

# DAKOTAS UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION

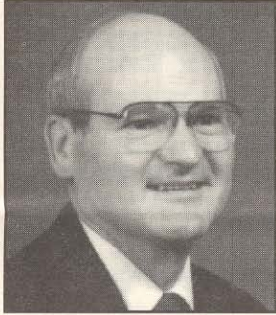
“Gifts, Legacies, Endowments for Ministry”

FALL

NEWSLETTER

2001

## THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!



Dear Donors,

The board of directors and I as your executive director wish to express our sincere thanks for your financial support.

Whether cash, stock, real estate or other possessions, you have given generously to help us to succeed in fulfilling the mission of the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation.

While some of you have made outright gifts, others have included the Foundation in your wills. Some have obtained charitable gift annuities with us and others have named the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation or various Annual Conference Ministries to benefit from charitable trusts. We even know of some of you who have made the Foundation the beneficiary of life insurance policies or IRA accounts. All of these gifts — whether current or deferred — inspire within us a keen sense of gratitude not only for your generosity, but also for your expression of confidence in our leadership.

We realize there are numerous causes and organizations that compete for your charitable interests and this makes us all the more grateful for your support. You honor us with your gifts.

We want you to know that we do not take your generosity for granted. We feel responsible to be careful stewards of the resources you provide. You have honored us and we desire to honor you by making sure the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation is all that you hope it to be both now and in the future.

Again, thank you for every gift — past, present and future — that you have or will commit to the Foundation. We are working hard to be worthy of your trust.

A. Julian Wigen

### ***Seminary Scholarship Student shares thoughts***

*“Thus far, I am having a wonderful experience. This is something I have wanted to do for about ten years. Although I reside in Fargo with my wife and three children, I commute down to the metro area for classes once a week. I have family in Minneapolis so I have a place to stay while I am in school. So far, the drive is not too bad. Thank God for books on tape.*

*I am enrolled in the Master of Divinity program. I have three classes. They are: Old Testament Interpretation, Historical Theology and Theological and Religious Interpretation. Each course is three hours in length. With hard work, patience, and above all, God’s grace, I will be serving a United Methodist church in about four years. Actually, an intern placement will have me in a faith community long before then.*

*The seminary environment is one of fascinating courses and reading material (and LOTS of it), interesting people from many backgrounds, worship, and a profound sense of acceptance in the context of diversity. I love it!*

*Parish ministry will allow me to grow in faith as I do the work of Christ. I am looking forward to sharing in weddings, baptisms, the Sacraments, and yes, even funerals. I am excited to see where the Lord leads me on this journey.*

*Thank you so much for the financial help. I could not do this if it were not for so many helping hands such as yours. “*

*John Anderson*

John Anderson is a freshman Seminary Student (2001) at United Theological Seminary, New Brighton, MN. He was the one of many recipients of seminary scholarships provided through the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation. Scholarship that have been made possible by your generous Endowment gifts to the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation.

.....

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

# \$100,000 GIFT TO BENEFIT LOCAL CHURCH

In light of the tragic events of September 11, 2001 it is reassuring to hear and know that people through their estate plans and direct gifts continue to give support to the ministry of the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation.

We are pleased to announce that the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation has received notice that it will soon be receiving an Endowment Gift of \$100,000 from the estate of **Thelma J. Serr**.

The net income to go annually to the Arlington United Methodist Church. This gift will continue in perpetuity providing the Arlington church with added funds for ministry.

Thelma was a special person. She was married and widowed, but had no children. Although she had moved to Sioux Falls and attended church there prior to her death January 1, 2001, she never forgot her roots at the Arlington church.

The Foundation is pleased to be a part of this special ministry on behalf of local churches.

## GIFT NEWS

**Bishop Michael J. Coyner Ministerial Education Endowment** continues to grow. The goal is to reach \$10,000 by the end of the year, presently it is at \$8,850.

The **Rev. Cecil F. Miller Family Endowment** established in memory of Cecil Miller by family members will benefit the ministry to our retired clergy through the Board of Pensions. Gifts from family and friends total \$8,675.

The **Roy and Velma (Dubbe) Brown Endowment** has been established by the Brown Family Living Trust to support the ministry of the Hartford United Methodist Church. Annual distributions to the Hartford Church will be used to "enable children, youth and adults to attend

conference camps and retreat events or other mission related experiences."

The proceeds from three Charitable Gift Annuities, established by **Wanda Kesser** who passed away August 3, 2001, were shared by the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation and the Steinke-Kesser Endowment Fund held by Trinity United Methodist Church of Cavalier, ND. \$3,000 went to the Cavalier church to bring the Steinke-Kesser Endowment Fund to approximately \$10,000.

