

Your Foundation Update

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Academy of Faith and Money



The Foundation provides educational opportunities for clergy in stewardship principles as one way to fulfill its mission. We have sent seven new clergy to the Academy of Faith and Money in the past

year. Here is an excerpt from a report written by the Rev. Bess Perrier, pastor of Cedar Lake UMC.

Bess writes: “The chief lesson I learned is that generosity in the local church must start with me. I have to be vulnerable and honest with where I am to my congregation. I was not even addressing money as a spiritual issue in my calling or the life of the church because I did not realize how crucial it is to growth. But in a country where money holds such power a pastor cannot claim to love her people and to love God, and then avoid the one thing that holds most of us back from faithfulness.

By allowing my life to be transformed by a theology of generosity, I can better plan to reshape our culture at Cedar Lake. Part of the changing culture requires leading people away from consumerism, and one way to do that is to make sure the people sitting on my committees are ‘3D’ members. These are the people who are Doers, Donors and Door openers.

Another thing that really struck me was simply getting training on how to take advantage of the Foundation. I had no idea how many resources the Foundation offered. I found out they have policies for endowments and other areas of giving where it is important to get the language correct. I am so glad to have had this experience in my first year in ministry.”

Our Mission: The Mississippi United Methodist Foundation resources the Church for effective ministry and fruitful generosity.

Frequently Used Forms Are On Our Website

Many of the forms that are needed by churches and institutions can be found on the Foundation website. Go to: www.umf.org for our home page. Then look to the right side and find the Download Forms button. Click on this button.

You will find Investor Information and New Account Forms for opening a new or additional account. You will also find Signature Change Forms, Direct Deposit Forms, Deposit Forms and Withdrawal Forms. These forms may be completed on the computer by using Adobe, which is a free download.

New Board Members

The Foundation is pleased to announce that long-time member Mr. Sherman Muths has been elected to emeritus status. The Foundation elected the Rev. Tim Prather, Mr. Lester Myers and Mr. Wade Watts to the Board. Tim is soon to be the pastor of First United Methodist Church in New Albany. Lester is a member of Inverness United Methodist Church. Wade is a member of Parkway Hills United Methodist Church in Madison, MS.

The Board of the Foundation also elected Mr. Freddie Bagley as President, Mrs. Kelly Riley as Vice-President and Mrs. Rachel Perkins as Secretary.

We are pleased to welcome these new members and officers to the Foundation.

Anyone Can Afford a Gift to the Foundation for Their Church or Conference Ministry

Creating an endowment with the Foundation through your will is simple. This gift has no impact on your current lifestyle and you can make a lasting difference. Your gift can be changed at any time. Contact us for more details.



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN EASY WAY TO HELP THE CAUSES YOU CARE THE MOST ABOUT?

Congress has extended the IRA charitable rollover and made it permanent. If you are 70½ or older, you can make a gift from your IRA account to help support your church or favorite ministry. Gifts made from your IRA (up to \$100,000 per year) are not reportable as taxable income. They also qualify for your required minimum distribution (RMD) which can lower your income and taxes.

To learn more about the benefits of making an IRA charitable rollover gift, please contact us.

Honor and Memorial Gifts to Foundation Endowments January 1, 2016 through May 31, 2016

Bernard Crump Family Scholarship

In memory of:

Bernard Crump

Alveria Crump
Mickey and Janice McReynolds
Janet Washington
Alwanya and Wayne Thomas
MS. Valley State Univ-Francine
Miller
Oktibbeha Co. Federation of
Democratic Women

Dylan Hunter

Callie Hunter

Creel Ministerial Scholarship

In memory of:

Larry Creel

Mike & Lisa Hicks
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spauling
Rev. John and Lou Ann Staggs
Amy Creel, Eric Bisschop, Samuel
Bisschop (on Larry & Nancy's
anniversary)

Ricky Haynes Scholarship

In memory of:

John W. Haynes, III

Jessie Puryear

Roy McAlilly Ministerial Scholarship

In memory of:

Boots Garland

Roy D. McAlilly

Cy Williams

Leland Mauncy

Bob and Sarah Walker

Center Ridge Cemetery Endowment

In memory of:

Jane Lane

Dennis Martin

Mitchell Family Scholarship

In honor of

Dr. Mark Mitchell

Rev. Jerry & Frankie Mitchell

Willard and Jedidah Jones Endowment

In memory of:

Joe Graham

Jean Mixon

Larry and Beatrice Gott

Dickson Order Endowment

In memory of:

Mary & N. A. Dickson

Andrew Foxworth
Kris Dickson
Russ Foxworth
Melanie Lemburg
Nathan Dickson
Jonathan Dickson
Schyler Dickson

McCuan Scholarship

In memory of

Joe Tenhet

Alberta Johnston

Terry Green

John Armstrong, Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bryan

Hart-Childress-Lacey Cemetery Endowment

In honor of:

Nan Woody

Kirkpatrick Bank