

The Summit House Community

The Summit House Community is an off-campus housing option that offers students an opportunity to live intentionally in a community focused on a particular theme. Each side of the house must live into the mission statement for the entire house, but has the freedom to tailor their experience to match the interests and passions of the current residents.

House Mission Statement:

A house of people whose priority is building community beyond friendship by being present and accountable through mutuality and transparency.

Examples of themed campus housing:

Food and Faith (Focus on the intersections food production, eating and spirituality)

Tree House (Focus on green initiatives)

Peace and Justice House (Focus on advocacy in the community)

Citizens of the World House (COW house: Focus on thinking globally, immigration)

Women's House (Focus on women's issues/feminist thought)

Queer House (Focus on the LGBT community)

Cycle House (Focus on biking)

Do you have to be Christian to sign up?

While this program is supported by the campus ministry at Summit on 16th United Methodist Church, it is not a requirement to be involved in the Summit worshiping community. It is also not a requirement that house members be Christian. It is our hope, however, that students in these communities will engage in conversation with one another about their *whole lives*, which we believe includes your spirituality, however you name it.

So what does this kind of community actually look like?

You tell us! We've come up with an outline and some basic principles that we think help to define a healthy living community, but the rest is up to your imagination! In general, residents should be willing to attend a house meeting of some kind once a week; we believe this supports and challenges the community to grow together and prioritize one another in the midst of busy schedules. We also ask the group to commit to a larger project over the course of the year. That project might be service oriented, study oriented, or involve a creative process with art, music or dance. We can't wait to hear about your ideas!

Please return this application to:

Lucy Waechter Webb, Campus Pastor
82 E. 16th Ave, Columbus, OH 43201
lucy@summitumc.org

Please fill out the name and contact information for the people you know interested in this housing opportunity. You might be a single applicant, or a group of two to five. We can help recruit additional people for your community if you are a group less than five when you apply. We ask that one person serve as a “moderator” for the house, which just means they will take leadership in convening the meetings and programming.

2012-2013 Group Application: 104 E. 16th Ave.

1. Name of “moderator”: _____

Class Year for '12-'13 year: _____ Major: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. Name: _____

Class Year for '12-'13 year: _____ Major: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

3. Name: _____

Class Year for '12-'13 year: _____ Major: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

4. Name: _____

Class Year for '12-'13 year: _____ Major: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

5. Name: _____

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Group Theme Proposal:

Please consider the following questions and respond as a group.

1. In a few sentences describe the theme that the community will explore for their year together.
2. Describe what your weekly commitments will be with one another as a community. This might include a house meeting that involves reflection on a shared reading/a meal/worship/meditation, etc. It may also include an additional practice beyond a meeting (for example: the group might all serve at a soup kitchen together weekly).
3. Outline the vision for a larger project that the community will complete by the end of the school year. It might be a larger service project, an extended study together, creating a piece of artwork, writing, or blog about the theme you're exploring, etc. Explain how this project will have impact in the OSU community and the wider Columbus community.
4. Describe what your group understands to be important factors in a healthy living community. How will your commitments to those ideas relate to the mission statement of the house?

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Please return the application by **December 31, 2011** to:

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