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## Bishop Knox Honored At FSU

Over 500 people traveled across the United States to attend a scholarship endowment dinner honoring Bishop James Lloyd and Edith Knox on March 8, at Florida Southern College.

The event was hosted by the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF), The Florida United Methodist Foundation, and Florida Southern College (FSC).

Over \$50,000 has been raised so far for the scholarship that will benefit United Methodist students attending FSC.

An FSC trustee, Bishop Knox received the Alumni Association's Distinguished



*Bishop Lloyd and Edith Knox*



*L to R: UMHEF President/CEO George Miller, Nancy Carruth, Phyllis Davis, GBHEM Associate General Secretary Ken Yamada*

Service to Humanity Award (1986) and was made an Honorary Doctor of Divinity (1987).

T. Terrell Sessums, UMHEF trustee, FSC Board of Trustees chairman, and Knox dinner steering committee chairman, introduced guests who included four current



*L to R: Bishop William Oden, Marilyn Oden, Linda Edwards, Bishop Marion Edwards*

Bishops of The UMC: Bishop Timothy W. Whitaker, Florida Area; Bishop Robert E. Fannin, Birmingham Area; Bishop William B. Oden, Dallas Area; and Bishop Marion P. Edwards, Raleigh Area.

Dr. Eugene Zimmerman, a personal friend of the Knoxes, officiated as master of ceremonies. Speakers included: Dr. Thomas Reuschling, FSC president; Dr. Oswald Bronson, Bethune-Cookman College president; Dr. Geraldine W. McClellan, Gainesville District Superintendent UMC; personal friends Rev. Roberto P. Perez and Mr. James L. Ferman, Jr.; Mr. Stephen F. Harbison, UMHEF board chairman; Bishop Fannin; Bishop Whitaker; and Dr. E. Keith Ewing, assistant to the Bishop, Florida Area.

Gifts may be made to the Knox endowment fund through UMHEF.



*L to R: UMHEF trustee emeritus Janet Stephenson, UMHEF trustees Willie Brown, Barbara Erwin, and Charles Cox.*

# From the Inside

Jennifer Beckett

Florida Southern College



My name is Jennifer Beckett and I have just finished my freshman year at Florida Southern College. I am a Religion major with an emphasis in Christian Education. After college, I hope to enter seminary and become an ordained United Methodist pastor.



L to R: George Miller, Jennifer Beckett, and UMHEF Board Chair Steve Harbison.

When I was nine, my large family moved to Alaska as missionaries. My father is a United Methodist pastor in Anchorage, Alaska now. So you can imagine my need for scholarships! Those plane tickets aren't cheap!

I can hardly begin to express how the financial help from UMHEF has affected my life. I absolutely adore Florida Southern College and I know that is where God

wants me. I would not be here if it weren't for scholarship help.

The scholarships have enabled me to commit a large amount of time to various ministries.

I'm vice-president of our newest campus ministry, Antioch II. I served as confirmation small group leader at First UMC in Lakeland this semester and will work as a full-time counselor at a UM camp in Alaska this summer. I was recently elected vice-president of our Wesley Fellowship for next fall. I am the summer worship pianist at my home church and help lead a liturgical dance ministry.

I praise God that through The United Methodist Church so many doors have been opened for me. Also, I thank you. The financial help has meant the world to my family and me.

Please know that your money goes to a wonderful place and I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

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## Donor Profile

T. Terrell Sessums

Tampa, Florida

Sitting on the boards of both Florida Southern College and the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation, it is evident that Terrell Sessums believes in supporting higher education. Choosing to support education through the Foundation was a natural step for him.

"A general scholarship made it possible for me to complete my college education and I recognize the value and importance of scholarships for young people who want to continue their higher education," says Sessums.

"I can't think of a better way to help young men and women than to provide them with a scholarship to get a good education, especially at one of our United Methodist-related colleges or universities where they'll be provided with a high-quality, value-oriented education."

Indeed, the United Methodist connection is an important one for Sessums. He has served in many positions of leadership as a lay person, including as a delegate to General Conference from the Florida Conference several times.

"Students get something extra when they go to a



United Methodist school. The extra is important," he stresses.

"Every year I see outstanding students who are taking advantage of the opportunities they have at United Methodist schools. This is made possible in large part because the Foundation's scholarships have given the needed support."

