

ANNUAL REPORT

2017-JUNE 2018



Dakotas
United Methodist
Foundation



*developing relationships * cultivating resources * embracing ministry*

OUR MISSION

The Dakotas United Methodist Foundation cultivates and secures resources for churches and ministries of the Dakotas Annual Conference by developing relationships with a community of donors who embrace the value of changing lives and seeking the love of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

OUR VISION

By 2035, the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation aims to build relationships which ignite stewardship possibilities and create a culture of generosity to achieve \$50 million in the investment portfolio, in order for the Foundation to disperse at least \$2 million per year for churches and ministries of the Dakotas Annual Conference.

A WORD FROM OUR LEADER

The coffee pot is always on!

Growing up on a farm near Beresford, SD, we never had to wonder what mattered. Each of us was important to each other and each of us mattered. We spent time with each other, we worked and played outside, we played board games, and we always ate our meals together. We were loved!

I was blessed to have two loving parents, a sister and brother, and four loving grandparents who lived long into my adult life. In fact, we didn't experience a death in our family until I was in my twenties. It wasn't until my paternal grandfather passed away that we learned how to live with a void in what we knew as the family norm. Because of this very consistent family life in which we lived, we supported each other, we celebrated all holidays and family celebrations together and often times all four grandparents were included in each celebration. We celebrated Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving at each grandparents' home, building and carrying on family traditions. We knew we were loved. We were loved by our family, our neighbors, our community, and our church family.

Yes, we had a very traditional upbringing, sometimes a little naïve to the social norms around us, but we were never exclusive. Everyone was welcome! Over the years we have story upon story of visitors and friends who shared in our celebrations and the food at our table. From the beginning, we were taught to build relationships, care for each other, invite everyone to join us at the table, and cherish the memories. The coffee pot was always on!

It's really not much different with the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation. Each and every day I rely on the deep-rooted tradition of building relationships and the love I have for people. I look forward to the times I have a cup of coffee with one of our visitors, or I meet someone for coffee in a town of which I am traveling. Rarely do I leave an event across the Dakotas where there's not a future coffee date pending. During these visits, we learn from our Dakotas United Methodist family, recognize how lives have been changed by the ministries, and share stories of why we love Jesus.

So, next time you're in town, or I'm in your area, let's get together. Give me a call or shoot me an e-mail and I'll do the same. The coffee pot is always on!

