



DAKOTAS UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION

“Gifts, Legacies, Endowments for Ministry”

SPRING

NEWSLETTER

2002

FOUNDATION TO LEAD CAPITAL INITIATIVES

The Dakotas United Methodist Foundation has accepted the Annual Conference's request to be the lead agency for Conference Capital Initiative efforts. This action was approved at the Foundation's Corporate Session June 6, 2002 during Annual Conference in Sioux Falls.

Conference Committees/Agencies (Ministries) wishing to be a part of a Capital Initiative effort will submit their request to the Conference Leadership Council, which will prioritize the needs and present that list to the Foundation Board. The Board of Directors will determine the goals, process, approach, timing and the development of a feasibility study, and in collaboration with the various Committee/Agencies (Ministries) involved, make its recommendation to the Leadership Council regarding any Capital Initiative Campaign.

This is a great challenge and the needs for funding the ministries of our Annual Conference have never been greater. It will take the cooperation and commitment of our Conference leadership, both lay and clergy, to vision for the future and then share that vision with all of our United Methodist through the Dakotas.

You can do your part now by praying for the leadership of the Foundation and those representing the various Committees/Agencies or Ministries that will be working to put the plans and network in place to make this effort successful.

This will be a busy year for the Board and Staff of the Foundation, as we respond to this major effort and continue our Local Church visits sharing the importance of planned giving and support for our Endowment Program.

A. Julian Wigen

Has your Church established a “Local Church Endowment” with the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation?

If not, perhaps you are the person to make it happen.

Visit with your Church Board or a group within your local church (UMW, UMM) about establishing a **“Local Church Endowment”** with the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation. Such an endowment is simple and can be started with minimum gift of just \$500. The initial gift could be from the Church itself, UMW, UMM, or from an individual within the congregation.

After the initial gift members or groups within the local church may make additional gifts of any amount to enable the Endowment to grow over the years.

The Endowment will continue in perpetuity generating annual income to the local church program and ministry. What a wonderful way to provide needed long term support to your church far into the future.

For an Application Form contact the Foundation Office.

SPRING BOARD MEETING ACTION

The Board of Directors, at their Spring Meeting (May 6-7, 2002), established the **Harvey & Carol Sander Endowment—for Camping**. The undesignated remainder (\$12,381.50) from a Gift Annuity established by the Sander's in the early 90's was used to fund the Endowment. The net income will be made available annually to the Dakotas Conference Camping Program for their ministry.

In other action the Board made grants to the following Ministries of the Conference through the Foundation's Permanent Endowment Fund:

a.) \$3,768 to the Dakotas Conference Camping Board for use in providing "Camp Scholarships" to youth and children in need of additional help to attend conference camping experiences.

b.) \$2,210 to Dakota Wesleyan University (DWU) for Scholarship Aid to students needing extra help and support.

c.) \$2,000 was given to our newest Chartered congregation The Celebration UMC at Brandon, SD to be used for youth program materials and resources.

Other gifts that were announced at the Board Meeting were:

The distribution of \$18,862.95 each to Aberdeen First United Methodist Church, Dakotas United Methodist Camps, Jenkins Living Center and the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation as a result of a Life-Estate Arrangement with the Foundation by Ruth Jones of Aberdeen.

The distribution of the net proceeds of a Charitable Gift Annuity established by Floyd Linhart, Clark SD, to Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD in the amount of \$1,797 for their ministry to the elderly.

Also, the distribution of the net proceeds from a Charitable Gift Annuity established by Lucille H. Dory of Watertown, a number of years ago, to Watertown First United Methodist Church in the amount of \$11,426 .

Our thanks and appreciation to these United Methodists who have made this possible through their vision and planning with the Foundation.

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.



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25 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Dr. Gordon Higgins was recognized at the Spring Board Meeting Banquet of the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation held in May, 2002 for his 25 years of dedicated service.

Gordon, a retired United Methodist Pastor living at Deadwood, SD, stepped down as president last fall and went off the Board in May at the Spring Board Meeting.

Mr. Jim Pedersen, incoming president, is seen here presenting a gift and plaque to Gordon on behalf of the full Board.



Gordon Higgins

Jim Pedersen

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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 TO INVESTMENT FAMILY

We want to welcome to the Foundation's Investment family the churches of Milbank (Central), Sioux Falls (Hill Top) and Vermillion.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Ebenezer United Methodist Church of Streeter, ND on being the first Church to establish a "Local Church Endowment" with the Dakotas UM Foundation. Their initial gift of \$500 means that now members may contribute to their own Endowment Fund which will provide long term support to their church.

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