Using the Foundation as a means to support the 124 United Methodist-related schools has been such a positive experience for him and his wife Neva that he recommends it to others with similar interests.

"I would encourage anyone with the ability to do so to help provide scholarship support for these well-motivated students," he says. "By doing so, they will be helping to develop the next generation of Christian leaders for our church."

"Even further, they will be making an extremely important investment in the future well-being of our society."

# Letter from the President

The first half of 2002 has been a historical time for the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation.

We have begun to move forward with the two new endowments mandated by General Conference of 2000. Specifically, Rhonnie Hemphill has been named as the director for the **Historically Black Colleges and Universities Endowment** (see article on page 6). His addition to the staff marks the beginning of what we hope will be an extremely successful campaign to raise at least \$300 million to support the historically-Black higher-education institutions of The United Methodist Church. It is a worthy endeavor that we prayerfully hope will resonate with our donors and future donors.

In addition, we are in the final phase of the search process for the **Seminarian Indebtedness Endowment** director. This campaign, also for \$300 million, will seek to raise funds to support those individuals who are planning to go into ordained ministry of The United Methodist Church. The endowment seeks to address the long-identified problem of seminarians graduating from college with excessive financial burden as they enter into a position of pastoring and caring for others. This, too, is a project that we hope

will be well-received by those who support United Methodist-related concerns.

As a necessary part of our current growth in staff and projects, we welcome Donna Cottingham as Development Assistant to support the administrative activities of the two new endowment campaigns, as well as our current scholarship-related development programs.

It is a watershed moment for the Foundation. As the width and breadth of our programming increases, we are excited at the opportunities that we are now able to offer those who wish financially to support higher-education



*UMHEF Trustee Terrell Sessums points out features of the science and cosmography building to George Miller during the recent Foundation board meeting at Florida Southern College.*

concerns. Indeed, it is quite encouraging to know that the work currently being undertaken by the UMHEF will have profound, lasting

effects on the life of The United Methodist Church.

The Foundation enjoyed a wonderful

**board meeting** in March on the campus of **Florida Southern College** (FSC). The highlight of

the three-day meeting was the **endowment dinner for Bishop Lloyd and Edith Knox** (see article page 1). Over

\$50,000 was raised for the endowment fund for in the Knoxes' honor. The FSC staff was gracious and we are most appreciative of the time



*UMHEF Trustees enjoy breakfast on the campus of Florida Southern College before a full day of committee meetings at the board meeting in March.*

and effort they expended in hosting our board of trustees.

We are eagerly anticipating our **annual board meeting** in September at **Willamette University** in Salem, Oregon. It is always a pleasure to visit and experience campus life at one of our 124 outstanding United Methodist-related higher-education institutions.

I encourage you to partner with us as we meet the challenges of supporting UM-related higher education.

Sincerely,

*George M. Miller*



*UMHEF Trustees and spouses enjoy the Bishop Knox Endowment Dinner on March 8, 2002. L to R: Judy Gibbs, Doug and Carolyn Dannen, Currie Andrews, and Leta and Glenn Andrew.*

# DOLLAR GENEROUS

CEO of Dollar General cited for devotion to United Methodist college in Appalachia

Cal Turner Jr., the corporate chief credited for the phenomenal growth of Dollar General Corp. in the 80s and 90s, has been cited by UMHEF for more than two decades' leadership of a small rural college in one of Appalachia's poorest counties.

The growth of Lindsey Wilson College, in Columbia, Kentucky, has been, in its own way, as impressive as that of the giant discount chain.

Mr. Turner, a major benefactor of the college and other UM causes, has been honored with UMHEF's **2002 Stanley S. Kresge Award**.

The Foundation established the annual award in 1987 to recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves through service to The United Methodist Church and support of UM-related education. The recipient receives a medallion and certificate of recognition, and the nominating school gets a \$10,000 scholarship endowment.

As a member of the college's board of trustees since 1981, and its chairman from 1987-1998, Mr. Turner was indispensable to the school's evolution from a "struggling junior college into the master's degree-granting institution Lindsey Wilson is today," according to LWC president William T. Luckey, Jr.