Blessings,

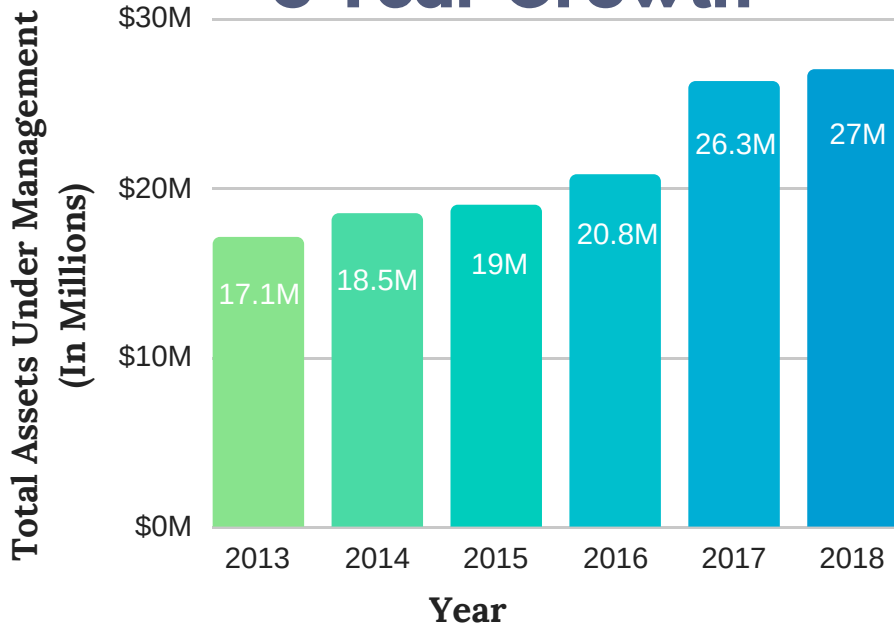
Sheri Meister

PRESIDENT/CEO



BY THE NUMBERS

6 Year Growth



27

Million

Assets Under Management

2017 BY THE NUMBERS

5 new endowments accounts, totaling **\$1,521,200**

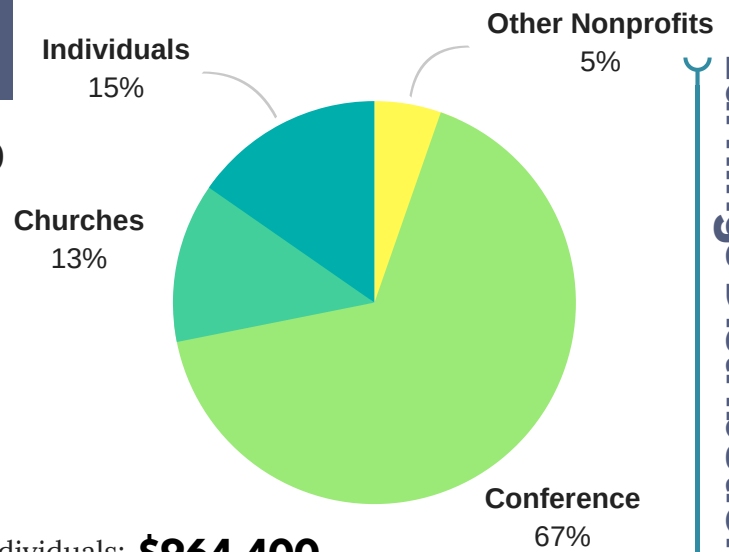
9 new investments accounts, totaling **\$524,474**

Seminary scholarships: **\$66,000**

Builders Club: **\$40,750**

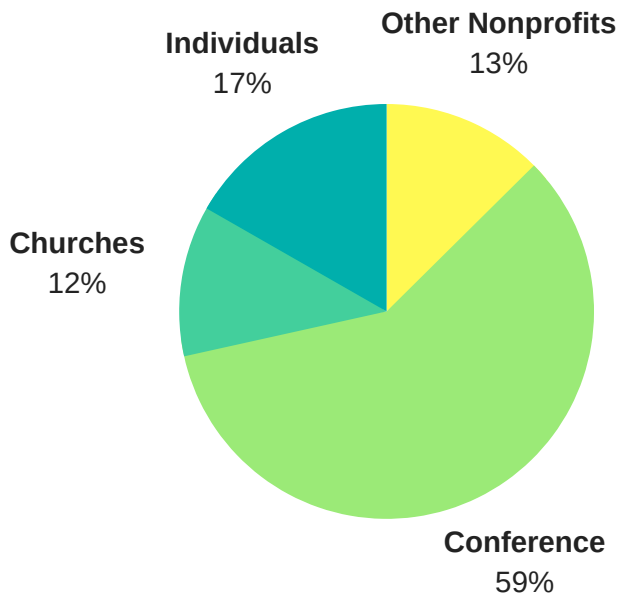
Breakthrough Ministry Grants: **\$26,300**

Total funds distributed to churches, ministries, and individuals: **\$964,400**



Earnings Distributions

Earnings Distributions



2018 BY THE NUMBERS

5 new endowments accounts, totaling **\$89,950**

5 new investments accounts, totaling **\$271,576**

Seminary scholarships: **\$103,000**

Builders Club: **\$21,000**

Breakthrough Ministry Grants: **\$7,790**

Total funds distributed to churches, ministries, and individuals: **\$455,655**

BREAKTHROUGH MINISTRY GRANTS

\$34,090
was awarded to

25
churches

who introduced
28
new ministries
in the Dakotas

The Foundation is constantly seeking ways to be a partner and supporter of God's work in the Dakotas. The Dakotas United Methodist Foundation and the Missional Impact Link recently partnered together to award Breakthrough Ministry Grants. Breakthrough Ministry Grants are intended to be seed money to launch new ministries or expand existing ministries to reach new people. The grants are a response to the movement of the Spirit in the hearts of Dakotas United Methodists. United Methodist Churches and related organizations are encouraged to apply.

