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Three Annual Awards Presented

The United Methodist Foundation for Christian Higher Education has begun its annual awards presentations for the year 2000.

Harald Rohlig, professor of music, was presented with the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award at a ceremony on April 15 at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama. This award, which includes an artistic replica of the Cokesbury Bell and a check of \$5,000, honors teachers in UM-related institutions whose accomplishments have made an extraordinary impact on their students, peers, academic institution, church, and community.



Dr. Miller,
UMFCHE
president
/CEO, left,
and Dr.
Rohlig.

"Harald Rohlig's love of music and teaching is contagious," said Wanda D. Bigham, president of Huntingdon College. "His contribution to this Methodist college for 45 years epitomizes what it means to be a Christian educator of distinction."

Reverend Susan Henry-Crowe, dean of the chapel and religious life, was presented with the Chaplain of the Year award at a ceremony on March 31 at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. This award, which includes an inscribed sculpture and \$5,000 to further the devel-

opment of their office's programs, honors a chaplain of a UM-related institution whose ministry is recognized as extraordinary.

"She coordinates the life and work of 27 official religious groups on campus and is loved and respected by all," said Bishop L. Bevel Jones. "Susan Henry-Crowe is tireless in the conduct of her multi-faced ministry, and is unflappable amid the complexities and controversies inherent in the life of a research university."

David D. Scroggin, director of the Wesley Foundation at Arkansas Tech University, was presented with the Campus Minister of the Year award at a ceremony on April 14 in Russellville, Arkansas. The award of an inscribed sculpture and \$5,000 to further the development of the campus minister's office programs, recognizes and encourages excellence in campus ministry.

"Through David's excellent leadership, his talent to empower others to do ministry, and his spiritual leadership that evokes trust, the ATU Wesley Foundation has grown into a ministry of which the entire United Methodist Church should be extremely proud," said Richard C. Ruble, chairperson of the ATU Wesley Foundation Board.



Dr. Miller with
Rev. Scroggin.

From The Inside

Andrew Neck
UMC diaconal minister
medical student
Meharry Medical College
Nashville, Tennessee



“For with God, nothing shall be impossible.” Luke 1:37 KJV

Little did I imagine ten years ago, as a graduate student at Perkins School of Theology, that I would now be pursuing a medical career. It is an incredible moment when one’s life experiences intersect with clarity and the unique journey God intends comes into focus.

I was then preparing for a career in music and church service. After completing degrees in organ, choral conducting, and sacred music, I spent a post-graduate year at Cambridge University. Returning home, I became the minister of music / organist for the Murfreesboro First UMC. It was there God grew me the most, and where I laid down roots worth growing. For seven years, I enjoyed preparing music for worship, directing choirs, and being deeply involved in the lives of many wonderful individuals. At times, it felt as if I

had completed my journey.

God was not quite through with me. In 1994, I enrolled at Middle Tennessee State University in an effort to bring balance to my heavily concentrated music background, and challenge myself. What began as an incidental interest grew into a strong sense that God was calling me into service and ministry as a physician. After four years and two MCAT attempts, I matriculated at Meharry Medical College in the fall of 1998.

How will music and medicine finally converge in my life? For certain, God only knows. I believe a primary care career combines my interest in science and ministry, and compassion for others in a meaningful, fruitful calling. Working in the church required me to sharpen my leadership abilities. Ministry also taught me how to exercise compassion while meeting others’ needs. I worked with children, youth, and adults, enabling me to discover meaningful ways to communicate regardless of age. Rather than a detour, my music ministry has been a training ground to develop skills needed as a physician. It has been an important part of my journey.

I am deeply indebted for the impact and presence the church has had on my life. I am thankful for the teachings and spiritual nurturing I have received from its members and leaders, all of which continues to edify my life. I am also grateful for the scholarship support I received this past year from UMFCHC. I look forward to continuing to serve as a member of the body of Christ.

Donor Profile

Marguerite and Jack Cato
Austell, Georgia

A family tradition can be a wonderful thing.

In September 1983, the Mae W. and Marvin Ray Morrow Scholarship Fund was established by Mr. Morrow, principally to honor his wife’s memory. The fund was for deserving UM students attending Bethel UMC in Claremont (NC). That simple action began a legacy of giving in the Morrow family.

“My dad started with the Foundation many years ago with just a small amount,” said Marguerite Cato. “We could see what it had done.”

Pleased with the Foundation’s performance, the Catos in 1988 decided to establish the William Horace Cato and Julia Porter Cato Memorial Fund for members of Pageland (SC) UMC in memory of Jack Cato’s parents.



*Marguerite and Jack Cato
with Peggy Townes, right, UMFCHC
administrative assistant.*

The following year they established the Marvin Ray and Mae W. Morrow Memorial Fund for members of Bethel UMC in Claremont (NC) in memory of Mrs. Cato’s parents. Just this past year they established The Austell (GA) First UMC Memorial Fund.

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Letter from the President



Dear Friend,

You have probably heard it said that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Such is the case with the Foundation.