"It is at Lindsey Wilson College," Mr. Luckey continues, "where his altruism and our mission combined to create opportunities for the underserved populace of Appalachia. It is here where Mr. Turner has used the intellectual and capital resources with which he has been blessed to advance the Methodist mission behind the miracles taking place on our campus every day."

In Adair County, Kentucky, where the college is located, 54 percent of

adults don't have a high school diploma. Of Lindsey Wilson's 1,300 students, 78 percent are the first generation in their family to attend college.

"He has always seen our mission and his at Dollar General as one and the same," says John B. Begley, LWC president from 1977-1998 and today its chancellor. "We're an open-admissions college, serving many people who otherwise wouldn't go to college - in other words, very much



the same people served by Dollar General." Mr. Turner grew up in Scottsville, Kentucky, about 60 miles from Columbia,

where the college is located. Scottsville was Dollar General's headquarters until it moved to Goodlettsville, Tenn., outside Nashville, a few years ago. Mr. Turner's father, Cal Sr., and his grandfather, J.L. Turner, founded a family wholesale business in Scottsville in 1939, a few months before Cal Jr. was born. The enterprise evolved into retail, specializing in low-price goods, and began to spread around the country. When Cal Jr. became CEO in 1977, annual sales were about \$100 million, which have grown to over \$5 billion today. The number of Dollar General stores has nearly doubled since 1997, from 3,000 to about 5,550.

While not quite on that scale, the growth of Lindsey Wilson has also

been impressive. When Mr. Turner joined the board of trustees in 1981, the college had fewer than 300 students and an endowment of about \$600,000. Buildings and grounds were in deplorable condition and the college's continued existence was in jeopardy. Since then, 12 buildings have been erected, including a chapel designed by renowned architect Fay Jones. The endowment has increased to about \$28 million, with much growth owed to Mr. Turner's donations of Dollar General stock, which has risen considerably in value.

Long a two-year feeder school for other colleges and universities, particularly Western Kentucky University, Lindsey Wilson became a four-year college in 1986, the year before Mr. Turner became chairman of the board. The change reflected the desire of many students to spend their entire four years in a small, rural college rather than move to bigger schools. Mr. Begley cites Mr. Turner's leadership, as well as his generosity, as critical to making the change work. He became a familiar figure on campus, whether landing or taking off in a helicopter, working out in the school gym, or addressing students in classes or chapel.

"He loves to speak, to share his faith unashamedly," Mr. Begley says. Mr. Turner has supported many UM causes, including Brentwood UMC (TN), where he is a member; Community Cares Homeless Shelter; the Kentucky Annual Conference; Kenya Methodist University; and Vanderbilt University Divinity School, where he has endowed a chair in Wesleyan studies.

"He was the lifeblood of our institution," concludes Mr. Begley, "and remains that today."

# UMHEF Presents Annual Awards

UMHEF has announced the 2002 winners of the **Stanley S. Kresge Award, the Outstanding Educator of the Year, Chaplain of the Year, and Campus Minister of the Year**, according to George M. Miller, President\CEO.

The recipients were announced during the mid-year board of trustees meeting held in Lakeland, Florida, in March.

In addition to **Cal Turner, Jr.**, being chosen to receive the **Stanley S. Kresge Award** (see facing page), three other awards were also announced.

**Dr. Ellen S. Goldey**, associate professor of biology at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, is the **2002 Outstanding Educator of the Year**.

This award was established to honor teachers in UM-related schools, colleges, universities, and theological schools whose accomplishments have made an extraordinary impact on their students, peers, academic institution, church, and community.



*Wofford President Benjamin Dunlap, UMHEF Trustee Bob Fletcher, Goldey, and UMHEF VP of Development Cheryl Davis*

According to Benjamin Dunlap, president of Wofford College, "Dr. Goldey clearly stands head and shoulders above most undergraduate professors of my past and

present acquaintance."

He added, "One student describes her as 'a meteor lighting the black night of the mind,' all acclaim her as compassionate, energetic, genuinely caring, courteous, inspiring, well-prepared, and challenging. In a faculty traditionally dominated by white males, she stands out as superior to most and inferior to none."

Dr. Goldey receives an artistic replica of the Cokesbury Bell and a cash award of \$5,000 for being named as Outstanding Educator.

**Reverend William Draper Finlaw**, university minister of Nebraska Wesleyan University, is the winner of the **Chaplain of the Year award**. The award goes to honor a chaplain of a UM-related institution whose ministry is recognized as extraordinary.