Requirements for Breakthrough Ministry Grants are as follows:

- Ministries must be new (within the last two years) or a current ministry that is expanding to reach new people.
- The local church/ministry must demonstrate how the grant will reach beyond the walls of the church, build relationships, and assist in *Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World*.
- Upon completion, email pictures of the event or project to info@dakotasumf.org

"It's exciting to hear stories about how the Holy Spirit is moving in the hearts of our churches and the dreams that are being birthed. I love that we as the Dakotas Conference and Foundation get to fulfill our mission of equipping the local church by coming alongside of them with these grant dollars to help these new visions become a reality. I also think it's a beautiful picture of connectionalism—that United Methodists from around the Dakotas faithfully give their gifts to miracle offerings, apportionments and endowments and trust in God's promise to use and multiply that gift in ways beyond their asking or imagining."

— Rebecca Trefz,
Executive Director of Ministries



If you have a new ministry that you are starting, apply for a grant. Grants are awarded quarterly. Application deadlines are January 31, April 30, July 31, October 31.

2017

1st Quarter Recipients - \$4,500

Arthur UMC - Arthur, ND; Unbinding the Gospel Bible study
Elk Point United Parish - Elk Point, SD;
Community ministry outreach center
ReNew UMC - Kenmare, ND; Mug a Guest
Watertown First UMC - Watertown, SD; Messy Church
Winner UMC - Winner, SD; Fellowship meal program

2nd Quarter Recipients - \$7,200

McCabe UMC - Bismarck, ND; Health/wellness
discipleship outreach
Fargo First UMC - Fargo, ND; Music Fest
ReNew UMC - Kenmare, ND; Children and youth education
Sioux Falls First UMC - Sioux Falls, SD; Blessing Bags
Wagner UMC - Wagner, SD; Backpack program
Faith UMC - Williston, ND; Summer Blitz VBS

3rd Quarter Recipients - \$9,100

McCabe UMC - Bismarck, ND; Connections: Jesus,
the Neighborhood, and McCabe
Burke-Herrick UMC - Burke, SD; New contemporary
worship service
Clear Lake UMC - Clear Lake, SD; Stewards Against
Childhood Hunger (SACH)
Milnor UMC - Milnor, ND; Technology updates to host
God at the Movies
Open Heart UMC - Rapid City, SD; Waffle Church
Redfield UMC - Redfield, SD; After School at the UMC

4th Quarter Recipients - \$5,500

Legacy UMC - Bismarck, ND; Church-school partnership
Center UMC - Center, ND; Impact Student Ministries
Grace UMC - Piedmont, SD; After School at the UMC
ReNew UMC - Kenmare, ND; ReNew Kidz after school program
White River UMC - White River, SD; White River School
District Backpack Program

2018

1st Quarter Recipients - \$3,790

Brookings First UMC - Brookings, SD; Electronic check-in
system for Sunday school
Pierre Southeast UMC - Pierre, SD; Financial Peace University
Sunnycrest UMC - Sioux Falls, SD; Suicide Prevention
Gatekeeper training and certification
White Lake UMC - White Lake, SD; Technology for
contemporary service

2nd Quarter Recipients - \$4,000

Trinity UMC - Lead, SD; Projection equipment for Sanctuary
Vermillion UMC - Vermillion, SD; BFF - Blessed Foot Forward

STRENGTH FOR TODAY.

HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

The Thrive campaign began in 2015 with a three-fold purpose: to start new churches, to strengthen existing churches, and to equip and develop leaders in the Dakotas Conference. In late 2016, the Thrive campaign was moved over to the Foundation. When it was initially launched, the goal of the campaign was to raise \$3 million. Churches and individuals have more than stepped up to the challenge. Currently, over \$3.6 million has been pledged, and over \$1.8 million has already received.

The Dakotas Conference's seven-year plan is about starting new faith communities by planting new churches and partnering with existing churches to multiply their ministry, revitalizing existing churches through transformational processes, and developing leaders through internships, mentoring and coaching.

The Thrive campaign will enable the Conference to: start 10 new faith communities, assist over 112 churches in revitalizing and strengthening their ministries through MCCI or Journey Renewal, and develop 75 new leaders for the future.



