

# DAKOTAS UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION

"Gifts, Legacies, Endowments for Ministry"

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## MINISTRIES APPROVED FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Leadership Council has approved five Annual Conference Ministries to be a part of a "feasibility study" leading to a Conference Wide Capital Campaign. The feasibility study will involve personal interviews, telephone interviews and a survey to determine leadership, commitment, financial potential and the setting of a Conference wide Capital Campaign Goal.

The Ministries included are:

**Board of Pensions and Health Benefits** for an Endowment to provide support for Retired Clergy Health Care.

**Commission on Archives & History** for the funding of space and facilities in the new McGovern Library at DWU for storage of the Conference's achieves and history materials.

**Board of New Church Development** for the purchase of land and the establishment of new churches.

**Board of Camping and Retreat Ministries** to continue Phase II of the Camping Master Plan of development at our three United Methodist Camps.

**Dakota Wesleyan University** for the Sherman Center and Wagner Chapel and an endowment fund for the Campus Minister position.

The Foundation Board, which has been given by the Annual Conference leadership responsibilities for this effort, at their Fall meeting has selected the consulting firm of Paul J. Strawhecker, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska to lead our Conference in the feasibility phase.

More information and details will be forthcoming as things develop and the process moves forward. Please pray for our Conference and the Ministries that serve others on our behalf.

A. Julian Wigen

## ADDITIONAL GIFT

The Dakotas UM Foundation is pleased to announce that the Foundation has received an additional gift from Floyd Linhart, through his will in the amount of \$63,408. Through prior Gift Annuities established with the Foundation and through the South Dakota State University Foundation, the Foundation received \$5,000 undesignated, \$1,785 designated to the Foundation's Permanent Endowment Fund and \$1,785 designated to Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD. Floyd lived on a farm in the Clark, Garden City area and was respected and loved by many. His devotion to the Church led him to remember in his estate the work and ministry of the Foundation. We are grateful for his gift.

## COIN COLLECTION RECEIVED

Many of us remember the ministry and friendship of Rev. Lyle Miller, who passed away last May, 2002. He had a special place in his heart for the Foundation and its work on behalf of the Ministries of the Conference. Thus, we were pleased when Dorothy, his wife, called to say that Lyle's Coin Collection was to go to the Foundation. The military foot-locker filled with various coins was received and appraised. We are thankful to Lyle for his generous gift of \$1,550. His gift will continue to be a blessing to others.

## SUPPORT OF MISSION PROJECTS

July 9, 2002

It is great to share and be a part of the many Mission Projects of our Annual Conference. Projects that involve children, feeding the hungry, mission work projects and team ministries to share the love of Christ with others around the world help us to feel that we are all doing God's work.

Your Dakotas Foundation is involved in all these efforts. During this past year Named Endowments have provided funding for many projects and ministries. Our special thanks to the persons and families that have established these endowments that enable the church to reach out in love and hope.

From the **Maurice H. & Lenore E. Gordon Endowment**: \$1,000 to the Open Door Community Center in Bismarck touching the lives of children. \$700 to the Solar Oven Project, serving the hunger needs of Haiti. \$600 to assist in VIM Scholarship for adult Volunteers In Mission. About \$100 for the American Bible Society to spread the word of God.

From the **Vernon E. Wendlandt Endowment - ND Missionaries**: \$2,665 for strengthening and reestablishing United Methodist Churches in Lithuania (currently Chet & Jodi Cataldo are serving there). \$1,325 to the Thiu Rancho Project and Program in Cochabamba, Boliva. Our representatives there are Gordon & Ardell Graner and three children.

Dear Dr. Wigen:

I believe that our lives on earth are webs of relationships that are created and nurtured through careful listening and loving concern. For this reason, Christian ministry for me is very relational. When I look back on my life in the church, the times when I feel that I have been ministered to and when I have ministered to others were times when I was with only one other person or when I was with a small group. I firmly believe that because of God desires to be in relationship with us, we are called to be God's earthly servants, faithfully weaving relational webs through worship, care and community.

