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UMHEF Holds Mid-Year Board Meeting

UMHEF held its mid-year board of trustees meeting March 1-3 in Dallas, Texas.

Business conducted included evaluating demand for UMHEF's popular United Methodist Dollars for Scholars (UMDFS) program. UMHEF matches \$1,000 church gifts for student members for a total scholarship award of \$2,000. In 2006, UMHEF enhanced the UMDFS program with the addition of the *Triple Your Dollars for Scholars* component. Sixteen additional institutions have agreed to participate in the tripling component of the program for 2007, bringing the total number of participating institutions to 84. Three-quarters of United Methodist-related colleges, universities, and seminaries are now matching recipient awards with an additional \$1,000, tripling the local church's investment to \$3,000.

For 2007, the collaborative partnership with the local churches and higher education institutions is being extended even further to include conference foundations. Under the *Quadruple Your Dollars for Scholars* component of the program, participating United Methodist conference foundations will provide an additional \$1,000 match to recipients sponsored by churches in their respective conferences, bringing the total possible award to \$4,000 (\$3,000 for students attending doubling institutions). The Quadruple Your Dollars concept was conceived by the North Georgia United Methodist Foundation (NGUMF) and the vision of its president, Robert R. Fletcher, who is also a UMHEF trustee. The NGUMF, now in its third year of quadrupling local church awards, is joined this year by the



Perkins School of Theology students enjoy a luncheon with UMHEF Board Trustees, including Ken Bedell (c).

California-Pacific and Oklahoma United Methodist Foundations.

For the 2007-08 academic year, UMHEF is providing 344 United Methodist Dollars for Scholars awards. The total amount awarded to students is expected to exceed \$1 million, including church, foundation, and institutional matches. Of the 344 scholarships awarded, 25 are specifically designated for Hispanic, Asian, and Native American (HANA) students. These 25 matching scholarships are funded through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) HANA program.

UMHEF's **grand vision** is that it be economically possible for any qualified United Methodist student to be educated at a UM-related institution of higher education. For more information regarding foundation programs, please visit the web site at www.umhief.org. Or contact us at P.O. Box 340005, Nashville, Tennessee, 37203-0005; phone (615) 340-7385 or (800) 811-8110; fax (615) 340-7330.

UMHEF Announces New Scholarship Program



The United Methodist Leadership Scholars (UMLS) program is sponsored by United Methodist churches in the southeast and the colleges and universities listed below. UMLS is supported by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) and the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF).

This scholarship program is designed to encourage active United Methodist students to attend a UM-related college or university by offering up to \$3,000 in scholarship funds. It is hoped that the transformational experiences available at these institutions will guide students to make vocational choices for Christian service to church and society and that these students will emerge as leaders, lay and clergy, of The United Methodist Church.

Through UMLS, local churches are encouraged to provide \$1,000 scholarships for students enrolling in a participating UM-related college or university. These institutions will match local church funds for a total award of \$2,000. For 2007, UMHEF has committed \$100,000 to the program, which will provide 100 \$1,000 matching scholarships for a total award of \$3,000 (local church, UMHEF, and school funds).

UMLS is a point-of-entry scholarship. Applicants

must be first-time enrollees in a UM-related institution (any class status) to be eligible. Applicants must also be active members of The United Methodist Church (for at least one year) and enrolling full-time at a participating UM-related institutions. Questions? Please visit www.umls.umc.org.

Participating Institutions: Andrew College, Bennett College for Women, Bethune-Cookman University, Birmingham-Southern College, Brevard College, Claflin University, Clark Atlanta University, Columbia College, Duke University, Emory University, Ferrum College, Greensboro College, High Point University, Hiwassee College, Huntingdon College, Kentucky Wesleyan College, LaGrange College, Lambuth University, Lindsey Wilson College, Louisburg College, Martin Methodist College, Methodist University, Millsaps College, Paine College, Pfeiffer University, Reinhardt College, Shenandoah University, Spartanburg Methodist College, Tennessee Wesleyan College, Union College, Virginia Wesleyan College, Wesleyan College, Wofford College, and Young Harris College.

A Word From Our Students...



"Words cannot fully express my gratitude for your contribution not only to my education, but my future. It is nice to know that when you are having troubles the church is right behind you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you did. Truly God is working through this foundation.

I leave you with a quote from an unknown author that truly reflects my feelings: 'I would thank you from the bottom of my heart, but for you my heart has no bottom.' Thank you."

— Elizabeth Akama-Makia,
United Methodist Dollars for Scholars, Hendrix College

"Thanks be to God, and thank you and the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation for the United Methodist Dollars for Scholars scholarship awarded to me for my seminary education at United Theological Seminary, for the upcoming 2007-08 academic year.

This scholarship will certainly be a great help as I continue to be a full-time student while working as a

student pastor at Sharonville UMC in Cincinnati, Ohio. What a blessing! May the good Lord continue his blessings on our churches, and on you and the UMHEF."