In 2018, over \$220,000 of Thrive funds will be spent on establishing new churches (\$155k), coming alongside existing churches to enter a new era of growth (\$32k), and raising up and developing leaders (\$33k).

Thank you to all those who have joined the movement to strengthen and revive the churches in the Dakotas. Because you gave, lives are being changed and disciples are being made. Thank you for your continued support!

LILLY GRANT TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC CHALLENGES FACING PASTORAL LEADERS

The Dakotas-Minnesota Area of The United Methodist Church received a \$1 million grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc in early 2017. The grant funding will be used to help pastors develop stronger financial literacy skills, reduce or eliminate personal debt, and become equipped to foster a theology of generosity within their congregations. It was given as part of Lilly Endowment's initiative to address economic challenges facing pastoral leaders.

With the help of the grant, the Dakotas-Minnesota Area will offer:

- Financial literacy training for clergy in their first three years of ministry
- Grants through a Ministerial Excellence Fund
- Two years of financial management training for new clergy
- Professional consultation
- Six annual "breakthrough generosity" workshops



"The mission of the church is not to raise money or pay apportionments — it is to make generous disciples," said Dakotas-Minnesota Area Bishop Bruce R. Ough. "However, many of our clergy have debt and limited financial resources, and scarcity thinking paralyzes us. The Lilly Endowment grant will allow our churches and clergy to become financial stewards of God's resources to expand ministry beyond our imagination. I am grateful to the Lilly Endowment for its expression of faith and resources for the Dakotas-Minnesota Area."

Diane Owen, Lilly Grant Program Director for the Dakotas-Minnesota Area, is coordinating the implementation of the \$1 million grant. "It is difficult to lead others and a church when you are not confident and comfortable with your financial situation," Owen said. "I hope to help clergy and churches move away from the scarcity mentality."

ALLOWING THE LIGHT OF MINISTRY TO SHINE ON

On October 7, 2017, Lake Poinsett Camp hosted the dedication ceremony for the new Voas Cabin. This cabin, made possible thanks to a generous donation from Scott and Julia Jones, will house up to 80 campers and will also serve as the storm shelter for the camp.

The Jones have been passionate about the Dakotas Camping program for many years. "One of the things that was important to me was to try to make sure that each of our camps had facilities for the next generation. I was a little surprised to see that the temporary World War II barracks were still in use," said Scott.

Scott and Julia have committed to giving to the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation so that Lake Poinsett may continue to grow, and lives may be changed for Christ. "Whether it's scholarships, camps or other ministries, the impact these programs make is significant. They allow for the light of ministry to shine on. I choose to give now so that others have opportunities to experience the life-changing ministry and possibly start or enhance their faith journey" added Jones.

Scott requested the cabin to be named after Rev. Ken Voas, an ordained full elder who made a huge impact on Scott's life as a young camper.



Scott and Julia Jones with Keith Shew, Area Director of Camp and Retreat Ministries

Estate planning is the process of managing accumulated assets for the present and the future. It is a written expression of your intentions for the protection and preservation of your assets during your lifetime and their management and distribution upon your death. Estate planning offers individuals the opportunity to make an eternal statement of faith. This act of stewardship can leave an unforgettable mark on your ministry of choice. Even a small gift can be turned into something that will support your ministry infinitely. Contact our office for more information on the different ways you can establish your legacy.



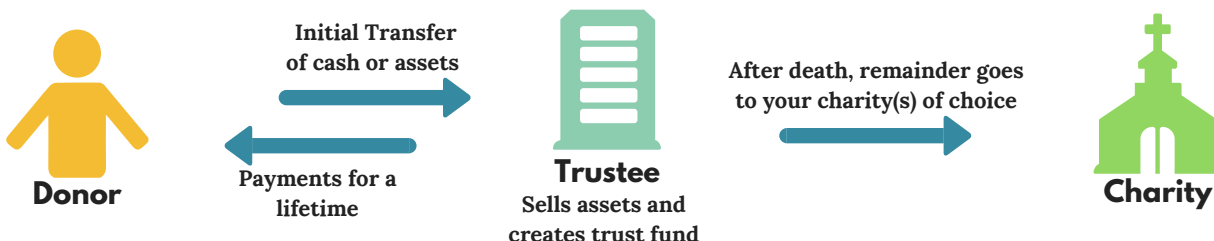
LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

