



2020-2021 Annual Report



Dakotas
United Methodist
Foundation



A Word from Our President

Your Dakotas United Methodist Foundation completed a record year in 2020. For the 7th consecutive year, we reached another new milestone in ministry support. Your Foundation awarded nearly \$100,000 in scholarships, created 17 new endowments and investment accounts, and provided over \$1.5 million for ministry across the Conference. Because of your prayerful gifts and support, the total portfolio of your Foundation is now \$41.2 million.

That's a witness to the commitment and loyalty of our dedicated supporters and ministry partners across the Dakotas Conference. So often, we hear how one of our Conference ministries has touched lives. That is why you and other Dakotans support these impactful programs.

Ministry is at the heart of everything we do at the Foundation. It centers us. Throughout the last year, I would hear, "We are all in the same storm," as we live through the continuing coronavirus pandemic, concerns about the state of our denomination, disruptions in what is familiar, and the uncertainty of what we may face next. Yes, these are troubling times. But we are all in different boats battling this all too familiar storm. The loyalty you have shown through your support of the Foundation is a reminder that we are not alone. Through these unprecedented times, you did not waver from your concern for the ministry the Foundation supports. Thank you for helping those we serve to weather the uncertainty of this storm by sharing your generosity.

Although we do not know what the future holds, we know that our love for Jesus and our faith in the Holy Spirit are our guiding light to the future. This past year, we've tried to navigate the uncertainty of almost everything. Yet, through it all, Jesus' love has allowed us to stay true to our mission: *To cultivate and secure 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.*



Reviewing our mission statement reminds me of the tall order in front of us. A tall order, yes, but what an opportunity! Investing in the Foundation is a unique opportunity to encourage ministry to congregations, pastors, and individuals across the Conference. What is calling you? The Foundation is responding to God's call to each of us to join into ministry and service. That call may look different for everyone. We've asked for you to share your gifts with the Foundation through our calling, and you've responded. And for your love, concern, and blessings, we are grateful. Thank you so much for supporting the ministries across the Dakotas in partnership with the Foundation. Together, we will help make miracles happen.

Grace and Peace,

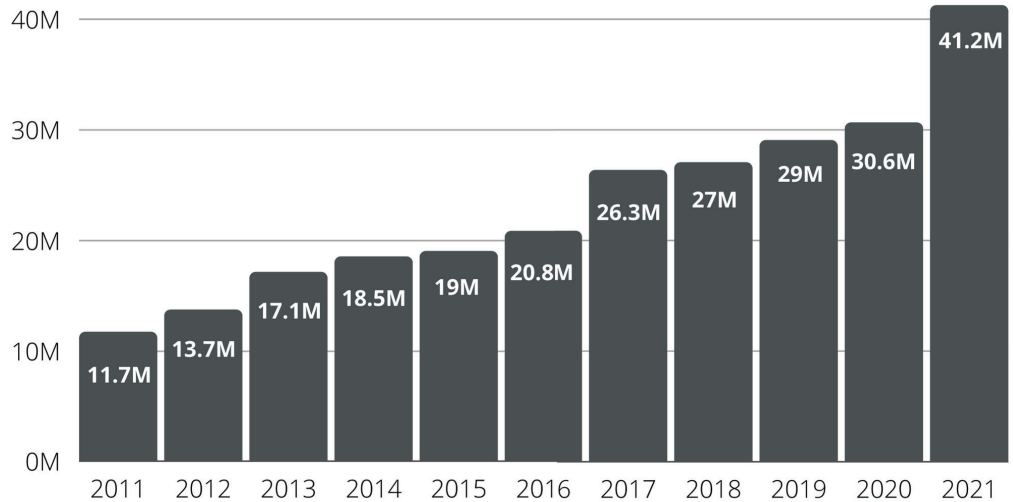
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheri Meister".

Sheri Meister
President/CEO

By the Numbers

41.2
Million
assets under management

10 Year Growth



4 new Endowments totaling
\$166,749



13 new Investments totaling
\$1,472,490

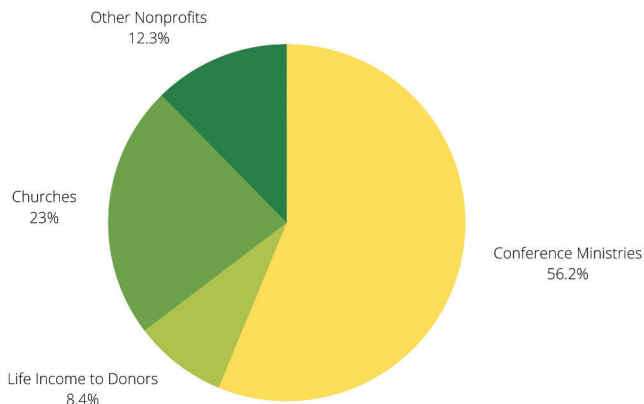


Breakthrough Ministry Grants:
\$72,716

Student Aid:
\$93,200



Earnings Distribution



Builders Club Grants:
\$40,800

Total Funds distributed
to churches, ministries,
and individuals:
\$1,554,827



Nonprofit Church Leadership Program Strengthens Ministry Leaders



"Our primary objective really is to help increase the pastors' and ministry leaders' level of confidence and capability in doing those administrative skills."

