



WELCOME TO VIBRANT LIFE!

Hello there! Welcome to Vibrant Life! My name is Bayo (pronounced like “Bio”) and I am the founding leader of Vibrant Life Ministries, also known as VLM!

I am so glad you’ve found us. Before you decide whether Vibrant Life might be your kind of community, let me offer some background information on who we are and how we got here.

A BIT ABOUT OUR ORIGINS - *HERE’S THE LORE...*

Our community originally began in January 2023 as an internship project I created as a graduate student at Union Presbyterian Seminary called “Inquire & Inspire.” We met on Wednesday nights in a small classroom at Reveille United Methodist Church. Truth be told, I originally planned for our community to only meet for 8 weeks, and I invited a few of my fellow young adult friends from around the Richmond area to be a part of this project. I assumed that once the 8 weeks were up, we would go our separate ways. However, as you can see, that clearly didn’t happen! Instead, we’ve continued to meet and grow ever since. In a way, I “accidentally” planted this community, but I believe that this was a “divine accident” and that God had this planned all along. We officially changed our community’s name in July 2023 and began meeting as Vibrant Life.

WHO WE ARE - THE INSIDE SCOOP

As you discern whether you’d like to come join our community, let me provide you with the inside scoop on who we actually are:

- The members of our community are between the ages of 19-35. Many of us are in college, pursuing graduate or post-graduate study, or working in our first “big kid jobs.” Adulting at its finest.
- Vibrant Life is not all United Methodist. We’re actually a pretty mixed bag when it comes to our faith. We have diverse representation across the spectrum of faith, ranging from mainline religious affiliations to spiritual but not religious. We also have a number of folks who are curious about faith in general and are simply looking to just be in community with others.
- Many members of our community have experienced real church hurt in their lives. A good number of us are not avid Sunday morning worshippers and can’t stand religion.

COME ON, TAKE THE LEAP - YOU KNOW YOU LOWKEY WANT TO :)

I know - you're probably a bit nervous about joining a whole new community, and that's totally valid. Completely understood. However, let me promise you this: if you do take the leap of faith to join us one Wednesday evening, you won't find another community like ours anywhere else. We worship together, we pray together, we eat (A LOT) together, and most importantly, we enjoy simply just being together.

If we sound like your kind of people, then I'd like to personally invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings at Central United Methodist Church at 5:30 pm.

We are a growing, relationship-focused community in the Richmond area seeking to help young adults from all walks of life deepen their faith alongside other faith seekers and community explorers. When you come to check us out, you won't be walking into a room of strangers for long. Instead, you'll be joining a genuine community of friends who truly care about you and want to see you grow into who God has made you to be. We all know the isolation, uncertainty, curiosity, anxiety, and everything in between that comes with being a young adult navigating life in the 21st century. Through it all, we want to journey alongside you as we embark on the adventures of life together.

LET'S CONNECT!

Feel free to look through our page, and please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, thoughts, or concerns about anything regarding Vibrant Life.

I'm also an avid Richmond foodie, and if you'd like to grab a bite and get to know more about our community or have questions about faith as a young adult navigating life in the 21st century, I'm your guy.

Come join us! We'll save you a seat - and probably some food too. 😊

I look forward to meeting you!

Grace & Peace,

Bayo Ogungbade

Founding Leader of Vibrant Life Ministries