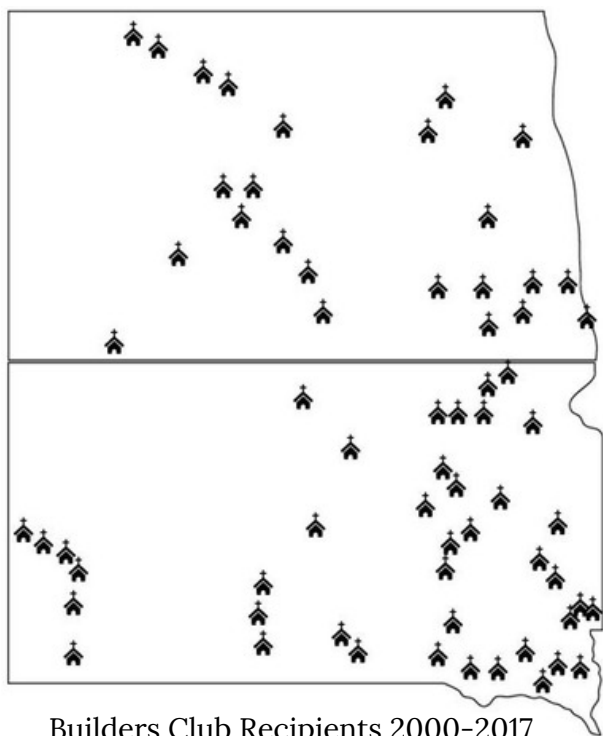
In the fall of 2015, the Foundation was blessed to receive a gift of land and securities from Bob Stoner to establish the M. Robert Stoner Charitable Remainder Unitrust. Bob inherited the land from his parents and wanted to see it used in a way to honor the church. Because Bob has always believed "the projects and the institutions which the Foundation supports are important to the outreach of the church," he decided to create a legacy for his family by donating the assets to the Foundation. In January 2017 the land was sold at a live auction for \$1.3 million.

Years ago, Rev. Lloyd Grinager impressed upon Bob the scripture from Matthew, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." By giving to his church, Vermillion UMC, the Dakotas Conference, and the Foundation, Bob has followed his heart and lived out his love for Jesus each day.

The Dakotas United Methodist Foundation is the trustee for the Unitrust. Bob will continue to receive income from the trust during his lifetime. Upon his death, the Foundation will distribute the balance of the trust according to his wishes, including the establishment of an endowment to benefit the ministries of the Vermillion United Methodist Church, the Foundation, and the Dakotas Conference.

A **Charitable Remainder Trust** is a way to transfer assets, such as real estate or stocks from an estate, to protect the assets and to avoid estate taxes. The donor receives an immediate tax deduction and the trust pays the donor an income for life. The assets will benefit the designated charity or charities after the donor's death.





Builders Club Recipients 2000-2017

In 1956, Lay Leader John Moshure had a vision of individuals across South Dakota joining together to support the building projects of United Methodist Churches throughout the state, and he formed the South Dakota Builders Club. North Dakota established their own Builders Club in 1963 to support United Methodist Churches on the other side of the state border. In 1994 these two organizations merged to become the Builders Club of the Dakotas Annual Conference. Since the merge, over \$900,000 has been given to United Methodist Churches across the Dakotas for building projects within their church communities.

Each year, the Builders Club chooses to support the building projects of four churches across the Dakotas. The goal of Builders Club is to assist churches in need of financial support for their building, remodel, or expansion programs. By providing support for the building projects of churches, it allows them to grow current ministries or build new ministries to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Builders Club is unique in that it is a partnership among more than 1300 individuals, organizations, and churches across North and South Dakota. Individually the gifts wouldn't make much of a difference, but Moshure saw the change and support that could happen if these individual gifts were collected together. In the same way, a single church being helped doesn't make a big difference, but the number of churches that have received support over the years has added up and thousands of lives have been reached for Christ because of it.

Over \$40,000
awarded
in 2017

\$21,000
awarded so far
in 2018

Want to join Builders Club and help support churches in the Dakotas?
Send a gift of \$20 or more to the Dakotas Conference Builders Club.

