

THE MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND

Preparing Men and Women for Effective Ministry



THEY COME TO **DISCOVER**. THEY COME TO BE **CHALLENGED**.



THEY LEARN TO **LEAD**. THEY LEAVE TO **SERVE**.





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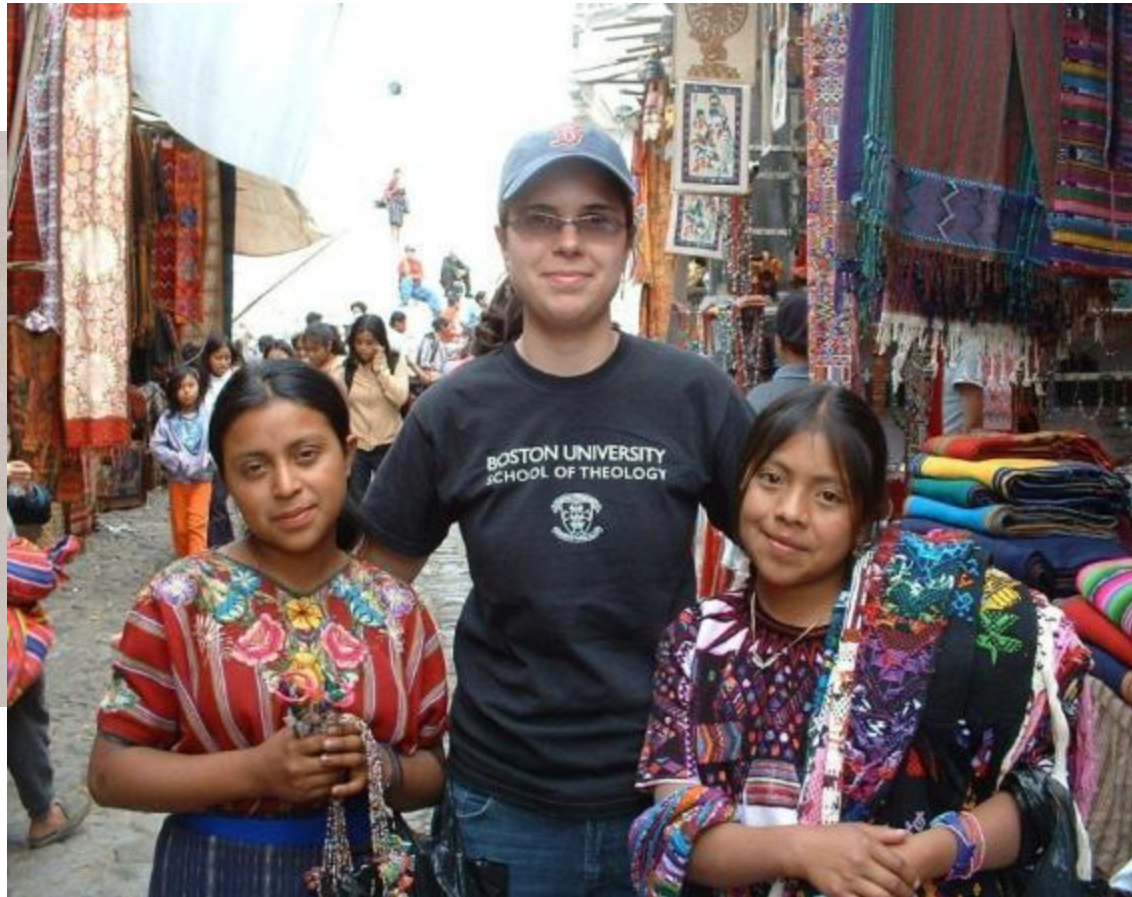


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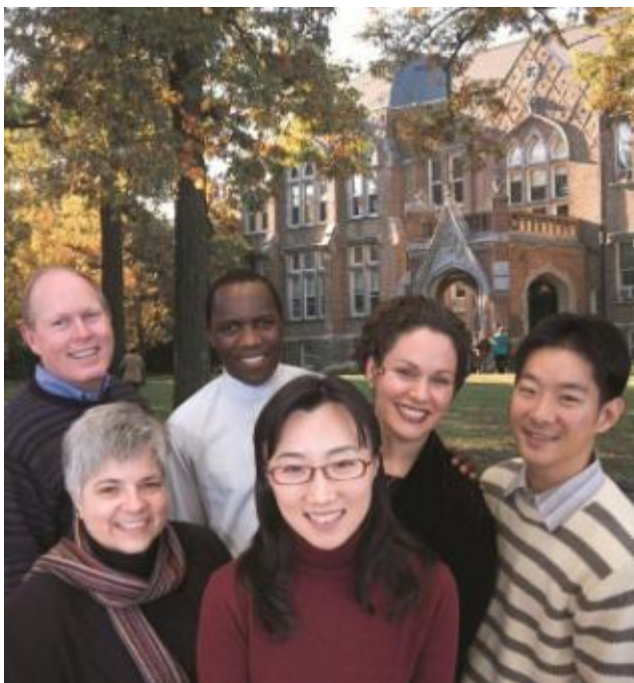


