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UMHEF Holds Annual Board Meeting

UMHEF will provide 1,100 scholarships totaling about \$1.8 million during the 2007-2008 academic year, according to Thomas S. Yow, UMHEF president/CEO. The Board of Trustees met in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on September 20-22, 2007. Over \$2.1 million was approved for scholarships for all 2008 academic year programs.

On Thursday night, foundation trustees attended the **Oklahoma Centennial Scholarship Endowment Dinner** honoring Bishop and Mrs. Robert E. Hayes, Jr. at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. The foundation was hosted on Friday night by Oklahoma City University president, Dr. Tom J. McDaniel and Dean of the Margaret E. Petree College of Performing Arts, Mark Edward Parker, on the campus of United Methodist-related Oklahoma City University, where trustees attended a performance of Little Women in the new Wanda L. Bass School of Music.

United Methodist Dollars for Scholars (UMDFS), the church matching scholarship program, is providing 378 scholarships for total awards of \$1,158,000 for the 2007-2008 academic year. Please see the article on page two for full details regarding this exciting program.

During the meeting, UMHEF trustees voted to include **international students** as eligible for scholarship funding to United Methodist schools in the United States. International students must be a member of The UMC from one of the central confer-



From left to right: Thomas S. Yow, UMHEF President/CEO; Aubrey Wells, OCU freshman and UMHEF scholarship recipient; Cathy Leichter, UMHEF Trustee; Clayton Miller, OCU sophomore and UMHEF scholarship recipient; Rev. Margaret A. Ball, OCU VP for University-Church Relations; Andrew Nelms, OCU sophomore and UMHEF scholarship recipient.

ences and must be attending a UM-related college, university, or seminary in the U.S.

Retiring trustees Charles P. Cox (Fairfield Glade, TN) and T. Terrell Sessums (Tampa, FL) were honored for their service to the board and foundation. Judith Gibbs (Dallas, TX), Chair of the Trustee Nominating & Development Committee, was recognized for her continued service to the board as **2007 Trustee of the Year.**

The following were elected as officers for 2007/2008:

Katherine Austin Mahle, Chair
Douglas Dannen, Vice Chair
Robert Fletcher, Secretary
Henry Huckaby, Treasurer

UMHEF's grand vision is that it be economically possible for any qualified UM student to be educated at a UM-related institution of higher education. For more information, please visit www.umhef.org, or call 1.800.811.8110.

United Methodist Dollars for Scholars 2008

United Methodist Dollars for Scholars (UMDFS), the church matching scholarship program, is providing 378 scholarships for total awards of \$1,158,000 for the 2007-2008 academic year. UMHEF again matched \$1,000 provided by churches for student members, for a total award of \$2,000. In 2006, UMHEF enhanced the UMDFS program with the addition of the **Triple Your Dollars for Scholars** concept. This year, 264 students were awarded an additional \$1,000 through UM colleges, universities, and seminaries participating in the Triple Your Dollars program, bringing each student's total award to \$3,000.

For 2007, UMHEF disbursed awards through the **Quadruple Your Dollars for Scholars** component of the program—a collaborative partnership with the local churches, higher education institutions, and participating UM conference foundations. Under the Quadruple Your Dollars component, participating conference foundations 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 Double Your Dollars 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 fourth year of quadrupling local church awards, was joined by the **California-Pacific, Missouri, and Oklahoma United Methodist Foundations**, quadrupling awards for 69 students.

The **Arkansas United Methodist Foundation** and **North Carolina United Methodist Foundation** have joined the Quadruple Your Dollars initiative for the 2008 academic year. UMHEF is continuing conversations with other conference foundations in anticipation of additional participation in the Quadruple Your Dollars component for the coming year. Check our website at www.umhef.org for the latest list of conference foundation participants.

NEW FOR 2008, the acceptance dates for all applications will be January 1 through March 15, 2008. Any application received during that time period will be processed. Please call the office at 1-800-811-8110 to speak with UMHEF Scholarship Administrator Megan Benton with any questions regarding the program.