Dr. Alisha Vincent, Associate Provost for Program Development, Dakota Wesleyan University



"The Nonprofit Church Leadership course is an opportunity to grow your gifts and to strengthen your skills, which are then given as a blessing back to your congregation."

Rev. Ryan Mutzenberger,
Fargo First UMC
NPCL Participant

Strengthening the ability of pastors to lead mission-focused, financially healthy, congregationally engaged churches is the mission of the Nonprofit Clergy Leadership Program (NPCL). This year-long graduate-level certificate program at Dakotas Wesleyan University strengthens the competencies that pastors need to lead today's church, but did not perhaps obtain during their undergraduate, graduate, or seminary education.

The Nonprofit Church Leadership Program, which launched in 2018, is a partnership between the Dakotas-Minnesota Area of the United Methodist Church, the Dakotas and Minnesota United Methodist Foundations, and Dakota Wesleyan University, with funding assistance from the Lilly Endowment. Designed to enhance the administrative and management skills of church leaders, NPCL focuses on stewardship of financial resources, human resources, vision, strategy, community, and communications.

Throughout the course of the year, each student completes two applied projects, each of which focuses on an area of need within the participant's local church. Each participant is partnered with a coach that provides mentorship and guidance throughout the course.

Over the past four years, a total of 55 ministry leaders – 26 from the Dakotas and 29 from Minnesota – and more than 60 congregations have benefited from their clergy participating in the program and gaining new skills.

Rev. Jenene Earl, Sturgis UMC, implemented a mid-week dinner church service to connect with families involved in her church's preschool and help them grow in faith. Rev. Jeff Lathrop, Grand Forks Wesley UMC, created a strategic plan for his church. Lara Ziegler, director at Storm Mountain Center, did an applied project that involved re-developing the camp's seasonal staff. Rev. Clay Lundberg, Canton UMC, put together a three-prong plan to strengthen the culture of generosity at the United in Faith Parish in Burke and Herrick. Rev. Cory Thrall, Bismarck Legacy, created a digital church that's open 24/7 to better reach young adults.

Thrall also credits NPCL for helping him become more comfortable with talking about money and fundraising. "The class on fundraising helped me in knowing how to ask for funds, what to do when someone gives a large gift, and how to move a congregation from thinking that 'all the church wants is money' to a place of 'I am going to give because it is sign of spiritual growth and trust in God,'" said Thrall. "I moved from being uncomfortable to comfortable...I am a more effective leader because of NPCL."

Merit Scholarship Recipients

Bryce Blank – *Perkins Theological Seminary*
Thanael Certa-Werner – *Garret Evangelical-Theological Seminary*
Don Dinger – *Kairos Project, Sioux Falls Seminary*
Andy Early – *Kairos Project, Sioux Falls Seminary*
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Kippy Udehn – *Kairos Project, Sioux Falls Seminary*

\$93,200 in student
aid awarded in 2021

Dollars for Scholars Recipients

Davis Anderson – *Dakota Wesleyan University*
Erin Moncur – *Dakota Wesleyan University*

Bryce Blank

Perkins School of Theology

"I would not be here without this scholarship. It made the difference of me answering my call or not. The Dakotas Conference supports their seminary students way more than any other Conference from what I have heard from fellow students."



Kim Hastings

Kairos Project, Sioux Falls Seminary

"I am excited to continue to find ways throughout my ministry to recognize a place one of my gifts can help to serve, grow and challenge a church and its people."

Jack Marsh

Chair, Scholarship Committee

"Today we have \$2.4 million in our endowed scholarship funds. The bulk of those funds were contributed to our Dakotas Conference Foundation through estate gifts. They're not here today, and most are not present with us anymore, to see what their legacy is allowing us to do here, and how we are able to prepare for the future and encourage more ministry. We are so grateful. It gives me chills to think about what we have achieved as a Conference thanks to the enormous generosity of these individuals."



