



Try As You Might, You Can't Out-Give God

Mention the names **Anita and LeRoy Crump**, and images of United Methodist leadership and dedication come to mind.

Originally members of Phillips Memorial United Methodist Church, Anita and LeRoy Crump joined Bethany UMC in 1980. They have been lifelong active leaders in the local church, as well as on district and conference levels. LeRoy served eight years on the Council on Finance and Administration and the Conference Board of Church and Society. In 1992 and 1996 he served as a Marshal for the General Conference. He was also a delegate to the World Methodist Conference in Singapore.

Anita was elected as the first Lay Delegate to the General Conferences of 1996, 2000 and 2004. In 2000 she led the 28 Louisiana Conference delegation to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. She was the first female Louisiana Conference Lay Leader in 1998 through 2002. Both have served as delegates to the Annual Conference, LeRoy for approximately 30 years.

Anita holds a doctorate in education from Vanderbilt University and has had an extensive career in education. Her background, combined with the couple's love for the church, explains their involvement in ministries that assist students and provide scholarships. The Crumps have also been known to invite Xavier students home from church with them to enjoy Sunday dinner.

Benevolence has been a way of life for the Crumps. As Anita described their challenges to pledge in their early married years, "Sometimes we didn't know where the money would come from, but God always provided." Anita's philosophy is, "Try as you might, you can't out-give God."

The Crumps established a gift annuity through the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana to provide them payments during their lifetimes and then contribute to their church FOREVER, for facility maintenance and scholarships in education.

Although LeRoy succumbed in July, 2003, Anita continues to receive payments for life. Afterwards, their gift will support the ministries they have always loved.