Please send your gift to:

Builders Club

PO Box 460

Mitchell, SD 57301

Or donate online at www.dakotasumf.org

We also invite you to encourage others to join
the Builders Club by visiting our website.

2017 Recipients

Huron Riverview UMC

Murdo/Draper UMC

Center UMC

Dickinson UMC

2018 Recipients

Rapid City Open Heart UMC

Milnor UMC

SCHOLARSHIPS

Kairos: Shifting the Focus on Theological Education

Sioux Falls Seminary and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary partnered together earlier this year to launch a pilot cohort of United Methodist students in the Kairos Project. The Kairos Project is designed specifically for students to earn a MDiv degree while being actively engaged in the ministry right where God has already called them. This new program is “a system of theological education that actively integrates life, ministry, and education into one full-time, life-engaging journey.”

18 students from the Dakotas, 9 of which are scholarship recipients, are participating in the pilot collaboration of the Kairos project. The Dakotas United Methodist Foundation also gave an additional \$26,000 to the Kairos program to help the students offset the added cost of this pilot collaboration between the two seminaries.



35 campers were able to attend camp in 2017 because of scholarships

Total campership grants in 2017 was over \$5,300

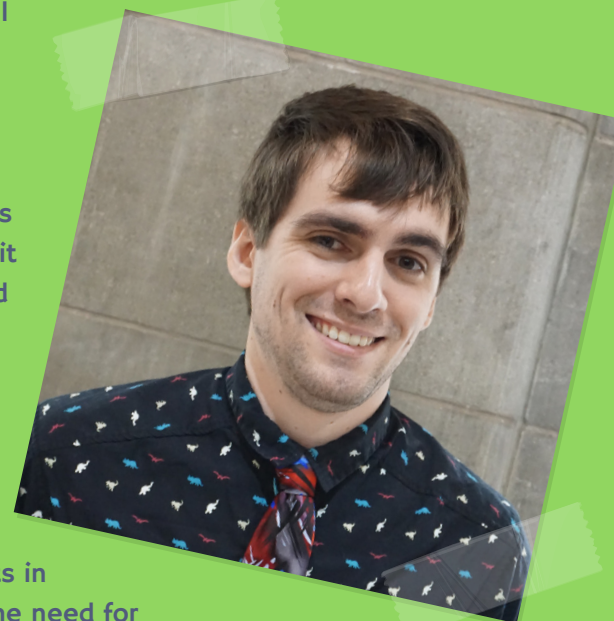
2017

Conference Merit Awards

Nate Collins
Jessica Higgins
Autumn Hilton
Laura Hoiten

Rachael Kris
Alison Uecker
Hannah Wehlander
Erik Wehlander

"The financial aid that I received from the Foundation was invaluable during seminary and in the transition to full-time ministry. Many pastors, ministry professionals, and students in general, leave school with exorbitant debt, which places great strain on their ability to successfully transition to the next chapter in their life after full-time school. Moreover, this strain will likely create problems within all of their relationships, personal and professional. Access to affordable, if not free, education should be a fundamental human right that United Methodists should push for as a way of living out our baptismal vows to reject injustice, oppression, and evil in this world. Education should not only be the right of the super rich or those from a social location that fits the mythical norm of who should be successful in this nation. Therefore, it is my hope that the Foundation, the Dakotas Conference, and the United Methodist Church, will continue to advocate and provide funds to ensure that all students of all backgrounds have access to higher education in many different forms. The Foundation's work through providing scholarships to students in seminary is one means whereby this work of justice is happening, and I am forever grateful for their loving-kindness. Through their scholarships each year, I was able to obtain a graduate degree with no personal debt. That is almost unheard of today! Their acts in my life are just one piece of many that has made me a firm believer in the need for constant child advocacy as well as the establishment of universal education in this nation. All people should be able to follow their callings and employ the gifts God has given them. They should never be prevented because of their financial background."