Breakthrough Ministry Grants

\$72,716
granted

24
churches

26
new
ministries

2020 Recipients

3rd Quarter - \$1,000

- Faith UMC - Child ID Kits
- Minot Vincent UMC - Connect Group and Christian Education

4th Quarter - \$26,216

- Alexandria UMC / SE District - Ministry Internship
- Fargo Faith UMC - Streaming/Sound System Update
- Fargo First UMC - Children and Youth Ministry Technology Improvement Plan
- Flandreau UMC - Church Audio/Visual Update
- Grand Forks Wesley UMC - Online Engagement
- Harrold UMC - Together in Christ
- Highmore UMC - Technology Updates for Sunday School and Virtual Worship
- Madison UMC - Financial Peace University
- Mellette Northwestern UMC - Technology Additions
- Milbank Central UMC - The Bridge
- Minot Faith UMC - Service Livestream
- Mitchell Downtown First UMC - New Wineskins Outreach
- Rapid City Open Heart UMC - Streaming Outreach
- Sioux Falls Hilltop UMC - Ability to Live Stream
- Sioux Falls Southern Hills UMC - Online Ministry Outreach

2021 Recipients

1st Quarter - \$32,000

- Brookings First UMC - First on Campus
- Minot Vincent UMC - Chosen Generation
- Rapid City Canyon Lake UMC - College-Aged Ministry
- Sturgis UMC - The Table: Dinner Church Worship Service

2nd Quarter - \$13,500

- Bismarck Legacy UMC - Single Mom's Blessing Day
- DWU Campus Ministry - Freshman Ministry Expansion
- Fargo Calvary African UMC - Youth in Action for Christ
- Madison UMC - Growing Seeds of Kindness
- Lake Poinsett Camp - Summer Chaplain



Single Mom's Blessing Day at Legacy UMC in Bismarck, ND

First on Campus

The college years are a crucial and influential part of a young adult's life. During these years, they are exploring their newfound freedom, experiencing many new opportunities, and making significant life choices. Campus ministry is so vital to the journeys of young people who desire to grow in faith and is such a great way to nurture and disciple leaders.

First on Campus in Brookings, South Dakota provides a welcoming place for students, staff, and faculty at South Dakota State University (SDSU) to build lasting relationships that result in personal growth in Christian love and maturity. Throughout the years, Brookings First UMC has had an on-and-off presence on the SDSU campus. Recently, they hired Pastor Krista Ducker to be the Director of Methodist Campus Ministry.

While the Covid-19 pandemic provided many challenges throughout the past year, Pastor Krista, Brookings First UMC leadership, and a core group of students have taken the time to re-imagine and build a strong foundation in their campus ministry. One of the things they were able to accomplish during this time was to go through the application process for First on Campus to become an officially recognized student organization at SDSU, which has allowed them to bring a United Methodist presence directly to campus.



During the summer, First on Campus remained active and held a few gatherings for students who have stayed in the Brookings area for internships or jobs. They hosted several pizza and game nights throughout the summer that offered an opportunity for students and church members to spend time together in fellowship.

A key value for the ministry is that the college students know they will be involved in the life of the church. They often host events that involve church members and invite the students to be involved in the church, whether it be the praise band, helping with VBS, or more. "Our emphasis on inter-generational ministry, and our loving, supportive environment provide a unique place of safety and a home away from home for our students," says Pastor Krista.

With the start of a new school year, First on Campus was a part of opening weekend on the SDSU campus. They launched this year's ministry with worship in the park and shared information about First on Campus with new students at the student expo. This was followed by a taco night, during which church members joined with new students to have a meal together and share in some Jackrabbits trivia. Pastor Krista also makes regular stops in the SDSU student union, where she invites students to join her for prayer or conversation in exchange for a free coffee.

The student members have consistently said that the way the Brookings First UMC church family has surrounded them has been a huge blessing. "My mom told me she has seen a big change in me since joining this campus ministry. I love the family here, and I'm sure I'm not the only student looking for this," comments a student. First on Campus received a Breakthrough Ministry Grant that has provided salary support as well as other needed supplies and materials. "Thanks again to the Dakotas Foundation for your support in this vital Brookings mission to our students. We are so ready to take the next steps in this ministry!" remarks Pastor Krista Ducker.

Dakotas Connection Initiative: Connecting Rural Ministry

In October 2020, the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation was awarded a grant of almost \$1 million from the Lilly Endowment. With this grant the Dakotas Connection Initiative was established, giving the Dakotas Conference the ability to experiment with new ministry models to create thriving rural congregations that enhance rural communities.

