



**Education for Building the Community**  
A United Methodist Related College

## **CASE FOR SUPPORT**

**Vision:** Wesley College exists to provide Christian education in order to prepare servants for the service of the community.

**Mission:** Wesley College will prepare students with academic excellence, using holistic formation, and a spiritual and intellectual balance in order to produce effective, concerned servants for the community.

### **Core Objectives:**

1. Provide experiential and relevant education
2. Form servant leaders for the community
3. Provide a path to higher education for non-traditional students
4. Form professional, technologically competent graduates for a globalized world
5. Provide job ready education and soft skills training for all students
6. Form intellectually and spiritually whole students for the development of the global community

### **What is Wesley College?**

Wesley College is a new educational venture that is being built from the ground up, not looking at traditional education models, but the specific educational needs in Tanzania and what type of higher education institute would have the ability to address those educational needs.

The result is getting ready to launch. A projected 3000 student college located in Mwanza, the second largest city in the country, Wesley College will use experiential learning where students are given tasks to do and learn through instead of just lectures to listen to. The result will be job ready graduates who are leading professionals in their fields. In addition to being leading professionals Wesley College graduates will have a heart for their communities as a Christian model of servant leadership will be part of the formational process of all students. Servant leadership will be coupled with the modern skills needed to address the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities that globalization is bringing and will bring to Africa.

Wesley College will be offering programs through their departments of theology, development and leadership, computer science, architecture and design, and engineering with the hope that there will be cross-sectional studies and collaborative work efforts so that graduates understand how to tackle problems from multiple angles and how to work with various specialties, skills needed in a modern workforce.

### **Who is Wesley College?**

Wesley College is a United Methodist Church related institution that is endorsed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church and a member of both the African Association of United Methodist Theological Institutes and the Africa Association of Methodist Institutes of Higher Education.

Wesley College is governed by a diverse Board of Trustees containing people from three different nations and from leaders in the religious, government, and private sectors.

### **Who is Wesley College here to help?**

Much like community colleges in the US, Wesley College will focus on students who missed the traditional path to college because of lack of funding or initially poor performance in secondary school. Students that have a drive to be educated because of where they believe it can take them will be well prepared at Wesley College through strong remedial education programs, specific job skills training, excellent academics, and multiple opportunities for hands on job experience before graduation.

Students will be like Mwita. Mwita was kicked out of his house in the second grade. He grew up on the streets or staying in other people's homes for short stints of time and never finished any more schooling. That experience, while hard is what made Mwita a great candidate for his current job as project coordinator for Our Father's House, an organization that works with street children. While Mwita's heart and experience are important, the organization has gone through many struggles because of Mwita's lack of education in community development and organizational growth. Many opportunities have been missed for those children. The goal of Wesley College is to take those will great aspirations, but challenging life circumstances and help them to not just reach their dreams, but to excel at them in a modern, globalized world.

### **Tanzania's Education Challenge:**

The [World Economic Forum](http://reports.weforum.org/outlook-global-agenda-2015/regional-challenges/building-for-better-sub-saharan-africa/) listed *Education and Skills Development*, *Building Sustainable Governance Systems*, and *Building Hard infrastructure* as the three largest challenges for economic development in Sub-Saharan Africa in 2015.

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The World Economic Forum's understanding of Sub-Saharan Africa applies to Tanzania as well.

1) Tanzania has a growing population of students wanting to go onto to college due to the 100% growth of primary school leavers and the 22% growth of secondary school leavers over the last 10 years, but without an adequate number of colleges and universities.

2) Tanzania has a style of education that prepares students for further study, but does not prepare them for the work force, or for a globalized world that is technology rich even in developing countries. This has resulted in a large population of graduates without jobs and low performing national corporations.

3) Tanzania has leaders who do not see leadership as a path to community development, but rather personal enrichment leaving governance systems under supported and under functioning in important areas.

4) Tanzania has a lack of education in hard sciences. In the Lake Zone, the area around Mwanza, there is only one university that offers a degree in engineering and none that offer degrees in computer science or architecture. The result is a lack of native professionals with the necessary skills to develop strong infrastructure in the country.

### **Wesley College's Solution**

Wesley College proposed to close the development gap through education and technological leaps powered by relevant, research based, and contextual education that is balanced by servant leadership and a Christian understanding the responsibility of each person to enrich the world around them.

Specifically we look to...

...Create a Service Learning Center which will be formational in all students experiences as a place to work on professional soft job skills and gain practical experience through field practicums, co-ops, and internships as well as focus on servant leadership as a character all graduates should assume in their place of work and community.

...Have the Learning Commons become the center of campus as a tool for research, experiential learning, group projects, remedial learning, and a center for learning how to utilize technology both in their studies as well as in the future in their places of work.

...Create simple steps to help students make the jump from primary and secondary education into higher education successfully, focusing on lower income and non-traditional students.

...Have integrated learning so that students learn to work with other students in development, leadership, architecture, engineering, computer science, and even theology to better understand how life and development are integrated, meaning the solutions to life's challenges have to be approached holistically. This will train students to be problems solvers to life's biggest challenges. This will be most realized through technology and development incubators that will be used to solve real life challenges by higher level students.

...Utilize a competency based curriculum that focuses on skills instead of just a memorization of terms, and preparation for success in the future instead of simply good grades in school.

## Wesley College Founders\*

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Platinum	\$50,000 - \$100,000	7
Diamond	\$10,000 - \$50,000	12
Gold	\$2500 - \$5000	30
Silver	\$500 - \$2500	60
Bronze	\$0 - \$500	120

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