

DAKOTAS UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION

“Gifts, Legacies, Endowments for Ministry”

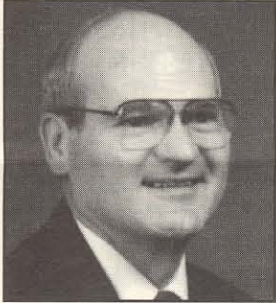
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NEWSLETTER

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TOGETHER NEW THINGS ARE HAPPENING

Dear Friends:



This has been an exciting summer and fall in the life of our Dakotas United Methodist Foundation. In the past several months new things have developed or been initiated.

In late August the Foundation obtained a new Web Site Domain Address. It is www.DakotasUMF.Org. This will enable us over the years to be more visible as our e-mail addresses are directly related to it. Check out our Web Site and let us know what you think.

The new web site and e-mail address will also appear on the four new Foundation Brochures which describe the services of the Foundation, the Ministries of the Annual Conference, the Endowment Program and how Local Churches can investment funds through the Foundation. We also have new and interesting Planned Giving Brochures that explain briefly but clearly how a person may make planned or deferred gift in support of their favorite Ministry or local church.

Many gifts have come to the Foundation by dedicated United Methodists for which we are grateful. The Wendlandt Gift (see enclosed article) is perhaps one of the largest that the Foundation has received in recent history. We are thankful to all those persons who have remembered the Foundation and the Ministries of the Annual Conference with small or large gifts. Each gift expresses a part of our dedication and devotion in sharing God's blessings with others.



*“All building begins with a dream.
Each step brings us closer.”*

We also want to welcome Sioux Falls Wesley, Yankton UMC (two accounts), Grand Forks Wesley (second account) and West Fargo to our investment community. In these volatile investment market times we are pleased that these churches have put their trust in the Foundation.

We look forward to sharing with you the importance of our Conference Ministries and hope that you will respond with your gifts and prayers. Truly, we are about the Lord's work.

A. Julian Wigen

Dear Dr. Wigen,

Just a short note to thank you for your prompt attention in sending the acknowledgement of the gift for the Lake Poinsett Camp Endowment Fund. I appreciate the certificate, the copy of the check, the letter for tax record and your letter. Everything has been accomplished to my complete satisfaction and I am pleased that I carried out a long desired wish.

Have you ever heard this bit of pointed wisdom: “He who gives while he lives knows where it goes.”? That sort of spurred me on and I'm glad it did!

Sincerely,
Dorothy Sikorski

Ten Ways to Leave a Legacy

1. Prepare a Will.
2. Leave a gift in your will to a charity that made a difference in your life.
3. Leave as specific dollar or percentage of your assets to your church.
4. Give a gift of appreciated stock, land or other property.
5. Name your church or Foundation as a beneficiary of your IRA or pension plan.
6. Purchase a new life insurance policy and name your church or the Foundation as the beneficiary.
7. Name your church or favorite charity as beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy.
8. Remember deceased loved ones with memorial gifts.
9. Encourage family members and friends to leave gifts to charities in their wills.
10. Ask your financial advisor to include charitable giving as part of their counsel to other clients.

To learn about planned giving opportunities contact your professional advisors or the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation (605-996-6552).

\$549,000 WENDLANDT GIFT BENEFITS UNITED METHODIST MINISTRIES

The Dakotas Annual Conference was the recipient in August and September of a gift of cash and bonds from the estate of Vernon E. Wendlandt amounting to approximately \$549,000. Six United Methodist Ministries will benefit from this generous endowment gift from Vernon E. Wendlandt of Enderlin, North Dakota.