The proceeds from a Charitable Gift Annuity established by **Sabilla Denholm** of Webster, SD will benefit the Jenkins Living Center of Watertown, a United Methodist related care center.

We welcome the **Joe & Norma Peltier Endowment for Pensions**. This endowment established by Joe and Norma in memory of Rev. Cecil Miller will give continued support to our retired clergy. Norma is an active member of the Foundation Board of Directors.

A \$10,000 undesignated gift was received from the estate of **Pat Petschow**, Elkton, SD. Pat was very active in her local church and community and also served for several years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation. The Foundation is grateful for her service and dedication to the work and ministry of the Foundation. She is missed.

\$20,000 undesignated was recently received from the estate of **Merrill Rix**, Groton, SD. This was added to an earlier amount that came to the Foundation through a Gift Annuity. The funds are to be used where needed by the Foundation.

We welcome the establishment of the **Ebenezer United Methodist Church Endowment, Streeter, ND**. This endowment allows local church groups or individuals to make contributions to it that will benefit the Streeter UMC.

## You can CREATE A LEGACY

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

Each endowment ensures that future generations will hear and witness the love of Christ in their lives.

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



## GROUP ENDOWMENTS

(Gifts may be added at anytime.)

Dakotas United Meth. Camps	Sunnycrest Village
North Dakota Camps	Wesley Acres Retirement Res.
South Dakota Camps	New Church Development
Wesley Acres Camp	Board of Pensions
Lake Poinsett Camp	Open Door Comm. Center
Storm Mountain Retreat Center	World Missions
Dakota Wesleyan University	National Missions
DWU—Scholarships	Conference Missions
Ministerial Student Aid	DUMF—Permanent Endow.
Jenkins Living Center	DUMF—Operational Endow



**BOARD  
NEWS**

**BOARD ELECTS NEW  
PRESIDENT**

At the Fall Board of Directors meeting held in Bismarck, Jim Pedersen, Brookings, SD, was elected as President. Jim is a retired South Dakota State University administrator. He has a Master's degree from SDSU and PhD from Purdue in Counseling and Guidance. He and his wife, Marilyn, have four grown children. Jim has been a member of the SDSU Foundation Board for 30 years and been active in his Local Church Foundation and the Brookings Campus Ministry Committee. We welcome his leadership skills and commitment.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Dr. Gordon Higgins, outgoing president, who served many years on the former SD Foundation Board and then at the time of merger in 1993 was elected president of the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation Board.

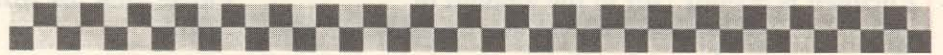
**CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE  
OF PHILANTHROPY FACTS!**

Which of the following statements relating to "women in philanthropy" are true?

- a. On average, women donate twice as much to charity as men.
- b. Women control 51.3 % of the personal wealth in the United States.
- c. Although they typically earn less than men, women save more and make three times the number of donations as men do.
- d. More women donors also volunteer: 62% of women, compared to 49% of men.
- e. Between 1970 - 1998, women's income increased 63% while men's decreased by 6%.

**Answers to "Philanthropy Facts":**  
ALL of the statements are TRUE!  
(Taken from Judith Nichols' new book, "Pinpointing Affluence in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"  
Published by Bonus Books 2001.)

**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:**

- Charles (Chuck) Pollard
- Anna Lint
- Earl Ruden
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Rev. Glenn Hammerlee
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Jeffry Neff
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Anna Johnson
- Jeffry Neff
- Jeffry Neff
- Jeffry Neff
- Jeffry Neff
- Jeffry Neff
- Rev. Darrel Leach
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Myrtle Blader
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Irwin Axlund
- Rev. Glenn Hammerlee
- Rev. Glenn Hammerlee
- Rev. Glenn Hammerlee
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Rev. Glenn Hammerlee
- Rev. Clarence Palmer
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Rev. Frank L. Whitney
- Pauline Caine
- Pauline Caine
- Rev. Cecil Miller
- Bergit Hinkle
- Evelyn Glover
- Jeffry Neff