A Word From Our Students...



I thank the Foundation for selecting me to receive a UM Dollars for Scholars scholarship award. This generous award allows me to attend Centenary College (LA), a one of a kind Methodist institution. It is nice to know that The UMC takes an active role and interest in its youth, and cares enough about

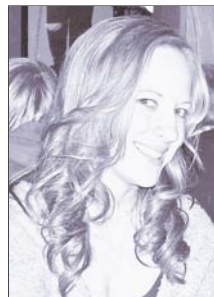
them to help with their education, so they will be armed with the skills to succeed in all future endeavors.

Once again, I want to thank the UMHEF for my scholarship these past two years. I know this scholarship award is funded by donations from my local church, Centenary College, and The United Methodist Church. I appreciate and thank each of these institutions for their support of this scholarship program. Without their contributions, my college experience as well as many other students' experiences would not be possible. Thank you for all that you do and God bless.

*Andrew Bowers
Centenary College of Louisiana*

Along with the financial assistance you have extended, your generosity also provides spiritual and emotional support. Seminary can be a very challenging time; it is encouraging and life-giving to know there are people and organizations willing to invest themselves in the future leaders of the Church. I pray that our time in seminary may prepare us to move The UMC in whatever direction it is being called, that The UMC may be more and most fully utilized as an instrument in bringing about the Kingdom of God. Thank you for your enormous support of all of us.

*Matthew Tuggle
Perkins School of Theology*



I wanted to write a quick note of deepest appreciation for choosing to honor me with the Priscilla R. Morton Scholarship. It gives me great pride to receive the scholarship! The gifts and honors I have received from the UMHEF have been an amazing blessing throughout my college career and I wouldn't have been able to complete such a high quality education without the assistance.

*Mabelle Bryan
Baker University*



Bishop Robert Hayes, Jr. (right) addresses the UMHEF board while UMHEF President, Thomas Yow, looks on.

Centennial Dinner Raises Money for Scholarships

The Oklahoma Centennial Scholarship Endowment Dinner honoring Bishop and Mrs. Robert Hayes, Jr. drew about 460 people to the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. Sponsors were the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation and UMHEF. Oklahomans Joseph L. Harris and Event Chair Cathy Leichter are on the UMHEF board.

Each dollar for the new endowment fund will be invested to help Oklahoma students. "The real winners are the people whose names you'll never know. They are the ones who will carry on after us," Bishop Hayes said. "I was honored to be asked to give my name to raise these funds, to be thought of that way."

The potential exists to quadruple

each dollar donated through the "United Methodist Dollars for Scholars," a UMHEF fund-matching program, summarized by Dr. Yow. Additional pairings are possible with OKUMF and OCU programs.

"Through the United Methodist Quadruple Your Dollars for Scholars program, your contributions have been multiplied by four in order to help strengthen our future leaders," according to a statement to patrons from Cathy Leichter and Lou Kerr, who co-chaired the dinner. The event was officially sanctioned by the Oklahoma Centennial Commission.

Donations continue to be accepted in the endowment fund honoring the Hayes.

Thanks times four...



I want to express my appreciation to you for the Quadruple Your Dollars for Scholars scholarship that was awarded to me this year.

This generous gift helps to make it possible for me to take advantage of a quality education available at the Claremont School of Theology.

I am the second of five children and I am a first-generation Hispanic. I have belonged to The United Methodist Church since I was a child. I came to this country with many dreams and hopes. One of my dreams was to study for a postgraduate degree. Now one of those dreams is coming true thanks to your generosity. Your commitment to

Claremont School of Theology is a way that people such as me can hope for a better future.

I am grateful for your resources, which have enabled me to pursue my studies. God bless you richly.

Sincerely,
Joel Hortiales-Sierra

Editor's Note: This award was made possible through a partnership with the California-Pacific United Methodist Foundation. Many thanks to their board for their generosity!

Studying and Serving...