— Sincerely, In Christ,

Rick Riggs

United Methodist Dollars for Scholars, United Theological Seminary

"I am writing to thank you for the \$1,000 scholarship I received for the 2006-2007 academic school year. Your support has made a huge impact on my ability to complete my dreams of becoming a Registered Nurse. I am in my senior year of nursing, and will graduate in May 2007. Receiving this scholarship from the UMHEF has made me, my family, and our church very proud, and we deeply appreciate your generosity!"



— Krystal Walker

Foundation Merit Scholar, Central Methodist University

A Special Thanks...

Editor's Note: We receive thank you letters almost daily from students who have received our scholarships and are grateful for the assistance they are receiving. And occasionally we hear from a parent who is equally grateful. But the following letter from a scholarship recipient's parent beautifully expresses the purpose of our programs and what we hope to achieve as a Foundation. So thank you, Mrs. Durie, for your affirmation of our Grand Vision, mission, and goals.

I am overwhelmed every time I think about Chelsie receiving the Quadruple Your Dollars for Scholars Scholarship... overwhelmed by God's grace and goodness... overwhelmed by the connectional system of The United Methodist Church... overwhelmed by the generosity of the United Methodist Higher

Education Foundation, the North Georgia United Methodist Foundation, Roswell United Methodist Church, and Reinhardt College.

The cost for Chelsie to attend a private United Methodist college is not something we had factored into our college savings equation, but soon discovered God had different plans. Thanks to the UMHEF's willingness to support this scholarship program, she will be able to continue her education at Reinhardt College.

Chelsie is learning many important lessons during her tenure at Reinhardt. She's taking responsibility for her grades and actions. She's getting a valuable education that is already bearing fruit for The United Methodist Church, her school, and community. Most importantly, however, she's growing in God's grace and developing servant leadership skills through her involvement



with Reinhardt, Circle K, Campus Ministry, her church, and Sunday school.

This scholarship has been an answer to prayer and unequivocally proves that nothing shall be impossible for our mighty God. On behalf of our daughter -- and all the other students blessed by this scholarship -- thank you for helping their educational dreams come true!

In Christ,

Diana Durie

Giving back...

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation for the \$1,000 scholarship awarded to me for the 2006-2007 school year. I have been very blessed by this foundation during my past three years at Morningside College. By your help, I have been able to keep my educational costs down, which has enabled me to focus entirely on my education and not have to worry about working a full-time job to survive.

It means a lot to me that I am attending a school that is rich in Christian values. If there is anything that I have learned from the financial process, it is that there are very giving people in the world that really make a difference with financial aid. I hope that I am able to give to scholarship programs after I graduate because I

realize how important they are.

Again, thank you very much for helping me fund my education. I am very grateful for this opportunity and I hope to exhibit my Christian values in the workplace when I finish my school at Morningside!



— Amy Anderson
Foundation Merit Scholar
Morningside College

2007 Stanley S. Kresge Award

Dr. Stanley M. Howe is the 2007 recipient of UMHEF's **Stanley S. Kresge Award**. Dr. Howe is a member of Wesleyan United Methodist Church in Muscatine, Iowa and was nominated by Iowa Wesleyan College.

The award was established by the Foundation in 1987 to honor members of The United Methodist Church who embody two important characteristics of the life of the late Stanley S. Kresge: dedicated membership in The United Methodist Church and unselfish support of United Methodist-related education.

"Dr. Howe exemplifies the motto of 'Leadership that Changes Lives.' His commitment to church, community, and education cannot be overstated," said Dr. William N. Johnston, President of Iowa Wesleyan College. "His personal involvement and exemplary generosity have positively impacted thousands of church members and students, with effects that will be felt for many generations to come.... He was appointed to our Board of Trustees by the United Methodist Conference in 1975, and his leadership, business acumen and philanthropy have been vital to our success. Stan Howe's deep faith, sterling character and commitment to service inspire us all to excellence."

A native of Muscatine, Iowa, Dr. Howe graduated from Iowa State University in 1946, earned an M.B.A. in Business Administration from Harvard Business School in 1948 and was awarded an honorary doctorate from Iowa Wesleyan College. He married Helen Jensen and they have four chil-



Left to Right: Iowa Wesleyan College President William N. Johnston, Susan Johnston, Stanley Howe, Helen Howe, and UMHEF President/CEO Thomas S. Yow.

dren, Thomas, Janet, Steven, and James. Dr. Howe rose to the position of Chairman and CEO of HON Industries in 1984 and held that position until retiring in 1998. He still holds the title of Chairman Emeritus.

"In 2004, Dr. Howe announced the Howe Foundation Challenge Grant, a gift of astonishing generosity that supports the most ambitious financial undertaking in the history of the college: The Campaign for Iowa Wesleyan - Transforming our Future. Through this challenge grant, Dr. Howe matches up to \$15 million in gifts for the college," said Dr. Johnston. "Simply stated, Iowa Wesleyan College would not be where it is today without the support of Dr. Stan Howe."

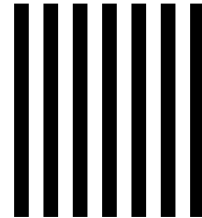
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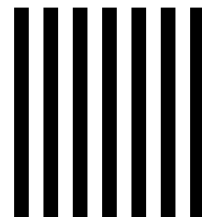
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