



COVID-19 MINISTRY RESPONSE

The United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina is committed to supporting you throughout the current COVID-19 pandemic. We are happy to share the ways that we have adapted to serve and keep ministry growing during this time. Our efforts have provided relief for our Methodist clergy, loan and managed fund clients, as well as other churches and organizations within the Western North Carolina Conference.



The Foundation gave Managed Fund clients a 10% discount on administrative fees. Almost 300 clients with equities exposure benefitted from the discount.

More than 1/3 churches that are clients of the Foundation's Loan Program are taking advantage of interest only payments.

1/3 of clergy participating in the Clergy Debt Reduction Program took advantage of an offer to make interest only payments. On average, this is saving the clergyperson \$500/month.

"With the Covid-19 and having to close our doors, giving has gone way down. As many other churches, we have been live streaming and doing our best to stay connected with our members through the internet which has gone very well, considering. A few months of interest only payments on our mortgage are extremely helpful."

-St. Andrews UMC (Charlotte)



Broad Street UMC (Statesville) - Managed Fund Client

Over \$105,000 in Special Grants from the Royce and Jane Reynolds Ministry Fund were awarded to almost 200 churches and organizations in April. These grants allowed for the purchase of technology and items that helped keep ministries going in light of the pandemic.



"We were thrilled to be one of the recipients of the Reynolds Ministry Fund grants. It has made a world of difference in the watchability of our offerings since we have been able to use the camera we bought with the grant. The best news is that we have quite a number of people who engage and follow our worship offering online (many weeks more than we average for in-person worship) they include a number of people who are not members of the church or even live in NC. We are continuing to reach out to those who are new and pray they will continue to be drawn to Jesus through this digital evangelism."

-Pine Grove UMC (Winston-Salem)

"With the grant we received, the Video and Online Ministry at New Covenant UMC of Lenoir has purchased new equipment and continues to grow in service for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are happy and honored to expand our services online and to further spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As we move into the future, we want to express our gratitude and excitement in working through the United Methodist Church and for our local community in a continued goal of making disciples of Christ. We pray for the continued success of your foundation and blessings for your work in ministry."

-New Covenant UMC (Lenoir)