto Massachusetts Avenue. The University Avenue driveway is exit only with no left turn. A limited number of delivery and service vehicles are allowed to enter the Campus from University Avenue.

IV. CAMPUS PLAN TO THRIVE IN PLACE (2022-2032)

This Plan represents the last foreseeable new development on the Campus and maintains the established hilltop campus building configuration surrounded by the prominent Green Open Space that defines the Wesley Seminary relationship with the neighborhood. Two 1960-era

obsolete dorms, the surface parking lot and adjacent maintenance building, and the Old President's House will be demolished. This will allow construction of a new student housing building and a new administration building. (Site Zoning Plan, Exhibit E).

A. Demolish Old President's House and Restore Site with Landscaping

The Old President's House is located on the three lots on University Avenue. (Existing Land Use, Exhibit L). This two-story, 4,538 square-foot building is no longer habitable and has not been used for its intended purpose for twenty years. The building and associated paved parking area and University Avenue curb cut will be demolished. This area will be re-landscaped including a small community playground to maintain and enhance the existing Green Open Space along University Avenue. (Landscape Plan, Exhibit H).

B. Demolish Carroll and Straughn Halls and Surface Parking Lot

The two 1960 – era original dorms, Carroll Hall (27,533 square feet) and Straughn Hall (29,866 square feet) that surround the existing surface parking will be demolished. (Existing Land Use, Exhibit L). Together, these two-story buildings provide ninety beds. Carroll Hall is significant to the Seminary's housing inventory because it provides family style units for married students and their families. Replacement of this critical family housing will be facilitated by the proposed New Dormitory.