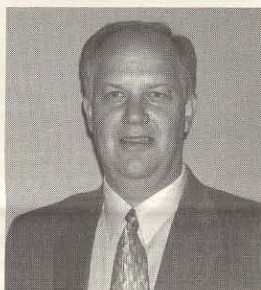


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**Faithfully caring for your gifts for the ministry of Christ in the Dakotas**

## "Firsts"

It has been a summer and fall of firsts for the Blumer family. This is the first time in 40 years that I have not walked into a school building as a student or as an employee. My youngest son is beginning high school and my oldest son is beginning college. Other than having to call the plumber to fix the leaking from my wife's eyes as her child went off to the University of Sioux Falls, all has gone well.

I believe the "firsts" in our lives always leave an imprint. The first time you rode a bike (my brother pushed me down a hill and forgot to tell me how to turn or stop). First girlfriend (name and address withheld). First car (light blue '65 Plymouth Valiant). First real job (grocery stocker). First house, first child, first ... you can name your own.

And so ... first and foremost, I need to thank Dr. Julian Wigen, previous Executive Director, Karon Davis, Office

Manager, and Jim Pedersen, Chair of the Foundation Board for their patience in being first in line to answer my numerous questions.

Further, as I have made my first visits to individuals and learned more about the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation - we have many faithful contributors. However, for the Foundation to thrive and to assist the many needs of the ministries of the United Methodist Church in the Dakotas, we are going to need to increase the number of firsts. People finding out about the Foundation for the first time. People deciding to make a pledge to the Foundation for the first time. People establishing a gift annuity or setting up a named endowment for the first time. Churches deciding to contact us first to invest money.

Why not let the first thing you do this fall leave an imprint? Invest in the ministries of the Church through the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation. Do it first thing.

**Dr. Bruce L. Blumer, Executive Director**

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DOES YOUR CHURCH OR  
 CONFERENCE AGENCY  
 NEED TO INVEST MONEY?

CHECK THESE RATES!

- 2nd Quarter Total Return rates were **9.62%**
- Year-to-Date Total Return as of 6/30/03 was **7.99%**

Call us for more information!

## WHY SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION? *CAMPING*

(JUST ONE OF THE MINISTRIES HELPED BY YOUR DONATIONS)

If there is any doubt as to the impact of the United Methodist Camping program, consider the experience of Nathan. As the time approached for camp, he became more and more hesitant to go. In fact, he agreed to go a day late and then only if he could come home a couple days early. When we called to see if he was ready, after a slight hesitation, he asked if he could stay longer - until the end of camp. Of course, he could. When Nathan arrived home, he

said he was glad he went, wanted to be held accountable for decisions he'd made for the Lord and for life changes he wanted to make. Not only that, but Nathan decided he wanted to come back in a couple years and help counsel that same camp and to become a youth leader on the conference level to help other youth in their relationship with the Lord.

What a switch! Camps DO make a difference!

Signed, Brenda (Nathan's Mother)



## What are Charitable Gift Annuities?

A gift annuity is a contract with the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation that, in exchange for a gift, you receive a fixed, life payment. Your rate is based directly on your age. The older you are, the better the rate—up to 11.3%. In addition, you receive an immediate income tax deduction.

When the life or lives of the annuitants end, the remainder of the gift becomes a part of the assets of the Foundation to *assist any ministry* you have indicated.

A gift annuity can take several forms and we encourage you to seek your own legal and/or tax advice, but the advantages of a gift annuity are:

- The rate is often much higher than a CD, bank account, or many investments.
- You may not have to claim capital gains.
- You may take a tax deduction for the current year and up to five additional years for a portion of the donation.
- A ministry of the Dakotas Annual Conference benefits from your generosity.

*The rates for our gift annuities are based on those published by the American Council on Gift Annuities (ACGA)*

The amount of the annual, semi-annual, or quarterly payment depends on the size of the gift. The following examples may help.

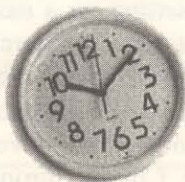
### Example #1

A married couple, both age 74, would receive a guaranteed fixed life payment of 6.2%. If one of the spouses is 80 years of age, the rate would increase to 6.5%.

### Example #2

Anyone who is single would receive the following guaranteed fixed life payments:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Fixed Percentage</u>
65	6.0%
70	6.5%
75	7.1%
80	8.0%
85	9.5%
90	11.3%



## Time to renew a CD?

How about a fixed, life payment of up to 11.3%?

Married, both age 75 - 6.3%

Single, age 80 - 8.0%

Single, age 85 - 9.5%

*Have you considered a*

## Charitable Gift Annuity?

"It made sense to seek a way to help ourselves and ultimately others. It was simply a good investment."

Rev. Walt & Janet Nelson

on why they took out a Charitable Gift Annuity with the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation

**Would you like a free proposal?**

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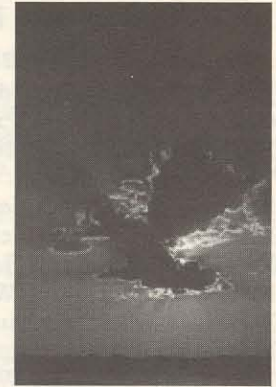
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A GIFT IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF SOMEONE IS A FITTING WAY TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHERS IN OUR LIVES. THE FOUNDATION PROVIDES THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO SAY THANKS FOR WHAT SOMEONE HAS MEANT TO YOU.

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James & Mavis Pomeroy  
John C. & Millie Gross  
Janet Miller  
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The Dakotas United Methodist  
Foundation Board***

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**Gladys Schaffer's Life Benefits  
Pension Program**

Gladys Schaffer, 99, Yankton died Friday, July 25, 2003. Gladys taught school in Sanborn & Aurora Counties. She married Fred Schaffer in 1935 and moved to a farm northeast of Yankton. She was a member of Yankton 1st United Methodist Church and the Yankton Senior Citizens Center.

In 1981, Gladys established a Gift Annuity with the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation. Her generosity will now benefit the Dakotas Annual Conference Pension Fund to support pastors in their retirement. We thank God for Gladys' life and for her decision to support this vital ministry.

**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 Foundation 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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