- Jordan Louks

Ministerial Student Aid

2017 RECIPIENTS

Natalie Buck - Candler School of Theology
Thomas Carlson - Sioux Falls Seminary
Dave DeVries - Sioux Falls Seminary
Sarah Green - United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
Donna Kuper - Sioux Falls Seminary
Jordan Louks - Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Michele Slott - Sioux Falls Seminary
Jeanne Sortland - Sioux Falls Seminary
Travis Waltner - Sioux Falls Seminary

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Don Dinger - Sioux Falls Seminary
Sarah Green - United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
Paul Kimball - Sioux Falls Seminary
Jason Martens - Sioux Falls Seminary
Jennifer McDonald - Asbury Theological Seminary
Matt Morrison - Sioux Falls Seminary
Michele Slott - Sioux Falls Seminary
Jeanne Sortland - Sioux Falls Seminary
Kara Togel - Wesley Theological Seminary
Kippy Udehn - Sioux Falls Seminary
Teresa Whetsel - Sioux Falls Seminary

\$66,000
in ministerial
student aid
awarded in 2017

\$77,000
in ministerial
student aid
awarded in 2018

Thank you for the encouragement & support of our daughter, Natalie Buck. Natalie has recently received a scholarship for her support while attending Candler Seminary at Emory University in Atlanta Georgia. This gift is a tremendous help to her in meeting education & living expenses while attending seminary full time. We are grateful for the encouragement of her pursuit of full time ministry since she perceived this call. She has been involved in UM camping & Youth Group at the Oakes UMC while in high school. More recently the conference has supported her through the Elisha internship program. She has worked at our UMC camps at Wesley Acres & Lake Poinsett with opportunities to work as Camp Dean, Program Assistant & Chaplin. She has had the opportunity to work with wonderful mentors who have challenged & encouraged her. This gift of scholarship is overwhelming to us. We have saved since before she could walk to support her in obtaining her undergraduate degree. There does come a time when parents must back away. We are thrilled to have the Conference step forward to enable Natalie to move toward ordained ministry without the yolk of debt at this point. We are reminded "all I have needed thy hand has provided." Thank you and Praise God!

- Rod and Linda Buck



INVESTING IN THE FUTURE



This year at Annual Conference, we recognized 9 churches who opened 11 new investment or endowment accounts with the Foundation in the past year. These churches have discovered the value of investing in the future as they broaden their opportunities of introducing more people to Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The following churches were given the "Investing in the Future" award: Bismarck Legacy UMC, Britton UMC, Clark UMC, Huron Riverview UMC, Milbank Central UMC, Mitchell First UMC, Sioux Falls Sunnycrest UMC, Sioux Falls Wesley UMC, and Yankton UMC.

Investing with the Foundation allows local churches to reach their financial objectives while honoring the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. The local church retains control of the investment account. After an initial period of one year, funds can be withdrawn according to the wishes of the church. Withdrawals are typically processed within 10 business days. If your church is interested in investing with the us, please contact our office.

Churches with Endowments

- * Bismarck Legacy UMC
- Colman UMC
- Finly UMC
- Hartford UMC
- Holmes UMC
- * Huron Riverview UMC
- Milbank Central UMC
- Miller First UMC
- Minot Faith UMC
- Miranda UMC
- Page UMC
- Rapid City Canyon Lake UMC
- * Sioux Falls Sunnycrest UMC
- Seneca UMC
- Wessington Springs UMC
- Zoar UMC

Churches with Investments

- Beresford Zion UMC
- Bismarck Legacy UMC
- Bowbells UMC
- * Britton UMC
- * Clark UMC
- Conde UMC
- Dell Rapids UMC
- Fargo Faith UMC
- Geddes UMC
- Gettysburg UMC
- Groton UMC
- Humboldt UMC
- * Huron Riverview UMC
- Jamestown First UMC
- Kenmare ReNew UMC
- * Milbank Central UMC
- Milbank Parkview UMC
- * Mitchell First UMC
- Rapid City Canyon Lake UMC
- Rapid City First UMC
- Rapid City Knollwood Heights UMC
- Sioux Falls Asbury UMC
- Sioux Falls Embrace
- Sioux Falls Hilltop UMC
- * Sioux Falls Sunnycrest UMC
- * Sioux Falls Wesley UMC
- Spearfish UMC
- Vermillion UMC
- * Wahpeton Evergreen UMC
- Washburn UMC
- Wessington Springs UMC
- West Fargo Flame of Faith UMC
- * Yankton First UMC