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your scholarship, which enabled me to come back to school. I am privileged and honored that you have selected me as one of your recipients this year.

Pfeiffer is a great school and I am already learning a lot in my

sophomore year, but financially I could not be here without your help. I am continuing to pursue a degree in Christian Education and Youth Ministry and worked during the summer as a youth ministry intern. This was a good experience for me and I really enjoyed it.

I am glad to be back at school and getting involved in the Christian Leadership programs. As a side note, this past summer, I was elected as a delegate to General Conference 2008 and will represent the Western North Carolina Conference as well as Pfeiffer University and my local church in Houston, TX next year. That is also a privilege and an honor. I hope to represent our conference and The UMC well.

Once again, I thank you for your generous support this year. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,
John Howard, Jr.

Celebrating a Legacy of Service, Embracing a New Beginning...

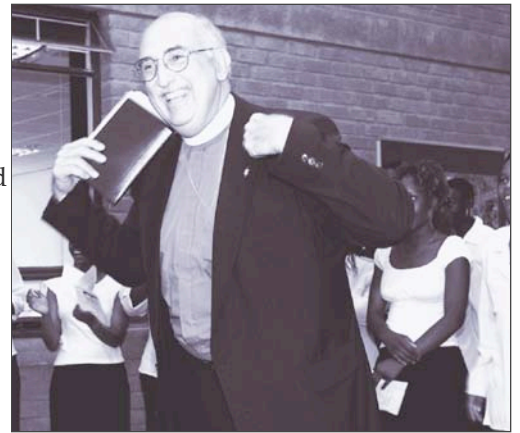
UMHEF cordially invites you to join us for a special evening of celebration for Bishop Lawrence and Margaret McCleskey on Thursday night, March 13, 2008, at Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. We are pleased to be working in partnership with Pfeiffer University and The United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina to honor this profuse couple and their tireless dedication in support of United Methodist-related higher education. Proceeds from the evening will be used to establish the Bishop J. Lawrence and Margaret McCleskey Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship will provide awards for students attending Pfeiffer University through the newly-established McCleskey Scholars Program.

Bishop and Mrs. McCleskey have dedicated their lives to the work of The United Methodist Church, and have provided leadership to Christian higher education through training and discipleship. They have made a commitment to the continuation and enhancement of programs designed to produce the next generation of

church servants and leaders through the establishment of the McCleskey Scholars Program. This program will continue the example set by the McCleskeys and will honor and expand the Bishop's efforts to rebuild the rusted educational pipeline. The United Methodist Church-related college, such as Pfeiffer, has the opportunity now more than ever to provide for the church's need for specialized leadership in a variety of areas.

"The McCleskeys have long supported United Methodist-related higher education through their work with Pfeiffer University, Africa University, and the United Methodist Leadership Scholars initiative, the Bishop's chairing of the Division of Higher Education of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, among many others," said Thomas Yow, UMHEF president and CEO. "We are pleased to be a part of ensuring that their legacy survives through scholarship support of future leaders of the church."

Please visit our website at <https://www.umhef.org/giftForm.php>



A UMNS PHOTO BY MIKE DUBOSE.

Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey of Charlotte, N.C., flanked by the Africa University Choir, dedicates the faculty of the theology building named in his honor. The dedication was a highlight of the 10th anniversary celebrations at the United Methodist-related university in Mutare, Zimbabwe.

today to make a donation to the McCleskey Endowed Scholarship. Or to learn more about this exciting event, please visit www.pfeiffer.edu/McCleskeyScholars/index.htm. You may call our office at 1-800-811-8110 with any questions regarding the dinner event or making a donation. We look forward to seeing you there!

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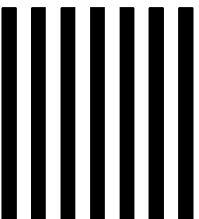
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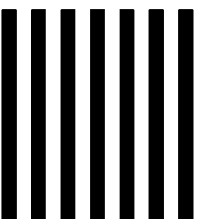
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