



2019 NEWSLETTER

FAITH AND GENEROSITY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Partners in Ministry,

Welcome back! After several years' absence, *Faith & Generosity*, the Foundation's newsletter, has returned. For those of you who were around from 2005-2012, this publication may be familiar to you. To those who are more recent additions to the Foundation's world, welcome. We hope this publication will help you to learn more about the Foundation's ministries and how we might connect with one another.

The title, *Faith & Generosity* is intentional. Everything we do at the Foundation falls under the heading of stewardship - how we use the gifts (financial and otherwise) that God has given to us for good in The Kingdom. It is our goal to help our partners to be the best possible stewards they can be. To do this effectively, one must draw upon faith, and then determine how they will respond out of the abundance God has given - and do so generously! Without faith, acknowledging the blessings God has provided is impossible.

We hope this newsletter will not only help you to learn more about our ministries, but more importantly how God is using our work to help build the Church for generations to come. Our prayer is for one of success and great accomplishment for those who seek to live faithfully and give generously. We ask that you make this your prayer as well.

We are grateful for our ministry with you!

David A. Snipes
President & Executive Director



GENERAL CONFERENCE

A Foundation Response

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,

Tom Jordan, Chairman of the Board

David A. Snipes, President & Executive Director



Left to Right: Bishop Leeland, Janet Leeland, Rob Byrd, Bishop Carter, Gloria Jordan, Tom Jordan



Spouses at the Billy Graham Library



Rev. Rene Wilt leads a Visioning Session

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION OF UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATIONS

The United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina was honored to host the Southeastern Jurisdiction of United Methodist Foundations Annual Meeting in Charlotte March 31-April 2nd, 2019.

The meeting focused on navigating opportunities that arise from our passions in ministry, and how they will shape the strategies that keep the Methodist Church and Foundations moving forward. Participants reflected on where the Church stands today, how our ministries are impacted, and how we can be agents of change in times of transition.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Bishop Ken Carter, Bishop Paul Leeland, and Rev. Rene Wilt for their leadership and facilitation during the meeting. Each conference within the Southeastern Jurisdiction had Foundation leadership present.

REYNOLDS MINISTRIES

In our first edition of *Faith & Generosity*, we want to share some information about the various Reynolds offerings available to clergy in the Western North Carolina Conference. Perhaps you will recognize among the descriptions something that would address a need you sense within yourself or perhaps you will want to share this information with a colleague who could benefit from these offerings.

GRANTS FROM THE REYNOLDS MINISTRY FUND

Over the years, we have seen that participants of the various Reynolds Ministries leadership development programs are wildly innovative and are inspired to develop new ministry programs. It is our hope to not only support the pastor as a leader, but also directly support new ministry initiatives in their infancy.

REYNOLDS ACADEMY FOR MINISTRY MANAGEMENT

The purpose of this one year program is to equip clergy with the necessary skills to effectively manage a church. Participants learn how to successfully manage staff, resources, time, and processes.

REYNOLDS PROGRAM IN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

This ten month certificate program was designed for Senior Pastors. Participants walk away with greater self-awareness, tools for developing vision, skills for navigating change and conflict, and more. The Foundation partners with the Center for Creative Leadership, a top-ranked global provider for leadership development, to facilitate this offering.

REYNOLDS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP

This program was formed under the belief that wise leaders, including pastoral leaders, should dedicate time to learning from one another. Through this program, participants are exposed to teachings from the most innovative and successful church leaders. This program requires participants to travel outside of the state up to three times a year (travel expenses covered by the program).

For more information contact Director of Reynolds Ministries and Programs, Caroline Cox.
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FOUNDATION MINISTRIES

“After a long absence, the master of those three servants came back and settled up with them. The one given five thousand dollars showed him how he had doubled his investment. His master commended him: ‘Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.’” (Matthew 25:19-21)

Throughout scripture we're challenged with many things that God expects of His children, and one that's commonly discussed is the call to be good stewards of all of His resources. A steward, by definition, is a person who manages another's property or financial affairs. We, at the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, see ourselves as stewards that assist our local churches and related institutions with managing the resources that have been entrusted to them. We work with the churches to better enable them to do the ministry they have been called to as we work to build the church for generations to come. Members of our staff will work with your church to discern the best ways to move forward in preparing for long term ministry, not just ministry today. There are a number of ways that we can help and be in ministry with you.

Endowment Development: We assist in developing endowment funds that provide resources for long term ministry.

Planned Giving: We provide educational opportunities for church groups and individuals to learn how to create a legacy for ministry beyond their lifetime.

Fund Management: We offer four managed fund accounts that help the church fulfill its long-term fiduciary responsibility. Our four funds are: Conservative (30% Equities, 70% Fixed Income), Balanced (50% Equities, 50% Fixed Income), Diversified (70% Equities, 30% Fixed Income) and All Equity (100% Equities). We invest in socially responsible investments as it relates to the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church. Our

Investment Team and staff work to ensure best practices are followed to best steward the money entrusted to us. Our clients retain control of their funds and there is no minimum investment amount.

UMF Loan Program: We work to provide competitively low variable rate loans to United Methodist churches. These loans are available for acquiring new property, building new churches, expanding or renovating existing facilities and refinancing existing loans at a lower rate.

We at the Foundation would love to help you be the best stewards of your church's financial gifts. Please give us a call so we can schedule a presentation of services to best support your ministry!

“WHERE TWO OR MORE ARE GATHERED...”



Contact Janey Wooliever at
888-450-1956 ext. 1500
to reserve space for your
next meeting!

The United Methodist Foundation building was designed with Ministry, Hospitality, and Gathering Spaces in mind. Our building is nestled in a peaceful, wooded setting where our Boardroom and deck have a lovely view of the trees and Mother Nature.

We offer two meeting rooms for staff retreats, group meetings, training sessions, and celebrations. Our multi-functional Boardroom will hold up to 50 people, depending on your choice of room arrangement. For smaller groups, our Small Conference Room will seat 6. Our large, beautiful deck complete with tables, chairs, and umbrellas provides a great opportunity to be outside for lunch or break out sessions.

Our meeting spaces are offered at no cost to all United Methodist Churches and related institutions, based on availability. We will be happy to order lunch and/or breakfast for your group with your credit card and assist with set up. We provide bottled water, iced tea, coffee, and condiments free of charge!

MINISTRY PARTNERS



Wesley Community Development

Wesley Community Development is a nonprofit that works with churches throughout North Carolina to develop or repurpose real estate to meet the needs of the church and the greater community. They are located in suite 200 of the Foundation Building.

Visit the website at wesleycdc.com



Western North Carolina Conference

The United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina was created by the Western North Carolina Conference for its churches and ministries. The new Conference office is now located next door to the Foundation. Next time you are in the area, be sure to stop by for a visit!



Main Street UMC Managed Funds Client

"Main Street UMC has seventeen accounts with the UMF which enables us to invest the different restricted funds and easily track their individual gains/ losses. Prior to the UMF they were all consolidated into a single account and managing the gains and losses was a process. We chose the UMF because we didn't have to worry about what to invest in. Their expertise and research saves us the time and trouble. They are a valuable resource for the church." - Susan Furnage, Business Manager