
Approve Wesley Seminary's Campus Plan

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Mr. Anthony J. Hood, Chairman

D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 200S
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Zoning Commission Case No. 23-08(1)

Application of The Wesley Theological Seminary of the United Methodist Church for a Campus Plan (2025–2035)

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission,

I am writing to express my strong and heartfelt support for the approval of Wesley Theological Seminary's 2025–2035 Campus Plan.

As Pastor of East Washington Heights Baptist Church in Ward 7 and a proud graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary, I have witnessed firsthand the Seminary's profound impact on our community. Wesley has been instrumental in nurturing leaders who serve not only in pulpits but also in various capacities that uplift our neighborhoods and city at large.

The Seminary's commitment to theological education and community engagement has been a cornerstone in developing leaders equipped to address the spiritual and social needs of our diverse population. Its presence in Washington, D.C., enriches our city's cultural and moral fabric.

Approving Wesley's campus plan is not merely a matter of institutional growth; it is an investment in the continued development of leaders who are dedicated to service, justice, and compassion. Such an investment aligns with our city's values and the well-being of its residents.

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
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I urge the Commission to give favorable consideration to this application, recognizing the Seminary's vital role in our community's past, present, and future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Kip Bernard Banks, Sr.

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