

Residential Covenant Wesley House Merced

Wesley Merced is committed to welcoming, valuing and guiding students in a supportive Christian environment. The Wesley House is an intentional living community, dedicated to modeling and mentoring progressive, inclusive Christian spiritual formation and wholesome living in today's society. The Wesley House Merced does not discriminate based on ethnicity, race, creed, age, culture, disability, economic class, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

As a member of the Wesley House Merced, I intend to strive for the following:

Community:

Communal life allows for mutual support and encouragement in the often challenging life of students. It calls us to be open, compassionate, and willing to grow. We learn that our lives are interconnected and we have responsibility toward members as they do to us. In joining this community, I intend to:

- Practice hospitality, by refraining from demonstrations of prejudice against any individual or group of individuals on the basis of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, politics, and/or socioeconomic status.
- Refrain from having alcohol or illegal substances on the Wesley House premises
- Attend the Wesley House weekly House meeting
- In addition to House Meetings, take part in Wesley activities at least once a week- including House, campus, worship or service programs
- Take responsibility for a weekly House chore as well as agreed upon cleaning rules

Faith:

Promoting and understanding mutual respect is essential. In joining this community, I intend to:

- Explore my own spirituality
- Be open to learning about and from people of other religious traditions and faiths in my community.
- Meet with the Campus Minister at least once a semester
- Stay open to sharing my understanding of my faith with the community, but refrain from attempting to convert others to my way of believing.

Social Justice:

All major faith traditions call for social justice, asking followers to change the attitudes and structures, of themselves and society, which create poverty and oppression. In joining this community, I intend to:

- Be just in my thoughts, language, and actions so that my work for justice will have credibility
- Seek to know the truth of situations, rather than relying on my prejudices and biases.
- Work with the poor and other marginalized people with a spirit of solidarity toward a goal of structural change in society.
- Give ten hours of service to my community each semester (or twenty each year).

I have carefully read the above fundamentals of living an intentional life and, in a spirit of solidarity with other people of faith; I enter into this year-long commitment.

Signature: _____ Name _____

Date: _____

Please return completed applications to Wesley Foundation Merced at the United Methodist Church of Merced 899 Yosemite Parkway, Merced CA 95340. If you have further questions, please contact Pastor John Song (650) 722-1277 or johnsongumc@gmail.com. Revised 4/10/17