* Opened new accounts



Churches Benefiting from Endowments Established by Individuals

Arlington UMC – Arthur and Charlene Richardson Endowment
Arlington UMC – Thelma J. Serr Endowment
Arlington – Scheller Endowment
Beresford Zion UMC – Bill and Fern Vermillion Endowment
Canton UMC – Linton and Ora Bong Endowment
Canton UMC – Miriam Hardy Endowment
Eureka UMC – Leslie and Mavis Knoepfle Endowment
Faulkton UMC – James and Norma Cameron Endowment
Garden City UMC – Gordon Huber Endowment
Geddes UMC – Harold and Carol Warner Endowment
Gettysburg UMC – James and Norma Cameron Endowment
Grand Forks Wesley UMC – David and Jean Beach Endowment
Groton UMC – Gerald and Anna Rix Endowment
Harrisburg UMC – Neimeyer Family Endowment
Harrisburg UMC – Vernon and Carolyn Slack
Hartford UMC – Roy and Velma Brown Endowment
Mandan UMC – Steve and Marlene Hulm Endowment
Milbank Central UMC – Bracht Family Endowment
Miller UMC – Dorothy and Harold Colvin Endowment
Miller UMC – Ethel and Myles Cotton Endowment
Miller UMC – Milbert and Lucille Roduner Endowment
Minot Faith UMC – Merle Winstead Endowment
Mitchell First UMC – Gordon and Elise Rollins Endowment
Parker UMC – Dave and Dorothy Guenther Endowment
Pierre First UMC – Lorelee’s for Children’s Ministry Endowment
Pierre First UMC – Bracht Family Endowment
Rapid City Canyon Lake UMC – Mary and Glen Fiala Endowment
Sioux Falls Sunnycrest UMC – Raymond and Lucille Hylland Endowment
Sioux Falls Sunnycrest UMC – Alice M. Feind Endowment
Sioux Falls Wesley UMC – Kids Count @ Wesley Endowment
Wessington Springs UMC – Belle Hinrichs Endowment
Wessington Springs UMC – Anonymous
Yankton UMC – Hali Strom Strength and Dignity Endowment

Churches are the
most overlooked
charities in
estate planning.



An **Endowment** is a permanently restricted, self-sustaining source of funding. The Foundation invests your gift and the earnings are paid out annually according to the donor’s wishes. Endowments are established either by the church or by an individual as a lasting gift, often in honor of a loved one. There are many ways to fund an endowment including outright gifts, gifts of stock or other appreciated assets, and more. Earnings can be set up to go to your local church, seminary scholarships, camp ministry, missions, the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation and more.

To set up an endowment, contact our office.

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\$50,000 or More

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Rick and Jody Burgum
Scott and Julia Jones
Annetta Nies
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Ernie Slagg
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\$10,000 - \$49,999

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Cliff Weixel
Jim and Barb Williams
Glenna Wilson

\$500 - \$999

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\$250 - \$499

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Every year we send out a year end appeal with funds supporting various projects. Last year, our annual appeal focused on technology. We discovered that many of our churches in the Dakotas have limited or outdated technology, which hinders them from sharing their message of faith in their community. In today's very mobile and connected society, it is vital for our churches to have updated technology to connect to those both inside and outside their walls.



We were excited to have received over \$7,000 from this appeal, \$4,200 of which has since been awarded through technology grants. Your donations have helped improve worship time with new and enhanced contemporary services, made screens more accessible for all, and have helped to increase the safety for one church's Sunday school kids.

If interested in receiving funding to improve your church's technology, apply for a grant. These grants are awarded through the Breakthrough Ministry Grant application.

Thank you for being a vital part of helping our churches share their story and the love of Jesus Christ with their neighbors! Keep your eye out for this year's appeal and be a part of continuing to change lives and make disciples in the Dakotas and beyond.

Thank you!

Thank you to our retiring Board Members! In 2017, Jeff Heesch and Ron Laqua finished their 4 year terms serving on our Board of Directors. In 2018, we celebrated Howard Grinager's 8 years of service on the Board. Thank you to all three for helping to guide the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation to where we are today.

Your wisdom and guidance was greatly appreciated and will be greatly missed!



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