Duke Divinity’s Thriving Rural Communities

This initiative partners with churches and faith leaders, focusing on rural communities in North Carolina by cultivating faithful rural Christian leadership and fruitful rural United Methodist congregations. There are currently three church affiliates of the initiative based in the 11th district (2023).

Duke LifePoint

Duke LifePoint combines Duke’s unparalleled expertise in clinical excellence and quality care with LifePoint’s extensive resources, knowledge and experience operating community hospitals and healthcare organizations. There are 4 LifePoint hospitals located in the 11th district – Harris Regional Hospital, Swain Community Hospital, Rutherford Regional Health System & Haywood Regional Medical Center.

Duke Across NC

- Duke is the largest home-grown private employer and second largest private employer in NC
- $1.2 B in research expenditures
- $776 M in federally-sponsored research
- $50 M in services, equipment & supplies from NC businesses
- $95.7 M in licensing revenue
- 64% of Duke start-up companies remain in NC
- $945 M in community benefit & investment for DUHS
- 400 Duke Health locations
- 7.8K Duke-trained health care professionals in the state