*George Miller, Finlaw, and Nebraska Wesleyan University President Jeanie Watson*

"Dr. William Draper Finlaw represents The United Methodist Church with vigor and distinction; he is a man of conscience and strong commitments to the church and to a life of teaching and faith," said Jeanie Watson, president of Nebraska Wesleyan. "Our entire University community celebrates Bill's presence among us."

The recipient of this award receives an inscribed sculpture and a cash award of \$5,000 to further the development of programs sponsored

by their office.

**Reverend Cheryl Cavalari**, executive director, Campus Ministries of Northeast Pennsylvania, is **2002 Campus Minister of the Year**. The award recognizes and encourages excellence in campus ministry.

"Although the thirteen campuses within the region are very diverse — public, private, church-related, two-year, four-year, etc. -- Cheryl has been creative enough to develop



*Campus Ministries of Northeast Penn. Board Chair Dwayne Hilton, Cavalari, George Miller*

programs that are in sync with the needs of each campus," said Dwayne A. Hilton, chair of the Campus Ministries of Northeast Pennsylvania board. "She has built the Campus Ministries of Northeast Pennsylvania into an effective, proactive ministry that is poised to meet the future spiritual demands of colleges and students in the region."

The recipient of this award receives an inscribed sculpture and a cash award of \$5,000 to further the development of programs sponsored by the campus minister's office.

UMHEF's grand vision is that it be economically possible for any qualified UM student to be educated at a UM institution of higher education. For more information, e-mail to [umhef@gbhem.org](mailto:umhef@gbhem.org); phone (800) 811-8110; fax (615) 340-7330; Website: [www.umhef.org](http://www.umhef.org).

# Rhonnie Hemphill Appointed As New Endowment Director

The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF) announces the appointment of Dr. Rhonnie Hemphill as the inaugural director of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Endowment.

Dr. Hemphill comes to the position with over twenty-five years of development experience, most recently as the Chief Development Officer at Church World Service, Inc. Previously, he spent many years in development-related positions at the American Red Cross.

"Dr. Hemphill exemplifies the vision of the HBCU endowment initiative," said George M. Miller, UMHEF President/CEO. "He brings

a breadth and scope of development expertise and personal commitment that will enable us to make great strides into supporting our historically black colleges and universities as they continue to produce a significant number of leaders in the church and society in the future. We look forward to this association and the development of this extremely important endowment."

The Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Endowment campaign seeks to raise a minimum endowment of \$300 million to support the eleven historically black higher education institutions related to The United Methodist Church. The funds will be



administered by UMHEF in cooperation with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the Council of Presidents.

For more information, contact the Foundation at [umhef@gbhem.org](mailto:umhef@gbhem.org); 1001 Nineteenth Ave., S., Nashville, TN 37212; phone 1-800-811-8110; fax 615-340-7330; or Web site at [www.umhef.org](http://www.umhef.org).

***Extend your vision for The United Methodist Church and love for its 124 UM-related higher education institutions beyond your lifetime through a gift in your will to the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation.***

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January 1 - July 15, 2002

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January 1 - July 15, 2002

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# UMHEF Names New Trustees

The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF) recently elected Nancy Carruth, Douglas Dannen, Judith Gibbs, and Henry N. Tisdale to its board of trustees.



**Nancy Carruth**, of Bunkie, La., brings numerous lay leadership and business experi-

ences to UMHEF. She has been an elected member of the World Methodist Council, the General Council on Finance and Administration, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and served as president of GBHEM's Division of Higher Education. This is her second term as a UMHEF trustee, having served from 1989-99. Carruth is also an active member of the Africa University development committee.

**Doug Dannen**, a business entrepreneur from Orlando, Florida,



brings an extensive amount of leadership and experience to UMHEF. He has been involved in restaurant development with companies such as Pizza Hut, KFC, Wendy's, Golden Corral, and Walt Disney. Dannen is very active as a lay leader at St. Luke's UMC (Orlando), including serving as chairman of the master planning committee, and as a member of the vision task force and finance committee.