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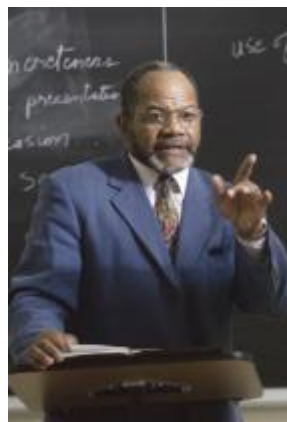


God “handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ’s followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ’s body, the church.”

Ephesians 4:11-12, The Message



The purpose of the Ministerial Education Fund apportionment is to enable the Church to recruit and educate ordained and licensed ministers and to equip the annual conferences to meet increased demands for quality leadership.



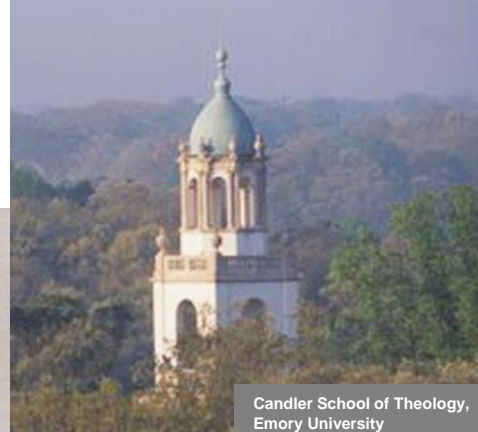
***Educating and supporting our leaders of today and tomorrow
is the mission of the Ministerial Education Fund.***



**Since 1968, the
Ministerial Education Fund
has helped thousands of men and
women become pastoral leaders
in The United Methodist Church.**



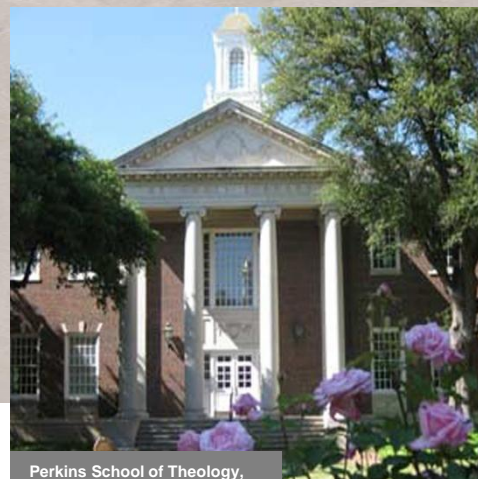
Methodist Theological School in Ohio



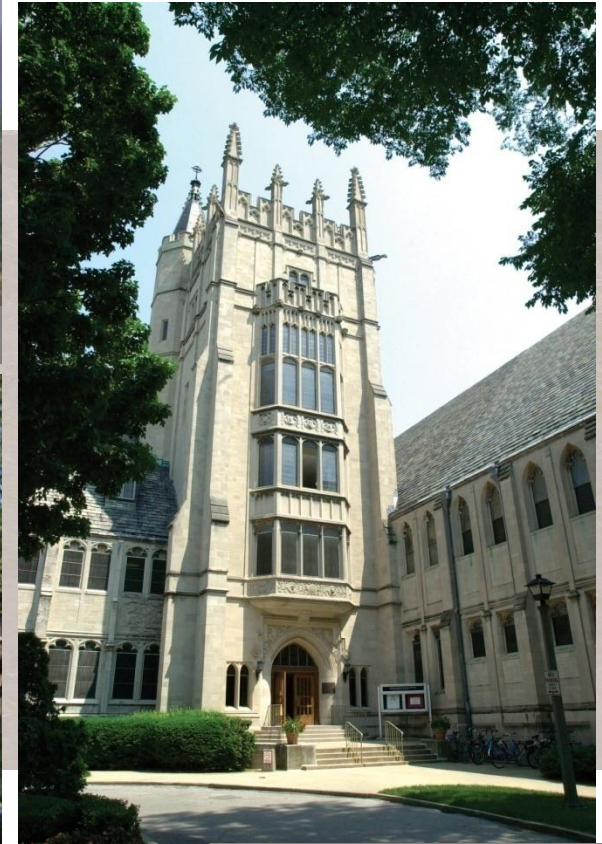
Candler School of Theology,
Emory University