We have advanced to the cutting edge in fundraising, with a new updated Web site that offers the latest in information about giving vehicles, as well as scholarships. Furthermore, we are pleased to announce that UMFCHE can now accept donations online. We are able to change students' lives for the better by assisting them in accomplishing their dreams. But this can only occur with help from individuals such as yourself. I encourage you to take the next step and make a gift to the Foundation online. The latest in encryption technologies have been employed to ensure the confidentiality of our donors' sensitive information. As we step out into the electronic frontier, your support is needed now more than ever.

The Julius S. and Ann H. Scott, Jr. Tribute Dinner held in Atlanta March 31 was a tremendous success. More than \$40,000 was raised for the

Scott scholarship endowment fund, with over 300 individuals in attendance. This group included Coretta Scott King, along with other church and educational leaders. I extend my thanks to those who attended and supported this event. For those of you who were unable to attend, you were missed. The fund remains open for additional donations and I invite you to honor the Scotts with your gift.

It is my great pleasure to welcome two new trustees to our board. Barbara Erwin from Scottsdale, Arizona, is the superintendent of the Scottsdale Independent School District. Bobi Kincaid, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is the manager of the Cokesbury stores in that area. We are fortunate that they have agreed to assist the Foundation with their time, talents, and treasures.

Yes, the more things change the more they stay the same. I am often reminded of the importance of our Grand Vision when I receive a note from someone whose life has been affected by the Foundation's work.

Witness the following:

Dear Mr. George Miller,
Hi, my name is Tiffany Knowlin



Coretta Scott King, left, with Ann Scott.

and I am a rising sophomore at Columbia College. This past year, I was a recipient of The United Methodist Foundation Scholarship. This scholarship has enabled me to attend Columbia College and pursue my educational dream of becoming a United Methodist minister. However, not only has this award allowed me to further my academic studies, but also I have received the gift of meeting lifetime friends, wonderful and caring faculty and staff, and experiencing new aspects of life. Thank you so much for all of these blessings. I promise I will make your efforts worthwhile.

Thank you,
Tiffany Knowlin

We exist to help students. Won't you consider helping us with a gift to the Foundation today?

Sincerely,
George M. Miller

Donor Profile, con't.

Through the Catos' remarkable generosity, these donor-advised funds are affecting and improving lives in three states.

"We actually wanted to help people who needed help," said Mrs. Cato. "There are so many people within the church family who are financially unable to do what they need to do. The funds are a good way to help anonymously."

"The Catos are the epitome of philanthropy because they have well thought-out estate plans and are not

anxious to receive public acclaim for their good deeds," according to George M. Miller, UMFCHE president/CEO. "The Foundation is honored to be a part of their plans."

Due to the Catos' advance planning, their gifts will be making a difference in the church family in perpetuity.

"I have seen the results of what the Foundation has done," Mrs. Cato adds. "We have faith that it will continue to help many people in the future."

Doing Good For Others, Doing Well For Yourself

by Richard D. Bailey, Regional Gift Planner



If you want to help others and do well for yourself, the charitable gift annuity may be for you. Here are five ways the gift annuity

can help you and provide scholarships for United Methodist students, as well:

1. Attractive rates. Gift Annuity rates are very attractive for senior friends. Recently Mary wanted to provide a scholarship for deserving United Methodist students and keep an income stream from that gift for life. At age 77, a one-life gift annuity will pay her 8.5 percent. The asset she used to fund the annuity paid a 3.0 percent dividend. Rates depend

on the annuitant's age when the gift annuity is funded.

2. Tax-free income. Part of each annuity payment is considered "return of capital" and is tax-free. That portion, often over half of the annuity payment, continues over the annuitants estimated life expectancy.

3. Income tax deduction. Because a charitable gift annuity is part gift and part investment in an annuity contract, those who itemize their deduction are entitled to a contribution deduction equal to the annuity's gift portion. This deduction is available for the tax year the annuity is funded. Another five years is available to carry forward any unused deduction. Tax advantages of the charitable deduction make the effective annuity rate even higher.

4. Fixed regular payments. You will be pleased to know that annuity

payments are fixed and will not change from year to year. Your payment can be deposited directly to your account.

5. Personal satisfaction. The greatest benefit is the personal satisfaction of helping deserving United Methodist students attend UM-related institutions, as well as helping yourself. Some like the idea of reducing their estate, thus lowering potential estate taxes. Others like the ease and simplicity of the gift annuity transactions. If you have highly appreciated stock, the gift annuity provides a partial bypass of capital gains.

Whatever the reason, you owe it to yourself to find out more about charitable gift annuities. To obtain a personalized illustration, complete the attached coupon, or call the Foundation at 1-800-811-8110. You may also use our Web site www.umfche.org to find more about gift annuities or how to contact a regional gift planner.

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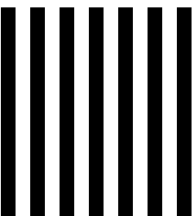
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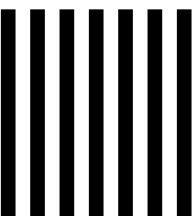
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- Please contact me about a personal visit. Best time to call: _____.

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