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Ken Yamada Scholarship Endowment Announced

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) announced that in recognition of Ken Yamada's service to United Methodist higher education, a scholarship fund will be established in his name at the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation.

Dr. Yamada retired concluding his tenure as associate general secretary of the Division of Higher Education (DHE) at GBHEM on October 7, 2005. He will continue his service as special assistant to the general secretary for global education and new initiatives.

"Across more than a quarter of a century of service, he has made significant contributions to the work of our Board and the schools, colleges, and universities related to The United Methodist Church," General Secretary Jerome King Del Pino said in a letter announcing the scholarship fund and seeking contributions.

In response to the GBHEM scholarship, the UMHEF board approved a motion by trustee Dr. Stephanie Bennett-Smith that the board commit to raise \$25,000 for the fund. By virtue of his position as associate general secretary, Dr. Yamada has served as a UMHEF trustee since 1988.

"The members of our board of trustees recognize Ken Yamada's substantial contributions to United Methodist higher education, to the work of the GBHEM, and to the mission of our Foundation, as well as Ken's excellent model for servant leadership," said Thomas S. Yow, UMHEF president and CEO. "Therefore, our effort is one small way of saying 'Thank you, good and faithful servant.'"

Dr. Bennett-Smith commented, "For many years Ken has been the vital link between



Board Chair Glenn Andrew presents retiring trustee Ken Yamada with a token of gratitude.

UMHEF and GBHEM. His advice has been considered and wise, and his guidance in matters of church relations has been studied, fair-minded, and informed."

UMHEF's \$25,000 will match the \$25,000 GBHEM has committed to raising, giving the fund an initial endowment of \$50,000.

"The Yamada Scholars will be students at our 123 United Methodist-related schools, colleges, and universities. The recipients will be selected in accordance with GBHEM policies," Del Pino said.

Yamada joined GBHEM in 1979 as DHE director of data services and institutional research. He became DHE associate general secretary in 1988, a position through which he has been influential in United Methodist-related education around the globe, as well as in church leadership.

As an endowment, the principal will remain in perpetuity and the return will be used each year to fund the Yamada Scholars. Gifts may be made to UMHEF online at www.umhief.org, or to UMHEF, PO Box 340005, Nashville, TN 37203-9527.

Trustees Approve Program Expansion at Annual Meeting

UMHEF provided 1,019 scholarships totaling \$1,523,748 during the 2004-2005 academic year, according to Thomas S. Yow, UMHEF president and CEO. The board met in St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 15-17, 2005.

The board approved an expansion of the Double Your Dollars for Scholars program, which matches \$1,000 scholarships provided by local churches. The program will provide 315 scholarships for a total of \$630,000 for the 2006-2007 academic year, including 25 matching scholarships designated for Hispanic, Asian, and Native American students eligible for HANA funds, provided through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. New this year, in cooperation with United Methodist colleges and universities, the program will be expanding to a **Triple Your Dollars for Scholars** concept. Depending on which school students plan to attend, they may be eligible for an additional \$1,000 match, bringing their total possible award to \$3,000. (See facing article or application insert.) Applications will only



UMHEF Retiring Trustees Glenn Andrew, Currie Andrews, Betty Bumpers, and Ken Yamada.



Hamline President Linda Hanson with UMHEF trustees Ken Yamada and Ching Chiong Hii.

be accepted with postmark dates of either February 15 or 16, 2006 and all recipients will be selected from eligible applications received with those two postmark dates.

The Foundation Scholars Program will now be the **Foundation Merit Scholars Program**, requiring a 3.0 grade point average and demonstrated financial need in addition to membership in The UMC.

Also, the board voted that students be limited to receiving one UMHEF scholarship per year in alignment with current GBHEM policies.

Retiring trustees Currie Andrews (Nashville, TN), Betty Bumpers (Bethesda, MD), Lou Kerr (Oklahoma City, OK), Bishop William Oden (Dallas, TX), and Ken Yamada (Nashville, TN) were honored for their service.

Retiring trustee and board Chair Glenn C. Andrew (Windermere, FL) was recognized as the 2005 Trustee of the Year for his untiring service to the Foundation. Among his many contributions, Andrew led the Foundation through its recent presidential search and transition to new leadership.

The board elected as officers Barbara F. Erwin, Chair; Robert R. Fletcher, Vice Chair; Stephanie Bennett-Smith, Secretary; and Charles P. Cox, Treasurer.

The Foundation is self-supporting. It receives no funds through the apportionment process of The United Methodist Church. Its annual operating and administrative expenses are funded from income from its endowment fund and in-kind support from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Prison Chaplain Scholarship Endowment Established

The Foundation is pleased to announce the creation of a new scholarship endowment through the Division of Ordained Ministry of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. The **Coleman Tyson Seikman (CTS) Prison Chaplain Scholarship Endowment** will address the need for the recruitment and training of prison chaplains, which is greater than at any point in history with more than 2 million people incarcerated in the United States. The endowment is intended to foster a new generation of young men and women who would commit themselves to join forces with United Methodists at all levels of the connection in sharing the liberating love of God with those who have lost their freedom.