Duke University,
The Theological School



Perkins School of Theology,
Southern Methodist University



Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary



**The MEF is nurtured and funded by United Methodists
to provide vitally needed funds
for the support of 13 United Methodist seminaries.**

UNITED METHODIST SEMINARIES

Educating new leadership • Creating new places of worship and renewing existing congregations
Engaging in ministry with the poor • Fighting killer diseases of poverty

United Methodist seminaries are at the heart of a movement to reinvigorate The United Methodist Church by educating new leadership, creating new places of worship and renewing existing congregations, engaging in ministry with the poor, and fighting killer diseases of poverty.

Boston School of Theology
Boston, MA

Candler School of Theology, Emory University
Atlanta, GA

Claremont School of Theology
Claremont, CA

Drew University, The Theological School
Madison, NJ

Duke University, The Divinity School
Durham, NC

Gammon Theological Seminary at the
Interdenominational Theological Center
Atlanta, GA

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Evanston, IL

Iliff School of Theology
Denver, CO

Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Delaware, OH

Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University
Dallas, TX

Saint Paul School of Theology
Kansas City, MO

United Theological Seminary
Dayton, OH

Wesley Theological Seminary
Washington, DC

**MEF dollars are
critically important to the
life and mission of our
United Methodist seminaries.**

**For most of these schools, the
church's MEF disbursement
accounts for approximately
12 to 20 percent of their
annual budget.**



The Ministerial Education Fund encourages men and women to respond to the call to ordained ministry and is a lifeline for theological students.



- It puts seminary education within reach of many more students and, therefore, encourages diversity.
- It helps students pay tuition so that after graduation their financial obligations do not interfere with their ministry.



- It enables students to focus on their studies and their service to local churches, instead of having to devote themselves to a full-time job to pay tuition.

The MEF goes beyond providing scholarships for theological students. It also ensures United Methodist clergy receive financial support for continuing-education opportunities.

Ordained elders, deacons and local pastors also receive educational support.



Here is how the apportionment works:

Twenty-five percent of the money generated by the Ministerial Education Fund apportionment in your annual conference stays in the conference and is used by your conference board of ordained ministry for student scholarships, loans, continuing education, and other programs.



Seventy-five percent goes to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to support the current operations of the 13 United Methodist seminaries.

Money is also used for student scholarships and to pay faculty and staff salaries for those who prepare United Methodist students for the ministry.

MEF scholarship recipients say it best...

“In my case, The United Methodist Church allows me to be there in the fight: to bring God to dark places of war and combat. The MEF supports me and, in turn, supports our troops.”

- Chris Schafer



“In the secular world, it’s all about money, but in the seminary world, it’s all about God. MEF enables me to be a full-time student and a local pastor without worrying about getting another part-time job.”

- Rick Riggs



“I’m very grateful because usually minority students don’t get the opportunity to become involved in the life of seminary because they are working full-time jobs and going to school just part-time. MEF opens the door for students like me to share our talents and gifts.”

- Jennifer Battiest



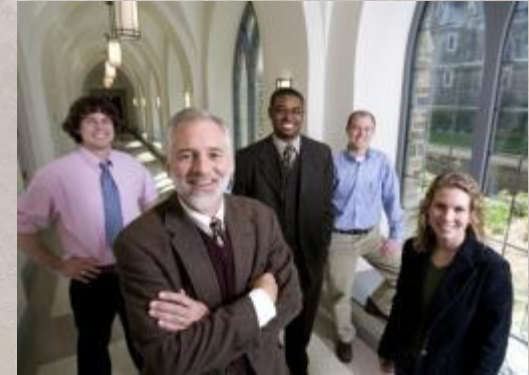
**Your support of the
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND
is a great investment in the
present and future of
The United Methodist Church.**



Encourage your local church to pay 100 percent of the Ministerial Education Fund apportionment.

Pastors and teachers, evangelists and missionaries, chaplains and lay leaders are depending on your support.

Indeed, the very future of The United Methodist Church depends on it too!





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