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Bishop and Mrs. Mathews Honored During Washington, D.C. Weekend

A weekend of faith, fun, and forums was held April 4-5, 2003, in the nation's capital to honor the servant leadership of Bishop James K. and Eunice Mathews, one of America's great United Methodist couples.

"Clash of Civilizations: The Challenge to Our Institutions of Higher Learning" was sponsored by UMHEF and The Kerr Foundation. Betty Bumpers, UMHEF board member and long-time friend of the Matthews, served as host for the two-day event.

The weekend highlight was the **James K. and Eunice Mathews Scholarship Endowment Dinner** held Friday night at Metropolitan Memorial UMC. Speakers included Bishop Felton Edwin May, New York University President Emeritus John Brademas, Boston University President John Silber, and National Council of Churches Executive Director Bob Edgar, among others. Proceeds have been used to establish an endowment in honor of the Matthews that will provide scholarships for UM students attending American University and Wesley Theological Seminary. The endowment remains open for anyone wishing to make a donation.

Events included a forum, featuring former Senator George McGovern, prominent academics, and previous Chaplain of the Year award recipients, on the response of UM colleges to the war on terrorism. Symposium recipients were also addressed by American University's Akbar Ahmed, one of the nation's leading Muslim intellectuals. Huntingdon College professor Harald Rohlig, who is a previous recipient of UMHEF's Outstanding Educator of the Year award, concluded the two-day symposium

with an organ recital. A Saturday night reception at the home of Betty and



Bishop and Mrs. Mathews receive special gifts honoring their service.

Dale Bumpers, former Senator from Arkansas, rounded out weekend events.

During Bishop Mathews's long career in the UMC, he has served as a missionary in India; as an executive with the Division of World Missions (1946-60); as an active bishop (1960-80) both in the Boston and Washington Areas. Retired from active duty in 1980, he has been reactivated twice, serving as Bishop of Zimbabwe (1985-86) and of the Albany Area (1990-92). He is the author of seven books and is well known for his preaching and seminary teaching.

Mrs. Mathews, who was born in India, assisted her father, legendary missionary E. Stanley Jones, and her husband in work on the subcontinent, in addition to leading ministries on her own.

"We wanted the weekend to reflect the multi-faceted lives of James and Eunice Mathews – their devotion to the church, their abiding interest in higher education, their love of this country, and their devotion to world peace and justice," said George M. Miller, UMHEF President/CEO.

For more information regarding the weekend, go to our Web site and click on Resource Library. Speeches and transcripts from the weekend are available for access and review.

From the Inside

Sidney Traynham

Junior, American University

I am an audio technology major learning recording studio production. I do not see the recording business in my future, but more as a lifetime hobby. After graduation, I plan to attend seminary and enter full-time ministry in the church. I am very thankful to have UMHEF's financial support as I pursue ordination.

I began sensing a call to ministry during my senior year of high school. I have seen this call take many different shapes, but one thing remains constant, I want to be a passionate influence for change in the church. As part of this passion, I see campus ministry as strategic to the church's fulfilling its mission and ensuring its future vitality and strength. I have been involved in UM campus ministry leadership through the Chaplain's office and active in the Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship. I believe the college campus is of incredible importance for the church, to raise up a new generation of lifetime

church leaders and pastors.

In my life, I see campus ministry as having two components: the community life of the ministry and my daily life as a witness to the gospel in word and deed. I do not believe the two aspects can be separated.

Without a community to bring and invite fellow students to, my witness is diminished, and without being a witness, my church life is essentially lifeless.

I also have spent my time in college working part time at Wesley Theological Seminary, which is next door to American. My work includes Web and multimedia development, online learning initiatives, and video production. I feel amazingly blessed to live and be active in a university community and active in a seminary community throughout my college experience.



Another View From the Inside...

Jane Harrison

Student, Wesley Theological Seminary

I grew up in a home where we were taught to love Jesus. We never missed worship or Sunday School, and I looked forward to attending Bible school each summer with my four brothers and sisters. My dad was a dedicated layperson in our church and when I was 11 years old he answered God's call to full-time ministry. After college, he attended Wesley Theological Seminary, where he graduated with a Masters of Divinity degree. We were all so proud of him!

I remember wanting to tell everyone about Jesus, but I never thought girls could be pastors. I had never met a female pastor, so I dreamed of becoming a nurse and maybe a medical missionary. I did become a registered nurse, but I fell in love and put my dreams of missionary work aside to raise a family. We have three children and were active in church teaching Sunday school, Bible studies, and leading Youth Fellowship. We wanted to raise our family to love Jesus as much as we did.

As a nurse, I have been blessed to minister to people in many ways but I had an ache in my heart to preach the word of God. My call to ministry became so strong that I could not see myself doing anything else. But I

was a mother with two children in college and another ready to start her advanced education. My nursing career had financially provided well for my family; but it would be difficult to pay the children's and my tuition with a student pastor's salary.

My father encouraged me to trust God. He told me if I were truly called to the ministry, God would make a way for me to accomplish it. I received a scholarship from Wesley, grants from the Central Pennsylvania Conference, and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and a UMHEF Foundation Scholars scholarship. I have been able to attend my father's alma mater! Somehow we have managed to have the funds to watch our children also accomplish their dreams. God does provide.

I would like to personally thank each of you who have donated to the Foundation. You have made it possible for me to follow God's calling in my life. Next year I will graduate from seminary equipped to reach out to the world and witness to how much I love Jesus, and best of all, how much he loves you and me.



Letter from the President

The first six months of 2003 have proven to be exceptionally busy ones at UMHEF.