Language is very important to me and I work very hard at writing and saying things in a powerful and effective way. As such, my experience this past school year of consistently writing worship liturgy and occasionally writing sermons at the church where I served as a part-time student pastor allowed me to further develop my gifts for language. Another gift I have for ministry is that I feel things deeply and out of those feelings come concern for the feelings and experiences of others. This manifests itself as a ministerial calling centered around pastoral care. Through my particular calling is mainly worship and pastoral care, ultimately, parish ministry is about seeking out and nurturing disciples of Jesus the Christ and I am honored (and a bit scared) to have been called to it as a vocation.

Because of my particular ministerial focus on relational ministry, it is important that I say something related to this generous scholarship I have recently received: The giving of monetary gifts that help seminary students stay afloat financially while they're in school is so important and so appreciated not simply because we need the money, but also because we are then uniquely connected with persons we may have never been connected with otherwise. It is a multi-dimensional ministry to give monetary gifts to seminary students because, in a very important way, givers are "watering the roots" of students' ministries and that is an act of faith that is immeasurable. Thank you so much!!!

Peace,

Jenny Hallenbeck, Master of Divinity student  
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
Evanston, Illinois

(Note: Just one of many letter from grateful seminary students.)

### *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  
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## FOUNDATION SEARCHES FOR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Foundation Board of Directors, in response to the announced retirement of Dr. A. Julian Wigen next June 2003, has established a Search Committee for his replacement. The "Position Description" is posted on the Foundation's Web Site ([www.DakotasUMF.Org](http://www.DakotasUMF.Org)).

Salary and benefits will be commensurate with education and experience. The starting date is set for June 1, 2003. Persons may request a position description by phone 605-996-6552 or e-mail [jwigen@DakotasUMF.Org](mailto:jwigen@DakotasUMF.Org). Resumes are to be addressed to: Mr. James Pedersen, President, Dakotas United Methodist Foundation, P. O. Box 460, Mitchell, South Dakota 57301. The application deadline for resumes is January 31, 2003.

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF

A gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone 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:

Lenora Cushing

Rev. Lyle Miller  
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Ed Duden  
Rev. Elmer Sprunk  
Rev. Elmer Sprunk  
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Rev. Lyle Miller  
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Rev. Frank L. Whitney  
Rev. Elmer Sprunk  
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Harold Smith  
Bergit Hinkle  
Rev. Otto Gehring  
J. R. Pomeroy  
Anna Pomeroy  
Rose Merkel  
Wally Lofstedt

### Given By:

U.M Women of Wesley  
Cumberland, RI  
Eldon & Donna Reich  
Jerry & Beverly Fischer  
Norman & Delette  
Winkelman  
Ralph Cushing & Family  
Rev. Ted & Alice Docter  
Alan & Paleene Bergman  
Joyce Holmes  
Rev. Janet Miller  
Sam & Eilene Graf  
Lowell & Karen Tripp  
James & Mavis Pomeroy  
Norm Neumann  
Gustav & Sally Van Tassel  
Evelyn Whitney  
Olga Fey (sister-in-law)  
James Fey  
Family of Harold Smith  
Emory Hinkle  
Gustav & Sally Van Tassel  
James & Mavis Pomeroy  
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Dale & Rhonda Page

### Purpose:

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Wesley Acres Camp  
Pensions  
Rev. Cecil Miller Endow.  
Pensions  
Wesley Acres Camp  
Undesignated  
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Pensions  
St. Mountain Ret. Center  
Undesignated  
Undesignated  
Hilltop Invest. Acct.  
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J. Pomeroy Camp End.  
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J. Pomeroy Camp End.  
St. Mountain Ret. Center

### In Honor of:

Rev. Jim Pomeroy  
Rev. Jim Pomeroy  
Rev. Steve C. Johnson

Rev. Jim Pomeroy

Rev. Jim Pomeroy

Rev. Jim Pomeroy

Rev. Jim Pomeroy

Rev. Jim Pomeroy

Rev. Jim Pomeroy

Delbert Merkel

Rev. Jim Pomeroy

Rev. Jim Pomeroy

### Given By:

Watertown First UMC  
Myrtle Pomeroy  
Valley City Epworth  
UM Women  
Robert & Dorothy  
Schurrer  
Methodist Men's Club  
Watertown First  
Valley City UMC  
Clive & Ethel DeWald  
Mary Ann Sheldon  
Kathleen Wright  
Jim & Mavis Pomeroy  
Epworth United Meth.  
Men's Club  
Valley City UMC

