



"Where Faith and Money Come Together"

The Mustard Seed

A History of the
United Methodist Foundation
of Louisiana

1975 - 2010



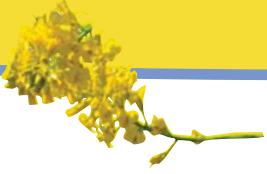
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Mission Statement

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United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana
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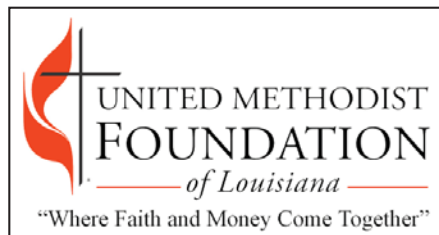


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The Mustard Seed

The Beginnings of the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana

"Jesus told them another parable: The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man takes a mustard seed and sows it in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows up, it is the biggest of all plants. It becomes a tree, so that birds come and make their nests in its branches."

Matthew 13:31-32

When the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana had its first organizational meeting on November 17, 1975, a seed of \$5000, donated by Mrs. Charles Cadwallader was planted.

Little did anyone imagine in 1975 that this seed of \$5,000 would take root and grow as it did. Thirty-five years later the Foundation has assets under management of nearly \$120 million and distributes each year hundreds of thousands of dollars to Christian ministries in Louisiana and the world.

Events Leading up to the First Meeting

Bishop Crutchfield, the Episcopal leader in 1975, had a vision for a United Methodist Foundation that would serve the Louisiana Conference. The proposal of a Foundation was presented that spring, first to the Council on Finance and Administration and then to the Annual Conference. In the afternoon session of the Annual Conference on Thursday, May 29, Report No. 1 of the CFA was titled: "Resolution for Establishing The United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana." Report No. 7 provided funding for the Foundation which would become active in 1976.

The Bishop asked Jimmie Caraway to serve as Chair of a committee to draft the articles of

incorporation and asked some very able persons (Clyde S. Clark; W. D. Cotton; John E. Coleman, Jr.; and Cecil Ramey) to serve on the committee. Judge W. D. Cotton, who was Conference Chancellor, served as secretary of the committee and did much of the work in drafting the articles and bylaws for the proposed foundation.

On September 20, 1975, the first meeting of the proposed trustees of the Foundation was held at First Church Baton Rouge. The work of the drafting committee was perfected and approved and the bishop set the first official meeting of the new Foundation for November 17. The following persons were elected as the first officers: Mr. Shelby Smith, Chairman; Mr. Kent Anderson, Vice-Chairman; Mr. John E. Coleman, Jr., Secretary; and Mr. John C. Wagnon, Treasurer. It was at the first meeting of the new board that Bishop Crutchfield announced his intention to appoint at the next Annual Conference the superintendent of the Alexandria district, Dr. Clyde S. Clark, to serve as the first Executive Director of our new Foundation.

1976-1980 Dr. Clyde S. Clark

Dr. Clark gave a report to the Annual Conference in June 1976 as the newly appointed Executive Director of the Foundation. He opened his report by saying, "I have the honor this morning of reporting on The United Methodist Foundation

of Louisiana, the newest and most thrilling adventure of the Louisiana Conference this year." He listed ten services he felt the Foundation was prepared to offer the local churches and institutions of the conference.



Dr. Clyde S. Clark

Space for an office was leased by the Foundation at 416 Travis in Shreveport. The statement of Funds reported the seed was beginning to take root and gifts to the Foundation were added by Bishop Crutchfield; Governor John J. McKeithen; R. H. Jamieson Memorial; Harold M. Flory, M. D.;

Myrtle Palfrey Brumby, and the succession of Annie C. Pynes Verret.

Dr. Clark was busy visiting local churches throughout the conference telling the story of the Foundation and preparing promotional materials. On July 8 the first institutional gift of \$80,000 was presented to the Foundation by Nathaniel P. Williams from the Metropolitan Ministries of New Orleans, the income of which would be used for their ministries as long as they exist and thereafter to the Foundation. The trustees had approved a program to sell Foundation medallions early in 1976 with half of the proceeds to be used for start-up operations of the Foundation. The other half would be used for a permanent missional fund.

In Dr. Clark's reports to the Annual Conference he stated that he had presented the story of the Foundation to around 40 churches each year. In the first year he spoke to pastors in all nine districts, distributed materials about the Foundation, and sought to answer questions the ministers had concerning the work of the Foundation. In the first report he made to the Annual Conference he asked all who had made wills to hold up their hands. He continued by saying that in a national survey only 56% of pastors have made wills and only 44% of the laity have made wills.



The survey stated that of the ministers who had made wills, 75% had left nothing to the church and of the laity only 15% had remembered their church in their wills.

The United Methodist Foundation faced many challenges in educating its constituency. Many at that time did not know what the word "Conference Foundation" meant. Some of the ministers felt the Foundation would hurt the annual budgets of the local churches. Some thought the cost of the Foundation was too high, but in hindsight, one can see the fruits of the investment.

Mr. Shelby Smith of Shreveport was the first Chairman of the Board of the Foundation. He gave excellent leadership as Chairman and has continued to serve the Foundation for many years.

