

THE FOUNDATION LEDGER

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Building Blocks

Who as a kid did not love building blocks? My best friend and I would sit in the middle of the room, dump out the blocks, and begin building. With coordinated efforts, we were able to transform simple building blocks into beautiful structures. At the end of the day, however, we tore down the creative structures, only to one day build an even better structure. Change is inevitable and because of that, we learn from our past experiences and build an even better structure.

The United Methodist Church has changed over the years and the only thing that I know is that it will change again and again. The latest change has been painful for many. Churches and Conferences are or will be wrestling with the decision to remain United Methodist or to join another Wesleyan denomination that represents more closely their theology and values. The UMC is no stranger to change.

In 1784, John Wesley named Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury superintendents for America. At the famous “Christmas Conference” attendees formed The Methodist Episcopal Church. John and Charles Wesley, Thomas Coke, Francis Asbury, and many other early leaders laid the important building block foundation to what we know now as The United Methodist Church. Since that time, we have witnessed splits as in 1844, when the Church divided and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South was formed. It would be ninety-five years before the once divided church would reunite. In 1968, The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church merged to form The United Methodist Church. Throughout history the church has changed and 2022 is no different. As difficult and painful as each split, each schism, and each merger were, the result was a new church grounded in Wesleyan theology, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our strong building block foundation has firmly grounded us in the Gospel and in Wesleyan theology. Over time, our church blocks have been torn down and rearranged, resulting in beautiful creations of God that love the Lord and that dedicate themselves in missions and ministries to further the One Kingdom.

The South Carolina United Methodist Foundation was granted its charter in 1977 after an idea turned into a vision for a small group which turned into a commitment from seven (later eight) Methodist Institutions in our state. Saints like Marshall A. Shearouse and W. Harry Chandler laid the important building blocks for the Foundation and those blocks are still present today.

Additional saints followed- Foundation employees, board members, generous donors, and institutional member leaders. The building blocks keep changing, but the solid foundation laid holds true today.

I am proud of the Foundation and all the saints of the past, present, and future who hold fast to the foundational blocks. We, as The South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, are dedicated to assisting in missions and ministry to all South Carolina Methodist Churches, church members, supporting organizations, and church institutions.

Change is inevitable but those experiences are valuable in building a better church. Like playing with blocks with my best friend as a child, I am excited about the future, our coordinated effort, and God’s hand in building up The Church. I am excited about The South Carolina United Methodist Foundation and God’s hand in building us up, also. I am thankful for the generous donors and dedicated leaders who have allowed the Foundation to be a valuable partner in missions and ministry with today’s Methodists in South Carolina and with tomorrow’s Methodist in South Carolina. As the president of the South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, I look forward to SERVING ALL METHODISTS in faithful missions and ministries!

Faithfully, In Christ,

Robert M. Vincent, President

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The James L. Belin Trust Board of Directors

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The Estate of Martha P. Manry

The Oak Hill United Methodist Church Cemetery Endowment Fund provides financial assistance for the maintenance, repair, upkeep, and improvement of the church cemetery of the Oak Hill United Methodist Church in Greenville County of South Carolina.

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Gifts “in honor” or “in memory” of others are appropriate and welcomed. The Foundation is happy to send notification of honor or memorial gifts when requested to do so and information is supplied.

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- “Giving Through Your Will”
- “How To Make A Will That Works”
- “Giving Securities”
- “37 Things People ‘Know’ About Wills That Aren’t Really So”
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2022 Scholarship Recipients Named

Scholarship awards have been made from the following Funds for 2022. All of the scholarship funds listed here are designated endowment funds of the South Carolina United Methodist Foundation and gifts to these Funds are welcomed at any time.

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For over sixty-seven years, The Methodist Oaks was a beautiful home to many residents. Over the years, many of these residents benefited from ten endowments that had been established by generous donors in order to provide financial living assistance and institutional programing needs.

Like the grain of wheat that falls to the earth and dies, but bears much fruit (John 12:24), these ten endowments were given new life. With the sale of The Methodist Oaks, a decision was made to transfer these endowments to the South Carolina United Methodist Foundation so that the intent or spirit of the donors' wishes could continue to be honored. For this reason, these Funds will now benefit the residents at Wesley Commons and The Manor of the Pee Dee.

Special thanks to all the donors to these endowments and to Mr. Andy Cox, Mr. Jim Hardin and Mr. Billy Newsome for their work in transferring these Funds to the Foundation.

The Methodist Oaks was a faithful institutional member of the South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, and we are honored to manage the following endowments:

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