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Anthony J. Hood chairperson
441 4th Street NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Letter of Support for Wesley's "Thrive in Place" Plan
From: the Washington Theological Consortium

Dear Mr. Hood:

I write on behalf of the Washington Theological Consortium in support of Wesley Theological Seminary's "Thrive in Place" plan for residential and other improvements to their campus. Given the demand for housing by students at American University and the Seminary, we support this plan as a method of keeping all students near their campuses and of allowing Wesley to continue theological education of leaders in church and society in the heart of the Nation's Capital.

Wesley's historic relationship with American University (both founded as Methodist Institutions) and their shared degree program with the School of International Service at AU make this residential and facilities partnership with the University a natural next step.

Our Theological Consortium is an educational network of ten Catholic, mainline Protestant, Evangelical and Historic Black Theological Schools that are engaged in graduate education for religious and civic leadership. We also have partner institutions in Islamic, Jewish, Biblical, and Spirituality Studies. Wesley was a founding member of the Consortium over 50 years ago, and Wesley continues to be a leader in sharing library, educational, and faculty resources with its partner theological schools.

Given all these relationships, we strongly endorse Wesley's plan as the best way for the school to remain in Washington, so it can carry on these and other vital relationships.

Sincerely,

Dr. Larry Golemon
Executive Director
Washington Theological Consortium