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## GROUP ENDOWMENT ESTABLISHED

Upon request by the Campus Ministry Committee of the Brookings First United Methodist Church, a new "Group Endowment" has been established with the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation. The new SDSU United Methodist Campus Ministry—Brookings Group Endowment will provide donors an opportunity to designate gifts to the Foundation that will benefit, in perpetuity, the Campus Ministry at South Dakota State University.

## SEMINARY STUDENTS RECEIVE GRANTS

Each year through the cooperation of the Board of Ordained Ministry's Scholarship Committee the Foundation makes various grants to Seminary Students. The grant funds are provided through gifts from United Methodists across the Dakotas. Some grants are made from the Foundation's Group Endowment for Seminary Education." This is a fund where donors designate their gifts, large and small, to the Foundation for seminary education. Other grant funds come through the Foundation's "Named Endowment Program" in which donors make gifts of \$5,000 or more either outright or through a will, trust or some other planned gift method in their name, in the name of a loved one or in honor of someone. All such gifts are to assist Seminary Students with their education. This year we are pleased to announce that the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry has selected the following recipients to receive grants for the Fall of 2002:

- \$1,000 — John P. Anderson  
United Seminary, St. Paul, MN
- \$ 500 — Cheryl (Sheri) L. Fadley  
Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, KY
- \$2,000 — Jennifer M. Hallenbeck  
Garrett-Evangelical, Evanston, IL
- \$1,000 — Lori A. Broschat  
Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, KY
- \$2,000 — Kris L. Mutzenberger  
United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH
- \$1,000 — Ryan Mutzenberger  
United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH
- \$1,000 — Paul E. Lint  
Garrett-Evangelical, Evanston, IL

Funds for these grants came from the Foundation's Group Endowment for seminary education and the following Named Endowments: William A Williams Student Aid Fund, Bishop Coyner Ministerial Education Fund, Joel C. Harris Memorial Fund, Elmer & Minnie West Endowment Fund, Ralph & Lenora Cushing Scholarship Fund, Frankhauser Scholarship Fund and the Vernon E. Wendlandt Endowment for Seminary Education. Our thanks to all who have made these grants possible.

## CAMPING GRANTS AWARDED

This past summer the Foundation through its Group Endowment and Named Endowment Program awarded a total of \$2,026 in grants for camping to provide scholarships and facilities for United Methodist Camping needs and events. Funds came from the Dick Trotter Memorial Scholarship Fund, Martha Neff Memorial Fund Endowment, Darrel Leach Camping Endowment, Manville & Alice Stoltenow Endowment and the Vernon E. Wendlandt Endowment for ND Camps.

**NAMED ENDOWMENTS  
ESTABLISHED**

We welcome to the Foundation the following "Named Endowments."

The **Ronald & Arlene Gates Endowment for Camping** has been established by Ron and Arlene Gates of Mitchell to give ongoing support to the Conference Camping Program.

The **Pomeroy Camping Endowment** was established through the efforts of Epworth United Methodist Church, Valley City, ND and the Rev. James Pomeroy family. The net income will go for Camp Scholarships.

The **Haskins Endowment (Foster & Ethel and Marjorie)** was established by Marjorie Haskins to honor the memory of her parents and to fulfill her desire, because of polo, to provide support for handicap accessibility to United Methodist facilities.

**GIFT ANNUITY RECEIVED**

The long standing relationship with Open Door Community Center in Bismarck has motivated Rev. Dick and Pat Unkenholz to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity that will upon their death provide continued support to that Ministry. Dick was a former member of the Foundation Board. They moved last May from Bismarck to Prescott, AZ.

**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.)

**Please send me without cost information on:**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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