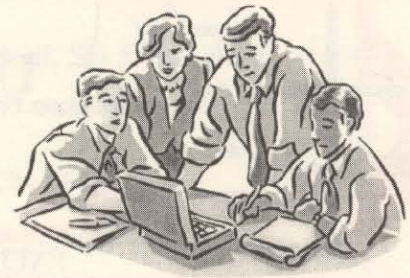
The Conference Trustees have transferred the gift proceeds to the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation. The Foundation will administer and act as trustee. The gift principal is to remain as an endowment with only the net income being made available for distribution. In accordance with the gift stipulations, the Foundation has established six Vernon E. Wendlandt Endowments with the net income benefiting the following United Methodist Ministries for a period of 50 years. In the year 2050 the Trustee of the Trust Endowments are granted in the will certain options at that time regarding the distribution of net income. In the meantime the Ministries to benefit include the following with various stipulations related to each:

- a. \$137,407 Endowment for Seminary Education.
- b. \$109,925 Endowment for the Conference Pension Program.
- c. \$ 27,481 Endowment for North Dakota Camp Facilities.
- d. \$137,407 Endowment for North Dakota Missionaries.
- e. \$ 68,703 Endowment for InterMountain Childrens Home & Services, Helena, MT.
- f. \$ 68,703 Endowment for United Meth. Youthville, Inc., Newton, KS.

Wilhelm Elroy Wendlandt was born in Oriska, North Dakota. As a young child he moved with his parents to a farm north of Enderlin, North Dakota. His father died when he was very young and his Mother worked odd jobs until Vernon was old enough to begin farming with her. He attended Pontiac School Number One in Southwest Cass County. He attended the Salem Evangelical Church of rural Enderlin until a new Methodist Church was erected in Enderlin. During his high school years he changed school and graduated from Enderlin in 1929. Upon graduation Vernon started farming with his Mother. In 1966 he was given honorary membership to Future Farmers of America. He lived on the farm all his life except for the last couple of winters when he moved into an apartment in Enderlin. He enjoyed North Dakota history and learning about his family history. Vernon passed away in September, 1999, at the age of 87 and is buried at a cemetery just South of the farm place where he grew up.

We rejoice in Vernon's thoughtfulness and commitment by including the Ministries of the Church in his estate plans. By the nature of the various stipulations and designations it is obvious that Vernon had strong feelings for education, sharing his resources with others in need, and expanding the missionary outreach of the Church.

We give thanks to his memory and as a Foundation seek to fulfill his desires for helping other with the endowments he has established.



*Generous Stewardship
Involves planning with
professional advisors.*

GIFT HONORS TONY SIKORSKI

Tony & Dorothy Sikorski have been contributors to the Foundation since the 1950's. Often their gifts were designated for Lake Poinsett Camp because the camp held "special memories" for them.

After Tony's death, Dorothy continued to make gifts to the Foundation. In conversations with Dr. Wigen, Executive Director, she expressed that she wanted to do something more. She told how Tony for many years participated in work camps at Lake Poinsett Camp and how it was one of his favorite places. He would look forward to and enjoy the early Spring Work Retreats with a small group of men from the church and how he liked to go fishing at Lake Poinsett.

In August of this year Dorothy was able to do what she desired by making a \$5,000 gift in Tony's memory. In accordance with her wishes the proceeds of her gift will be added to the Lake Poinsett United Methodist Camp Group Endowment.

Mr. Sikorski was a long time employee of the former Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, an active leader in the Boy Scouts, remembered by many as a Scoutmaster and for his leadership contributions to the local church.

Dorothy's gift of love and devotion will enable the Ministry of Lake Poinsett Camp to touch many lives and provide that "special place" in the minds and hearts of others.



You can CREATE A LEGACY

by leaving a bequest to the Foundation establishing an endowment to benefit your Local Church or some Ministry of the Dakotas Conference.

For information call Dr. A. Julian Wigen (605) 996-6552



Working
together great
things happen!

TRUST GIFTS RECEIVED

Three Charitable Remainder Gift Annuities have been satisfied with various Ministries to benefit. When a donor or donors passed away, the remainder amount is distributed to the named beneficiary.

We recognize the dedication and thoughtfulness of the following persons who included the Foundation in their charitable gift plans.