The Dakotas Connection Initiative leans on assets, strengths, and technology. Rather than focusing on a scarcity of resources –limited full-time clergy and fewer financial resources to support them–the Conference is imagining the future with the gifts that God has provided–gifted and faithful laity in communities and surrounding areas, retired pastors with a gift for mentoring and a calling to preach and deliver sacraments, and an openness to using technology to reach people.

There are three primary components to the Dakotas Connection Initiative:

- Providing grants, training, and support for churches who are open to experimenting with team ministry
- Resourcing larger churches that want to be a hub to connect with smaller churches through technology and training
- Connecting rural church leaders, both clergy and laity, at equipping events and networks to learn from one another

The program is funded through Lilly Endowment's Thriving Congregations Initiative. The aim of this national initiative is to strengthen Christian congregations so they can help people deepen their relationships with God, build strong relationships with each other, and contribute to the flourishing of local communities and the world.

"The Dakotas Connection Initiative will enhance our successful ministries and provide resources and platforms to ensure that vital ministry and community impact are happening in our rural communities," says Sheri Meister, president and CEO of the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation. "New leadership models that maximize the gifts and callings of laity who are indigenous to the community and innovative systems to accomplish the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ will allow congregations to maximize human, financial, and other resources."



The leadership team for the Dakotas Connection Initiative has been meeting regularly to put together various models that work for different rural settings. Several unique leadership models are being tested right now to learn what will work. These include places like Alexandria; Cresbard and Tolstoy; Washburn and Center; Napoleon, Lehr, Edgeley and Ashley; Ethan and Lyman County, as well as places like Rapid City Open Heart, Brandon Celebration, and Mitchell Fusion. Another strategy articulated in the grant proposal was the "hub" church model that would enable a larger church to partner with smaller churches to share and multiply their resources. As a result, we have seen variations in churches like Bismarck Legacy, Aberdeen First, and Mitchell Fusion. The hope is to learn from these leadership models what works and what doesn't? What role does technology play? What does leadership development and ministry call look like?

"We are not content to see our churches disappear from the Dakotas landscape in the ways other denominations have, but rather to see the changes in demographics as an innovation opportunity borne out of necessity," said Rev. Zach Kingery, pastor at Wessington Springs UMC in South Dakota and a member of the leadership team for the Dakotas Connections Initiative.

Kingery shares that a culture shift from believing in the current practices or the way we have always done things needs to happen. "We will need to overcome a culture of professionalized ministry that has led many laity to see their gifts and callings as secondary and many churches to feel like, 'if we can't get a 'real' pastor, we're not a real church.' We will need to work against the cultural narrative that has taught us that size is what defines success and worthiness."

The Foundation has also committed another \$100,000 matching gift to this new program.

Builders Club

\$40,800
awarded

2020 Recipients

Hilltop UMC - Sioux Falls, SD
Evergreen UMC - Wahpeton, ND

2021 Recipients

De Smet UMC - De Smet, SD
The Journey @ Spirit Lake - Sheyenne, ND

We can't express enough how much the generosity of the givers to the Builders Club means to Hilltop UMC. The funds have been used to fix many major issues in our basement. Windows have been replaced, new flooring put down, and water issues have been addressed. Thank you for your generous gifts and helping make our basement a much safer and updated space for the youth of our church!

When it's been dry and a houseplant, or a whole field, or a tree outside our window gets dry, even though stressed, they make do. They survive. They can't get stronger or revive alone. To a degree, we all go through that. And when the rains come, what joy there is! What new life explodes! What opportunity for growth! Thank you, Builders Club, for bringing this rain to Evergreen UMC in Wahpeton, ND. You are supporting what we do, you are a part of the family, you inspire us to do even more.

We cannot begin to express our gratitude to the Builders Club. You are helping us make some major improvements to our church office and also our welcome/fellowship area. We believe that these improvements will be a wonderful resource to not only our church, but also our community as we can provide a welcoming and inviting place to gather and build relationships for many years to come. We look forward to seeing how God will continue to use De Smet UMC.

Greetings from Spirit Lake Ministry. We appreciate each and every Builders Club Member for the wonderful gift you have given to our ministry and the congregation of The Journey @ Spirit Lake. Your giving will allow us to provide easier access to the Food Pantry and children's reading library, upgrade our drive and parking area so the bus and cars won't get stuck in the spring and upgrade/update the entrance to Arthur Hall. Your support will allow us to provide a much better worship experience for everyone.

Securing Ministries for the Future

Norma and Joe Peltier have been richly blessed in many ways throughout their lives, and it has always been important for them to share their gifts to bless others. The Peltiers wanted to assure the ministries they cared about were taken care of well into the future. Working with the Foundation, they established three endowments to benefit various ministries in the Dakotas United Methodist Conference.

