

UNITED METHODIST
FOUNDATION

Financial and Educational Services Important to You

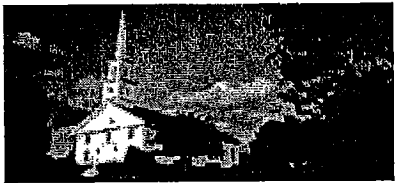
The United Methodist Foundation of Western Pennsylvania is a ministry established to provide United Methodists with the resources to accomplish collectively more than can be accomplished alone.



As a nonprofit corporation offering a variety of stewardship services, we are a supporting organization of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference. As such, we understand what funding ministry really means, and how it works within a Christian setting.

Since 1970, we have served churches, agencies, clergy, and individuals as they participate in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

For Churches



We offer financial services and educational assistance that enhance church ministries – whether the needs be for current funding, funding for a special project, or permanent long-term funding.

Annual Giving Programs stress the need to give out of discipleship. We provide a variety of unique resources that assist congregations in funding their ministry on a consistent basis.

Capital Campaigns at many churches have benefited from our Planning Studies and campaign materials. With our assistance, churches have raised significant funds to expand and repair buildings, launch new programs, and retire debt.

Endowment Development can provide a stable source of income for ministry. From creating policy to providing sample promotional materials, our experienced staff can help you develop an endowment fund tailored for your church.

Funds Management is a service in which the Foundation has long been a leader, by using professionally managed accounts with a commitment to socially responsible investing. Through the leverage gained by a common investment pool, your church can more effectively achieve a competitive rate of return with long-term growth.

Gift Planning is an area of particular importance to many people. We offer seminars that could help you and others in your church.

For Individuals

By working with any individual seeking to support a United Methodist ministry, we offer gift-planning services that are based on the principle of lifelong stewardship, and provide educational assistance with respect to current gift giving. We can help you determine the kind of gift that might be best for your individual situation.

Permanent Gifts perpetuate one's Christian influence and offer support for ministry through a permanent endowment fund.

Non-cash Gifts, restricted or unrestricted, can be made through the Foundation to support local churches or other United Methodist agencies.

Life-Income Gifts are "gifts that keep on giving," providing a regular income to a beneficiary, while ultimately providing a particular United Methodist ministry with funds.

Bequests, gifts made through a will, can help fund multiple ministries. As these gifts can take many forms, we can explain the advantages of available options.



For Clergy

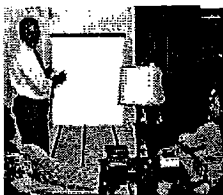


We offer educational assistance that will enhance personal and professional aspects of ministry. **Clergy Tax Seminars** are sponsored in the early weeks of each year to assist clergy members in understanding their unique tax treatment under Federal law.

Financial Planning Seminars are presented to assist clergy in charting their own financial plan, and are focused on the financial needs of pastors who live in parsonages and who are often burdened with high educational debt.

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Seminars



Each year, we offer several seminars that may benefit you, your church, your church's leadership team, your specific-interest group, or Conference agencies.

We offer seminars that: assess readiness for capital campaigns; advance awareness of various forms of giving programs; and develop multi-year in-depth programs to enhance clergy and laity leadership of Christian stewardship. We have also developed and presented seminars concerning permanent endowment programs that can be established in order to fund future ministries.

Grants

Each year, we award grants to churches or agencies of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference for programs and activities. Through these awards of grants of dollars and Foundation staff time, we seek to enhance and expand the ministries of these churches and agencies. The ultimate goal is to provide sufficient counsel such that these ministries become self-sustaining and reflect the highest levels of Christian stewardship.

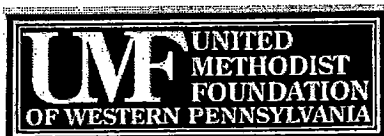


Grant-Writing and Workshops



Obtaining major gifts from individuals; corporations, or foundations requires a well-thought-out, finely crafted proposal. We can help you research funding sources and prepare proposals and supporting materials to aid your church or agency. Our experienced personnel provide counsel as to the likelihood that a grant would be awarded to you, as well as the editing of material necessary to comply with the guidelines of a specific grant application. We also offer a Grants Workshop to help you understand the processes involved in seeking funding.

Whether through attention to financial issues facing individuals and groups, through educational seminars, through managing permanent funds for churches or agencies, or through Foundation grants—we are here to help Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference church members multiply the talents we all have been given, and to answer God's call to total, intentional, and responsible stewardship.



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