



"Building the Church for Generations to Come"

March 7, 2019

Dear Partner in Ministry,

The General Conference's decision regarding human sexuality has caused great concern within the Church we love. This uncertainty is the topic of discussion on many fronts, and is the reason we send you this letter.

The Board of Directors and staff of the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc. believe passionately in our mission to build the Church for generations to come. Our ministry is one of serving you, your church, and your mission. When you allow us the honor and privilege of serving you, our partnership is where faith meets life, and life becomes faith. It is at this intersection that what we do becomes greater than any one of us – church or individual. Please know that we join our brothers and sisters in Christ from throughout the world during this time of discernment and contemplation as we live in to our future and strive for the greatness God desires for all.

Below you will find some points of interest related to the Foundation that we hope you will find comforting. They are as follows:

- We are an independent 501(c)(3) incorporated in the State of North Carolina and are governed by our own Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. Although we were created by and for The Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, we are capable of serving all ministries of Wesleyan heritage.
- Our relationship with existing partners is contractual. Whether you are a fund management client, loan client, or planned giving client, please know that we are committed to maintaining a level of excellence in all our professional relationships.
- Moving forward we will look for ways to not only continue the ministries we have offered since 1985, we will also seek new opportunities to partner with our brothers and sisters in Christ. In other words, regardless of decisions made at General Conference, we will continue to fulfill our mission.

If you have received this letter, most likely you have already engaged us to steward your financial resources, have received grants from us that help fund your ministry, or have participated in one of our many leadership development programs. Your resources - financial and otherwise - have purpose. As Christians, we believe that purpose to be of and for God. Therefore, it should not to be taken lightly. In the days ahead, please know that the entire Foundation staff holds tightly you, your church family and ministries. Together, we are...

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Jordan".

Tom Jordan
Chairman of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Snipes".

David Snipes
President