Joe and Norma were both very active in all ministries at Arthur United Methodist Church in Arthur, North Dakota. They taught Sunday school, served as lay leaders, lay speakers, and served in many different leadership roles. Joe also held several different leadership positions in the North Dakota United Methodist Conference. Norma served on the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation Board of Directors for several years.

As a member of the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation Board, Norma understood how endowments would provide continual support to their passions. *"We think the named endowment is a good way to know that the ministries of the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation will be secure in the future."*

Norma credits the Revs. Cecil and Janet Miller as the inspiration for the Clergy Pensions Endowment. Cecil and Janet Miller were close, personal friends of the Peltiers. Joe and Norma wanted to make sure that the Millers, as well as other Conference clergy families, were well cared for in their retirement years.

Both Joe and Norma were teachers and have always been supporters of education. Norma was a teacher and then a "professional volunteer" for much of her life. Joe spent time as a teacher, coach, principle, superintendent, and later a member of the State Board of Higher Education in North Dakota. They have given generously to both North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota. In 1998, they established an endowment for Dakota Wesleyan University scholarships for North Dakota students.

The Peltiers appreciated that Wesley Acres Camp, located just an hour's drive from Arthur, provided a wonderful Christian education and experience for campers. Their endowment for camp scholarships has made it possible for many kids from Arthur UMC to experience time with God at Wesley Acres Camp. Norma later broadened this designation for Arthur UMC students to include children and youth ministry experiences and events throughout the Dakotas United Methodist Conference.

While Joe passed away in 2014, Norma continues to support the Arthur United Methodist Church, Dakota Wesleyan Scholarships, the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation and Pensions with regular gifts. We are grateful to the Peltiers for their faithful service and support of the missions and ministries of the United Methodist Church.



Norma and Joe Peltier

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Thank you!

Because of your generosity, our faithful ministry leaders across the Dakotas are spreading God's love and inviting more people to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Your giving spirit is contagious and is appreciated in ways you may never understand. Your gifts build up the confidence in our leaders to build more vital ministries in our communities. Thank you for your support and dedication to those answering their call to share the Good News.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

A Farmer's Legacy



"Maynard Klingbeil was a farmer in Onida, South Dakota. The reason I say it is that he could've been just about anything. He was an extremely intelligent man, but farming was all he really wanted to do. When God made Maynard, as the saying goes, God made a farmer. Maynard grew up with farming, he studied farming, he kept up with all the latest farming techniques. As a result, he was one of the best farmers around. And yet, he was always a very humble man. He rarely talked about himself, and if he ever received any praise, he turned it aside. He was a very quiet, humble man.

Although he never married and never had children, Maynard cared deeply for children. He was the secretary/treasurer of the Sunday school at Onida United Methodist Church for 45 years. That's remarkable, but if we don't think about it, we might miss just how remarkable it is. Think about how hard it can be to find people to volunteer to help with Christian education. And here's a man with no children, a man who had no vested interest in the children's education program, volunteering all that time to do what he could to make sure generations of children came to know the Lord. It's pretty amazing, really.

The main thing Maynard would want people to know about him, though, is that he was a Christian. He had a very deep faith. He had no doubt that he was going to heaven – not because of his own goodness, but by the mercy and goodness of God. Maynard did what he could to bring others to faith as well."

—Pastor Jeff Adel, Onida UMC

Maynard Klingbeil passed away in early 2020, but not before thinking about the ministries and organizations he cared deeply for. Being a hard-working, but frugal man, Maynard built up an estate that allowed him to leave many gifts that would continue to do good work long after he was gone. As a United Methodist, he wanted to leave a gift that would help bring others to Christ, so he chose to name the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation as the beneficiary of his life insurance policy.

As an undesignated gift to the Foundation, Maynard's legacy of bringing others to Christ is living on through the Klingbeil Legacy and Investor Grants. These grants are being offered to churches who open a new investment or endowment with the Foundation between July 1st and December 31, 2021. Through this grant opportunity, churches are able to invest more in their own ministries around the Dakotas United Methodist Conference.

Maynard Klingbeil was a humble man who loved to farm and loved Christ. Donating his life insurance policy was a way that he found worked for him to continue to share his faith with others well into the future.

*** Naming a charity as a life insurance beneficiary can be a great way to leave a legacy and make it possible for a donor to give more than they could have during their lifetime. Tax benefits are also available depending on how the policy is set up. Either naming the charity as a beneficiary or including a life insurance policy in one's will, a donor can provide a lasting gift for ministries they are passionate about. For more information on life insurance gifts or the Klingbeil grant program, contact the Foundation.*

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