

**ITEM 203
FOR INFORMATION**

Subject: The Office of Collegiate Ministry

Background:

The office of collegiate ministry entered the new year with new staff and a renewed commitment to equipping and supporting congregations, chaplains, campus ministers, middle governing bodies and collegiate ministry networks who are called to share the love of God and the Good News of Jesus Christ with college students and campuses across this nation. As part of a new ministry area, the office will focus on providing the information, resources and support these entities need to reach and “disciple” new generations of college students; partnering with them to plan local and regional collegiate ministry events; drafting a new denominational strategy for higher education for the second decade of the 21st century; and, increasing the involvement of racial-ethnic, immigrant and marginalized constituencies in various aspects of collegiate ministry. The office of collegiate ministry solicits the prayers of the General Assembly Council and the whole church as it seeks to discern God’s vision and live out God’s mission in higher education.