**Judy Gibbs** has been long active in the religious and educational life of Dallas, Texas, and specifically her community of Highland Park. Judy brings a wealth of experience in religious, educational, and civic development. She co-chaired the \$10 million endowment campaign to augment state funding for the local school district, as well as the \$4 million capital campaign for her home church of Lovers Lane UMC. She currently serves as a member of the Salvation Army Dallas Metroplex Advisory Board, and as chairman of the Child

Development Center project.

**Henry Tisdale**, president of Claflin University in Orangeburg, S.C, currently serves on the boards of a wide variety of organizations such as the Council of Independent Colleges, United Negro College Fund, National Association of Schools and Colleges of The United Methodist Church, University Senate of the UMC, and the Commission on Black Colleges of the UMC. Among Dr. Tisdale's wide array of distinguished awards is that of NAACP Educator of the Year in 1985.



"We are delighted that Nancy Carruth, Doug Dannen, Judy Gibbs, and Henry Tisdale have agreed to serve on the Foundation's board," said UMHEF President/CEO George M. Miller. "They bring the energy, expertise, and leadership qualities that will be invaluable to the Foundation. We are honored and look forward to working with them in support of United Methodist-related higher education."

## Familiar Faces...



Henry Gilchrist receives his 2001 Trustee of the Year Award on February 8th in Dallas, Texas. L to R: Perkins School of Theology Dean Robin Lovin, Bishop William Oden, Gilchrist, Judy Gibbs, and Highland Park UMC Senior Pastor Mark Craig.



Hoover-Lee Scholar Swee Hong Lim, Associate Academic Dean Anne Yardley, and UMHEF Trustee Joan Uht at a recent luncheon at Drew Theological School.

### Have Internet access?

Check out our Web site at [www.umhef.org](http://www.umhef.org) for the latest scholarship information, new program announcements, and Foundation news. While there, go to Financial Information and check out our latest **IRS Form 990**. We welcome all comments or questions regarding UMHEF!

# An Opportunity Worth Considering

by Jerry Jackson

Earlier this year, colleges, universities, and seminaries all over the country celebrated graduations. Even as I write this, *thousands* of UM students are entering the vocation of their choice from the many UM schools that dot our land. *Hundreds* of these graduated because they received scholarships from the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation. UMHEF is able to help these students because of the generosity of generations of committed United Methodists who have contributed to its endowment. As one of those who benefited from this generosity, I know what a vital resource this is. I am thankful for those generous folk whose contributions are still at work providing scholarships.

Many donors who want to support worthy United Methodist students find ways to give that not only deepens the satisfaction that comes from giving but can also provide a source of income - sometimes increased income - to the

donor in return. Here is an example.

Recently, I was asked to provide information on gift annuities in two quite different situations. The first was for a 75 year old person who was wondering if \$5,000 currently in a CD might provide him with a higher income if given to a charity in exchange for a single life annuity. Well, here is what I found:

\* For a person age 75, a single life annuity will pay \$395, or 7.9% for life - guaranteed by the charity and not subject to the market interest rate fluctuations.

\* Because the donor itemizes his deductions, he is eligible for an income tax deduction of \$2,010 in the year of the gift.

\* Because part of the \$395 annual income is considered to be a return of principle, fully \$240.95 is tax free income for the remainder of his life expectancy.

The second was for a single woman age 46 who wanted to supplement her retirement with a Deferred, single-life gift annuity. She

asked, "Is there a benefit to me if I put \$10,000 in a Deferred Gift Annuity." I discovered these facts:

\* Since she did not want to receive any income until she reached the age of 62, at that time her annual income would be \$1,620 or 16.2% of the original amount.

\* Because of the deferred nature of the annuity, her charitable tax deduction in the year of the gift would be \$3,966.40.

\* Again, some of the income she receives at age 62 will be tax free. In this case \$280.20 for the duration of her then life expectancy.

With CD rates currently low, both will improve their income through a Gift Annuity. But the best reward is knowing they have made a gift that will continue their spiritual values beyond their earthly lives.

Does a Gift Annuity fit your needs? Consult with your financial advisor. It may be just the thing.



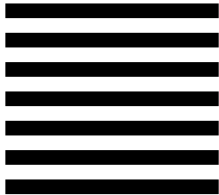
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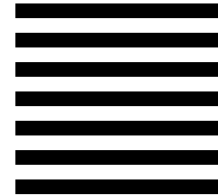
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