

PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE  
Statement of Church Relatedness  
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An Institution in The United Methodist Tradition

**Philander Smith College** is a private, residential, co-educational, four-year undergraduate liberal arts college affiliated with The United Methodist Church and a founding member of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). Philander is classified as a baccalaureate (liberal arts) college by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The College's mission is **to graduate academically accomplished students who are grounded as advocates for social justice, determined to intentionally change the world for the better.**

Philander Smith College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), and the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The College currently offers four degrees: the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Business Administration, and the Bachelor of Social Work.

Philander Smith College is proud of its historical relationship with The United Methodist Church. Philander Smith College's mission statement echoes its first mission by The Methodist Church to provide an education during "conflict and social change," by educating current students to become "advocates for social justice." The mission statement also is consistent with the current mission of The United Methodist Church by charging Philander Smith College students to "change the world for the better." As evidence of Church Relatedness, Philander Smith College offers weekly chapel services, curricular, and co-curricular activities to serve the spiritual needs of the campus community wherever possible. For additional information concerning Church-Relatedness, please visit the College's Religious Life webpage at <http://www.philander.edu/student-life/religious.aspx>.

In fall 2015, Philander Smith College will have an on-site visit by the University Senate of The United Methodist Church. A team representing the University Senate will evaluate Philander Smith College according to the criteria established for evaluating United Methodist institutions. (*University Senate of The United Methodist Church, Evaluation Criteria, Section V, 2013-2016, pg. 23*). Philander Smith College is clearly committed to its mission to develop students into first-class, service-oriented participating citizens in a church-related environment with a commitment to social justice.

The 2013-2015 Course Catalog of Philander Smith College identifies the institution as "Approved by the University Senate of The United Methodist Church. For additional information, please contact [amwilliams@philander.edu](mailto:amwilliams@philander.edu) and/or call 501-975-8506 (Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning).