

Tori Osler, 2012 Perkins County graduate and freshman at Nebraska Wesleyan University, was among 130 people of faith who gathered Feb. 9 at Christ United Methodist Church in Lincoln for Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska's annual Ecumenical Legislative Briefing Day.

The event featured keynote speakers, activities and workshops led by young church leaders. This was the first year that the event invited a panel of students for the youth advocacy session.

"[Youth advocacy] is an empowerment tool for students in the church," Osler said. "It is a way to get other youth interested and thinking, 'If they can do it, maybe I can do it too.'"

Osler attends the United Methodist Church in Elsie.

In addition, Osler has been chosen to attend the 2013 Micah Corps Internship program.

The 10-week internship, beginning May 20 is sponsored by the Risk-Taking Mission and Justice Ministries team. The intention of the internship is to deepen participants' walk with God, link faith and social justice concerns, sharpen leadership skills and connect with congregations.

Their activities can be followed on www.micah-corps.blogspot.com, on Twitter (@UMCMichahCorps) and Facebook (Micah Corps).