



Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia
February 25, 2023

Johns Memorial Episcopal Church Campus Ministry
Serving Longwood University
and Hampden-Sydney College

*The excellent campus minister, Tommy Dixon, left the area to take a position at Boys Home, Covington, VA. In November 2022, parishioners Mike and Anne Lund assumed the organizing of Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM). Meeting every two weeks during the semesters, students have dinner, conversation led by a guest, visits with each other, and Compline. On the off weeks, the students have Bible Study, led by a student and shepherded by the rector, The Rev. Dr. Nancy Meck. LU Professor Jeff Halliday is the official sponsor of ECM and attends regularly.

*Dr. Michael Lund, LU, led conversation about the importance of community, referencing literary works.

*Dr. Michael Utzinger, HSC, discussed his research work concerning the racial integration of churches during the 1950s and 60s, and the students responded with questions, particularly concerning their colleges' roles.

*Anne Lund led a planning conversation with the students. Several students responded to helping with the nursery of the church on Sunday mornings.

*Dr. Dina Leech, LU, led conversation about environmental concerns, evolution, and faith. The students responded with questions and comments. Dr. Leech was invited back to continue this discussion about water!

*Nurse Melanie Swanson, LU, explained her background and what led her into nursing. She was particularly invited by a nursing student.

*Future plans include Dr. Chene Heady, LU, who has studied prayer book entries in literature. We plan a running/walking event and a music evening. We hope to meet jointly with Wesley at least once.

A core of seven students attends regularly.