

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAMPUS MINISTRY

Rick Quinn, Chair

In the last year since the Memphis and Tennessee 2021 annual conferences, the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry (TWK BHECM) has been at work bringing together a cadre of unique and diverse campus ministries ranging from the Mississippi River up into Western Kentucky and East toward the Cumberland Plateau. In total, the TWK BHECM represents 15 campus ministries with UMC presence on both state and private institutions of higher learning as well as historically black colleges and universities in geographic locations that reflect the diversity of our region in terms of rural and city settings and the diverse economic regions of our conference.

During this year, the TWK BHECM has worked with consultants from the UMCommission from the Georgia annual conferences during this year. The UMCommission has utilized site visits, individual and group meetings, and surveys in order to gather a picture of the promise and possibilities residing within our network of campus ministries in order to assist the board in conjunction with campus ministries to identify and develop strategies around leadership and local board support and development, financial stability and funding development, and strategic planning.

Our conferences campus ministries have also embodied the connectional spirit in both formal and informal ways with examples ranging from informal cooperation between ministries to aid with board development and recruitment, and job search assistance as well as more formal partnerships across campuses in joint ministries.