Our **annual report** is hot off the presses and available for review. If you have not received a copy and would like one, please contact our offices, either online at

www.umhief.org or at 1-800-811-8110. It is an audited look at the 18-month period from July 1, 2001, through December 31, 2002. As of January 1, 2003, we are on a calendar-year business cycle.

March 6-8 saw the Foundation's mid-year Board of Trustees meeting held in Nashville. We welcomed members **Nancy Carruth and Henry Tisdale to their first board meeting.** Nancy has rejoined the board after rotating off a few years ago. Henry brings his expertise as president of Claflin College, one of our UM historically black institutions. We are fortunate to have both of these exceptional individuals serving the Foundation during such an exciting time of growth and challenge.

The Foundation also welcomes Stephanie Bennett-Smith, president emerita of Centenary (N.J.) College to our Board of Trustees. Stephanie has had a distinguished career as a college administrator, having most recently led Centenary through the most successful fund-raising campaign in the school's history. We are indeed excited to have such an outstanding individual working on our behalf.

Annual award winners were announced at the March board meeting. I am pleased to report that the following individuals were selected from a distinguished field of entries for these prestigious awards: **Stanley S. Kresge Award, Glenn A. Cox, Jr.,** nominated by Central

Methodist College; **Outstanding Educator of the Year, Peter G. Crow,** Ferrum College; **Chaplain of the Year, Quincy D. Brown,** LaGrange (Ga.) College; and **Campus Minister of the Year, Shawn M. Anglim,** Louisiana State University. Congratulations to each one!

This May ushered in a historic milestone for UMHEF as **students in the Hoover-Lee Scholars program graduated for the first time.** Doreen Ting, of Sibul, Sarawak, East Malaysia, graduated from Oklahoma City University with a master's degree in education. Heng Ping Ting, also of Sibul, graduated from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas, with a computer science degree. Both of these talented students entered the program in the fall of 2001. In accordance with the scholarship stipulations, both students have returned to their home communities to work and share their talents. They will each be on the staff of the Pilley Methodist Institute in Sibul.

As with all UMHEF scholars who graduated this year, we wish them Godspeed in their personal and professional pursuits.

Work continues with the Foundation's two new endowment initiatives for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) of the church and for Seminary Student Scholarships (SSS). We are currently working with Horizons Stewardship consulting firm to move the campaigns forward. These endowments address two areas of dire need within United Methodist-related higher education. The needs are great, and I encourage you to join us as we seek to raise support for the hopes and dreams these endowments represent.

In March, our board was fortunate to be addressed by Ms. Jamie North, a second-year medical student at Meharry



Medical School. Jamie's hopes and dreams are typical of the students we support every year through our scholarship programs. She told our trustees,

My desire is to become an obstetrician/gynecologist, and one day I plan to open a wellness clinic that will focus on empowerment in every aspect. It is my personal quest to decrease the infant mortality that disproportionately affects African American.... We have to bring about a change, and I challenge you to continue to chose and support those students who are bringing about change in whatever their area of specialty.... I've decided to capture every opportunity that comes my way and I pray that God will order my steps and continue to place me in the position to be of service for others. In closing, I would like to say thank you again for not only supporting me but also institutions such as Meharry and other HBCUs.

Jamie makes our case more eloquently than I ever could. **Won't you help us help students just like Jamie realize their dreams for a better world?** I guarantee your support today will be felt far into the future!

George M. Miller

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President/CEO

Matching Scholarship Program Closes On First Day

Double Your Dollars For Scholars, UMHEF's popular scholarship program, opened this year on February 1. As in years past, the Foundation was overwhelmed with applications postmarked on the first day, and met the quota on February

1. This year, 363 applications were approved and funded, including 29 applications eligible for HANA (Hispanic, Asian, Native American) funding.

Congratulations to all students who received a scholarship! A list of



this year's recipients can be viewed on our Web site at www.umhef.org.

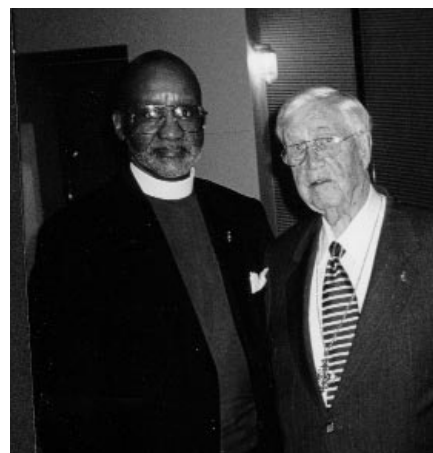
Foundation Faces



Betty Bumpers, UMHEF Trustee, served as host of the Servant Leader Symposium held in Bishop and Mrs. Mathews's honor. Above, she addresses symposium participants on April 4 in Washington, D.C. at the United Methodist Building Chapel.



Eunice Mathews, Bishop Mathews, Clara Lyle Boone (holding Bishop Mathews' book *A Global Odyssey*), and John Brademus at the scholarship endowment dinner held April 4 in honor of the Mathewses.



Bishop Felton Edwin May and Bishop Mathews at the scholarship endowment dinner held at Metropolitan Memorial UMC.

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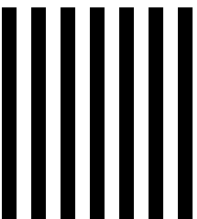
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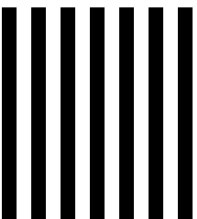
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