

701 **Waterford Mennonite Church**
702 **Mennonite College Inquiry Programs Support Plan**
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705 **Introduction**
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707 The five Mennonite Church USA colleges sponsor inquiry programs, giving students the
708 opportunity to spend a three-month summer period in a camp, congregation or service agency
709 with the goal of exploring vocation and developing skills for leadership in these various areas of
710 ministry. These goals are achieved through active participation, observation of others in such
711 settings, and the mentoring of an on-site supervisor.
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713 Currently, there are 3 Inquiry programs:
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- 715 ➤ Ministry Inquiry Program (offered by all 5 Mennonite Church USA colleges)
- 716 ➤ Service Inquiry Program (offered only by Goshen College)
- 717 ➤ Camping Inquiry Program (offered only by Goshen College)

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719 Students accepted into any of the Inquiry programs are funded by a combination (depending on
720 the program) of support from:
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- 722 • The educational institution
- 723 • Mennonite Church USA
- 724 • Sending church conference
- 725 • Receiving church conference
- 726 • Hosting organization (congregation, service agency, camp)
- 727 • Student's home congregation

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729 **Operating Principles**
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731 For the student to participate in any of these programs, the home congregation is asked to provide
732 \$500 in support. WMC's Mennonite Education Fund will be used to provide this support for
733 eligible students. The guidelines to determine as to whether WMC is to be considered the
734 student's home church will be the same as those used for providing MEF tuition support to
735 students attending Mennonite colleges and seminaries.
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737 **Operational Procedures**
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- 739 1. An interested student will apply to their respective campus ministries department by January
740 31st prior to the summer they wish to participate and submit a copy of the application to the WMC
741 Mennonite Education Fund Committee.
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- 743 2. If the student is accepted, the campus ministries department will contact WMC regarding its
744 willingness to participate in the student's chosen Inquiry program by providing \$500.
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- 746 3. As part of their involvement in the program, students are encouraged to work with the pastoral
747 team to develop a plan for sharing with the congregation a written or oral summary of their
748 experiences and learnings.