► **Robert A. Wallace, Belle Fourche, SD** — Undesignated.

► **Merrill D. Rix, Groton, SD** — To Foundation to be used where needed.

► **Glady Muxen, Doland, SD** — 50% to Foundation Permanent Endowment Fund and 50% to Dakotas Wesleyan University.

GIFTS ANNUITIES ESTABLISHED

The following persons have established Charitable Gift Annuities with the Foundation in recent months. Our thanks for their generosity.

► **Roland & Varlaine Walkes**, now living in Rochester, MN.

► **Doris B. Kaufman**, Jamestown, ND.

SPECIAL HONORARY GIFTS

To Wesley Acres Camp Endowment in honor of **Oral & Irene Elhard 50th Wedding Anniversary** by Rev. Dick & Pat Unkenholz

To the Frank & Evelyn Whitney Endowment in honor of **Evelyn Whitney's 85th Birthday** by: Dick & Denise Whitman, Andrea & Steve Brendan & Amanda Ray; Alyson, Mark & Zoe Manoukian, Diane Kinzley.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF

A memorial gift in remembrance of a loved one is a fitting way to recognize the contributions of others in our lives. The Foundation provides this opportunity for you to say thanks for what someone has meant to you.

In Memory of:

Inez Holden
Lucille Barnard
Bertha Sprunk
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Darald Church
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Frank Traver
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Kathy Landin
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Rev. William Fillingim
Rev. Frank Whitney
Rev. Darrel Leach
Rev. Henry Hottmann
Clyde Ford
Melvin Rossow
Wally Lofstedt
Rev. Francis Tannehill
Rev. G. Arthur Brooks
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Given By:

Virginia Strasburg
Rev. Dick & Pat Unkenholz
Rinhold & Phyllis Bendewald
Eldon & Donna Reich
Rev. Elmer Sprunk
Rev. Dick & Pat Unkenholz
Ron & Anne Hartung
Mrs. Geraldine Traver
Rev. Dick & Pat Unkenholz
Don & Marilyn Rahn
Cecil & Janet Miller
Keith & Betty Taylor
Gene & Barb Kroger
Julian & Lois Wigen
Bill & Lou Ora Houk
Gustav & Sally Van Tassel
Ruth Hottmann, family
& friends

Wendell & Carol Peden
Rev. Norm Neumann
Revs Cecil & Janet Miller
Mrs. Helen Kruckenberg
Gustav & Sally Van Tassel
Rev. Sam & Eilene Graf
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Rev. Dick & Pat Unkenholz
Rev. Norm Neumann
Mrs. Jane Ketterling
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To: Dakotas United Methodist Foundation, P.O. Box 460, Mitchell, SD 57301-0460

Enclosed is my/our Gift in the amount of

\$ _____.

- Undesignated (to be used where needed).
 Permanent Endowment Fund.
 Operational Endowment Fund.

For: _____
(List Ministry: Camps, DWU, etc.)

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Please send me without cost information on:

- How to include the Church in my will.
 How to make a Charitable Gift and retaining a life income benefit.
 How to establish a "Named Endowment" to benefit a particular United Methodist Ministry.

WELCOME!

The Foundation Board of Directors, at their Fall Meeting in Bismarck, welcomed Don Armstrong as the new Foundation Treasurer. He serves as both Conference and Foundation Treasurer. Prior to coming to the Dakotas he was the Conference Treasurer for the Red Bird Missionary Conference.

Also welcomed were two new District Foundation Representatives: George W. Cox, Grand Forks, ND (Northeast District). George is Senior Vice-President and Trust Relationship Manager for Bremer Trust, of Grand Forks; and Jeff Stulken, Mobridge, SD (Central District) is a CPA with the firm Kohlman, Bierschbach and Anderson of Mobridge.

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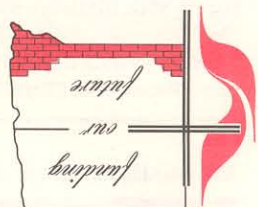
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