**Given By:**

- Carol Pollard
- Norman Neumann
- Twila Ruden & Family
- Dick & Pat Unkenholz
- Ruth Hottman
- Dick & Pat Unkenholz
- Agnes Paker
- James & Katherine Preston
- Karen Griffin
- Joyce Holmes
- Rev. Norm & Delette Winkelman
- Virginia Duval
- Harold & Io Severson
- Norm Neumann
- Tom & Janet Wentz
- Randau & Robyn Wimmer
- Jerry & Nancy Cotton
- Harold & Lois Neff
- LaVern & Juanita Neff
- Colleen Neff
- Dr. & Mrs. Melvin Schindler
- Philip & Delores Bjornseth
- Don & Verna Bennett
- Family & friends
- Margaret Blader
- Ken & Cynthia Hejl
- Dianne Axlund
- Freda Schaeffer
- Gustav & Sally Van Tassel
- Clare & Carolyn Volla
- Family
- Family & Friends
- Julian & Lois Wigen
- Julian & Lois Wigen
- Jerry & Judith Horn
- Donald & Audrey Neff
- Everett Gillis
- Myrna Howen
- Orland & Edith Sloat
- Rev. Janet Miller
- Freda Schaeffer
- James R. Campbell
- Rev. Janet Miller
- Evelyn Whitney
- Robert & Norma Richardson
- Rev. Janet Miller
- Rev. Genie Butler
- Emory Hinkle
- William Glover
- Robert & Bonnie Neff

**Purpose:**

- Undesignated
- Board of Pensions
- DWU Endow. & Undesignated
- Board of Pensions
- Undesignated
- Dakotas Camp Endowment
- Board of Pensions
- Board of Pensions
- Board of Pensions
- Board of Pensions
- Board of Pensions
- Board of Pensions
- Board of Pensions
- Board of Pensions
- Board of Pensions
- Board of Pensions
- Board of Pensions
- Martha Neff Endowment
- Board of Pensions
- Ethel & Miles Cotton Endowment
- Martha Neff Endowment
- Martha Neff Endowment
- Martha Neff Endowment
- Martha Neff Endowment
- Martha Neff Endowment
- Martha Neff Endowment
- Martha Neff Endowment
- Lake Poinsett Camp Endowment
- Rev. Cecil Miller Family Endow.
- Undesignated
- Board of Pensions
- DUMF Permanent Endowment
- Undesignated
- Board of Pensions
- Undesignated
- Rev. Cecil Miller Family Endow.
- Rev. Cecil Miller Family Endow.
- Board of Pensions
- DUMF Operational Endowment
- Martha Neff Endowment
- Martha Neff Endowment
- Undesignated
- Undesignated
- Board of Pensions
- Board of Pensions
- Board of Pensions
- Rev. Cecil Miller Family Endow.
- Undesignated
- Undesignated
- Board of Pensions
- Board of Pensions
- Undesignated & Storm Mtn. Camp
- Undesignated
- Martha Neff Endowment
- Wesley Acres Camp Endowment

**In Honor of:**

- Harry & Lorna Williams
- Dick & Pat Unkenholz

### Clip and Return

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.



### BOARD OF PENSION RECEIVES GENEROUS GIFT

In July, 2001 the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation received the final distribution from the estate of Inez E. Holden, Miranda, SD in the amount of \$26,608. Earlier distributions to the Foundation were in the amount of \$33,333. In accordance with the terms of the will the Foundation has transferred these funds (\$59,941) to the Conference Board of Pensions for their use in support of retired clergy.

Welcome to the **Conde United Methodist Church** upon joining the Foundation's family of local churches investing funds through the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation.

### Dakotas United Methodist Foundation

P.O. Box 460

Mitchell, SD 57301-0460

Phone: (605) 996-6552

Fax: (605) 996-1766

Exec. Dir.: **Dr. A. Julian Wigen**

E-mail: [jwigen@DakotasUMF.Org](mailto:jwigen@DakotasUMF.Org)

Office Mgr.: **Karon Davis**

E-mail: [kdavis@DakotasUMF.Org](mailto:kdavis@DakotasUMF.Org)

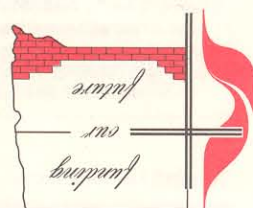
Web Site: [www.DakotasUMF.Org](http://www.DakotasUMF.Org)

Return Service Requested

Mitchell, SD 57301-0460  
P.O. Box 460

1331 West University Avenue

**Dakotas United Methodist Foundation**



Neither the author, the publisher, nor this organization is engaged in rendering legal or tax advisory service. For advice and assistance in specific cases, the services of an attorney or other professional advisor should be obtained. The purpose of this publication is to provide accurate and authoritative information of a general character only. State laws govern wills, trusts and charitable gifts made in a contractual agreement; thus advice from legal counsel should be sought when considering these types of contracts.

Nonprofit Organization  
U.S. Postage  
Paid  
Mitchell, SD 57301-0460  
Permit No. 54