

2009 THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt

- What you notice most is the sparkle in his eyes and his joyous smile when he talks about where he's going to minister. He has so much love for the church, and he can't wait to get started—just two more months!
- What you hear about her work after she leaves is, "Our CYF has never had a youth minister so passionately theological and in tune with the youth. They absolutely love her."
- After her second sermon, someone tells you, "She brings a calm wisdom mixed with love that goes well beyond her years. She's really finding her voice."



It is inspiring to be in and around the community of 25 gifted young Disciples studying for ministry at the Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt University.

They are bright.

They are seeking God's will.

They are energetic and eager to serve.

They will make a difference for God in the world and in our Church.

At the Disciples House, we depend on the many networks that connect Disciples. Students come to Nashville from excellent CYFs and vital congregations across the country, from great regional church camps, from wonderful mentors and teachers at Disciples colleges. Others have been Peace Interns or on regional and general youth leadership teams. What a difference those connections make when we are seeking to shape ministers for the Christian Church!



Students live at the Disciples House near campus, in community with other Disciple ministry students. The House provides scholarships for study at Vanderbilt Divinity School, as well as Disciple-oriented teaching about ministry. Students work at good Disciple churches nearby.

After graduation, some become “pastoral residents” for two years through an innovative program funded by a grant to Disciples House from the Lilly Endowment. Others move into churches on their own. In the last 10 years, 57 Disciples earned the Masters of Divinity degree and 56 Disciples were ordained.

Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt shapes excellent ministers for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your Thanksgiving Offering to the Disciple Mission Fund helps Disciples House support students preparing for ministry. But it also helps connect all of us, from local church to region, to college, to Disciples House at Vanderbilt, and back to the local church.