Forming Community in Off-Campus Housing

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Fast Facts about VTS

- Founded in 1823
- Affiliated with the Episcopal Church USA
- Offers MDiv, MA, Anglican Studies, and DMin degrees to both lay and ordained ministers
- Average of 150 master’s students and 90 doctoral students
- 2013-14 Tuition, Fees, Room, and Board =$22,950 for full-time on-campus students
VTS Students

- Women: 47% of master’s students, 41% of DMin students
- Students of Color (from U.S.): 13% of master’s, 13% of DMin
- International Students: 3% of master’s, 4% of DMin
- Non-Episcopal or Anglican Denomination: 5% of master’s, 23% of DMin
The Needs We Seek to Meet

- Housing designed for families
- Close proximity to campus
- Affordable on a student budget
- Ease of transition from former home
- Ability to develop friendships and community
- Ability to integrate into campus life
Our Off-Campus Program

- Administrative
- Financial
- Staffing
- Social
Administrative Support

- Single point of contact for requesting housing and receiving assignment
- Leases are negotiated and signed by Seminary, no credit check for student
- Security deposits are paid by Seminary
- In some cases, utility service is activated by apartment complex for the Seminary and costs are incorporated into rental rate
Financial Support

- Security deposits are paid by Seminary
- Monthly subsidy of rental rate
- Seminary pays rent during periods of vacancy, avoids need for month-to-month arrangements or rates
Staffing Support

- Director of Financial Aid and Housing
- Move-In Ministry
- Off-Campus Proctors (Resident Assistants)
- Spouses/Partners group
Social Support

- Move-In Ministry
- Opening “Hall” Meeting and Ice Cream Social
- Fall Barbecue
- Periodic Social Events
- Compline
- Recognition and honoring of birthdays, weddings, new babies, illness/surgery, or deaths in extended family
Questions?
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