This scholarship honors three

outstanding United Methodist Chaplains: Judy Coleman, Charles Tyson, and Barbara Hart-Seikman. Their ministries were marked by compassion, persistence, and imagination. Throughout their careers they opened doors, built bridges, set standards, changed hearts, and changed institutions. Their legacy is leadership and hope.

In making the inaugural gift to establish the fund, Patricia Barrett, Assistant General Secretary, United Methodist Endorsing Agency, said, "Charles Tyson, Judy Coleman, and Barbara Hart Seikman have been important in my life. We worked together to support prison chaplains and prison chaplaincy as a profession. But I also make this gift in honor of the many prison chaplains who have enriched my life, taught me great



Left to right: Cheryl Davis, UMHEF executive vice president, and associate general secretary Patricia Barrett.

lessons about ministry behind bars, and nurtured my faith through the witness of their life and ministry.

And I give this in the sure hope that this scholarship will help shape the prison chaplain servant leaders for the future."

The **CTS Prison Scholarship Endowment** will enable seminary students as well as clergy to gain the necessary skills to serve effectively in this highly complex ministry field. To make a donation, please return your gift in the remittance envelope enclosed with this newsletter, or at our Web site at www.umhef.org.

Triple Your Dollars for Scholars Program New for 2006-2007

The popular *Double Your Dollars for Scholars* program has changed this year to include additional funding for applicants. The new **Triple Your Dollars for Scholars** program now extends the collaborative partnership between churches and UMHEF one step further to institutions that have chosen to participate.

As in the past, UMHEF will match \$1,000 provided by churches for student members, for a total award of \$2,000. Applicants will need to review the list of educational institutions to determine if they are eligible for the additional institutional match. That list is provided on the scholarship application included in this newsletter, and on the Web at www.umhef.org.

UMHEF will provide 315 scholarships for a total of \$315,000 for the 2006-2007 academic year. These include 25 matching scholarships specifically designated for Hispanic, Asian, and Native American students who are eligible for HANA funds. These 25 matching scholarships

are funded through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM).

Applications will only be accepted with postmark dates of either February 15 or 16, 2006 and all recipients will be selected from eligible applications received with these two postmark dates. As this is a highly competitive program that closes very quickly, all other applications will be returned to the sponsoring church.

For more information regarding this or other Foundation programs, please see our Web site "Scholarships" page or contact our office.

2006 TRIPLE YOUR DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS!

The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation will provide a matching scholarship for 315 churches raising and providing \$1,000 on behalf of student congregational members enrolled or planning to enroll in a United Methodist-related college, university, or seminary in the fall of 2006. See the back of this application form for details.

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A View From the Inside

Mark Muckler
Duke Divinity School

Dear UMHEF,

My name is Mark Muckler and I wanted to write and express our deep gratitude for the Double Your Dollars for Scholars scholarship granted my family for me to attend seminary at Duke Divinity School. A little over a year ago, I answered the call to attend seminary. The process of selling our house in Charlotte, leaving my job as a youth director, doing a summer field education ministry placement and moving to Durham as a family of four has taken a little over a year and we are finally here. Along the way, we have been blessed and continue to be blessed by God's means of provisions in answering such a calling. I can't tell you how much a blessing it is to have received such generosity.



Thanks so much for partnering with us and please continue to pray for us along this journey of faith.

Blessings and Thanks In Christ,
Mark, Jill, Caleb, and Graceson Muckler

A Word From Our Students...

"Words cannot express how grateful I am for the Double Your Dollars for Scholars scholarship. My education is a priority and this money will help me to attend an outstanding university. Thank you so much for the opportunity to reduce my family's financial burden. I will give back to others as you have given to me!"

—Kera, Southwestern University

"I was very excited to find that I had been selected to receive your scholarship. Thank you so much. I very much appreciate your generosity. It is such a blessing and a great answer to a much needed prayer. I thank God for the gift you have given me."

—Ashley, Huntingdon College

"Thank you for selecting me for this amazing gift. Your support is truly a blessing."

—Ashley, Wesley Theological Seminary

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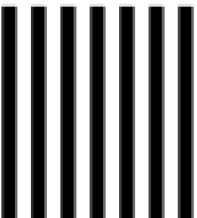
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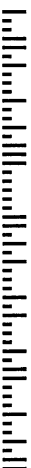
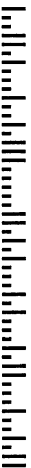
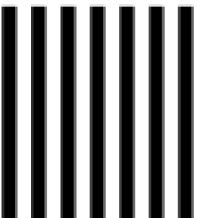
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