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The Center is based upon the premise that just and caring communities are created and sustained by transformational relationships. Reciprocal and interactive connections between individuals, families, groups, communities, and society at large exist to either strengthen or violate healthy relationships within these systems. The Center conducts research, provides continuing education, and promotes strategies that uplift, restore, and transform these relationships with a special emphasis on vulnerable persons and communities. The Center has two primary initiatives that guide its work: Trauma, Faith, and Resilience; and Faith, Church, and Community.

The Center for Politics and Religion is meant to provide a forum for teaching, research, and discussion about the intersection between politics and religion. The Center sponsors conferences, promotes research, and encourages students to "think Christianly" about how their faith should affect their politics by analyzing the role of religion in America and the world. The Center aims not only to prepare Union students to impact the political world winsomely and effectively for Christ, but also to represent Union in the larger conversation about faith and politics taking place among fellow believers and non-believers alike.

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The Edward P. Hammons Center for Scientific Studies was formed to show, by example, how science and Christianity are not only compatible, but also synergistic. The Center operates with the presupposition that science as observed truth need not conflict with revealed truth. We believe that God created an orderly universe and gave humans the ability and the mandate to investigate and understand it, so God's glory will be recognized in his creation. The Center works to encourage excellence in research and publication by our