1980-1990 Dr. James J. Caraway

It is well known that getting a new bishop often means changes are eminent in the administrative structure of the Conference staff. One such change proposed to the Annual Conference in 1980 was to combine the duties and responsibilities of treasurer, pensions officer, and Foundation director into a new position entitled Executive Director of Financial Affairs of the Louisiana Conference. Dr. James "Jimmie" Caraway, who was instrumental in founding the Foundation, was appointed. In July 1979 he assumed the responsibilities of Treasurer of the Louisiana Conference and Executive Director of the Board of Pensions. The position of Executive Director of the Foundation was added in June 1980 upon the retirement of Dr. Clark.

In July 1979 the Finance Office was still at Centenary College in Shreveport; the Program Office had just moved from Shreveport to Baton Rouge, and the Bishop's office was still in New Orleans. In June the Annual Conference had voted to allocate up to \$25,000 for a mini computer (before the birth of the PC).

In the Fall of 1979 the Bishop's office and the program and finance offices moved into



Jimmie Caraway



temporary offices at 666 North Foster in Baton Rouge. Plans were soon made to select a proper site upon which the new Area Offices would be constructed. The building at 527 North Blvd. was completed in the spring of 1982.

Many individual gifts for the building project were given through the Foundation. Mr. J. Luther Jordan was Chair of the project and became Chairman of the Foundation in 1981. The Foundation financed the \$1.7 million project within the funds of the Annual Conference and transferred proper funds on October 3, 1983, to close out the account. The early eighties was a period of growth in the conference.

Another important stewardship program which involved the Foundation was the raising of capital funds of \$3 million for a new pension program.

In three years the Foundation received just over \$3 million and invested the funds with the understanding that no income would be paid out of the funds for four years. These funds were placed in the Foundation and, due to the investment experience during that period, the seeds took root and grew. For that 20-year period this made possible the reduction of payments by local churches for pensions. This stewardship campaign and the investment of funds by the Foundation also made possible the pay-off of the past liability for pensions in a 20-year period which ended in 2001.

Many conferences have had to go to a plan of thirty or forty years rather than a twenty-year plan like we had in Louisiana. This helped keep our conference in a strong financial position and made it possible to do much more in other missional projects. Investing the \$3 million of gifts paid out millions of dollars in two decades.

During the 80's the Foundation had an operating budget of only \$5,000 a year until **Mrs. Patsy Barnes** was hired as a part-time director in the Fall of 1987. She worked much more than part-time with little or no secretarial help and formed valuable educational and promotional committees that served the Foundation for years. Also, Mr. Phil Preis volunteered to be Counsel for the Foundation, which was another major step forward. The operational budget for the Foundation for the final period of the decade was \$17,000.

Building up the confidence of institutions, local churches, and individuals was slow, but the small staff continued its educational efforts through many workshops and personal visits. At the same time, it was necessary for the Foundation to establish a solid investment record for larger sums of money to come to the institutions and local churches through the Foundation. As the assets under management by the Foundation grew at an average annual rate during the decade of over 300% a year and reported over \$10 million at the end of 1988, it was time to prepare a new stage for the Foundation with a full-time Executive Director.



Patsy Barnes

At the beginning of 1980 the Foundation showed assets of \$272,047 and the Conference assets \$2,156,566 for a total of \$2,428,613. At the close of the decade the combined Foundation and Conference funds totaled \$12,827,880. During that period we built and paid for the Area Office Building in downtown Baton Rouge and the Episcopal residence. We also bought and paid for two residences for the Conference staff.

These non-cash assets were valued at \$3 million. These accomplishments were made in a decade when Louisiana experienced over three years of depression due to its dependence on the oil industry and there were more changes in Episcopal leadership than any time in recent history.

Around 1989, Jimmie was ready to retire. Bishop Oden selected Dr. Kenneth Reed, the pastor of Broadmoor Church in Baton Rouge at the time, to be the next director.

1990-1998 Dr. Kenneth R. Reed

Little did Ken Reed know the impact one phone call could have when he received a call from Bishop William Oden in early 1990. At that time, Ken was happily serving his sixth year as senior pastor at Broadmoor UMC in Baton Rouge.

Bishop Oden asked Ken to consider becoming the executive director of what he envisioned as a full-time position. Ken knew little of the Foundation at that time and was surprised by the request.

Ken was smart enough to know it was a momentous consideration in his career and calling. "Leaving the pastorate of a great church like Broadmoor at my age meant that the decision to pursue a change in assignment had better work, as there was no road back. There was no money for support from the Annual Conference, and the money under management was generating no operating funds. All there was to operate were a few pledges that the Bishop had secured from around the conference that were supposed to last until I raised internal money that would generate operating funds. Frankly, it sounded 'iffy,'" Ken said.

Ken and his wife Bobbie thought and prayed about this calling, and finally determined it was God's will. Nothing else about it made practical and financial sense. It meant uncertainty as to the future. It meant a large cut in salary. It meant a new direction in his ministry for which he had little real knowledge or experience.

He agreed to the new position, and they moved into the former Bishop's residence at Runnymede, hired a secretary (Laura Thode), unloaded his books in an office at the Conference headquarters, and the new adventure began.

Those first few months, he said, "I took every preaching opportunity I could get, practically begging for invitations. I felt strongly that I had to get the Foundation recognition around the Conference and had to get churches to identify me with the Foundation. Pastors and churches were very open and generous, and I found myself preaching on an average of 42 Sundays a year; and, in addition to that, meeting with groups during the week. It took a while, but we began getting new accounts from churches."

The Foundation grew to 542 accounts. Including gifts and accounts under management, the Foundation was managing \$84,351,669 at the end of Ken's tenure in 1998, and became one of the largest United Methodist foundations in the country.

In Ken's eight-years as Executive Director, he had the opportunity to be in more than 250 pulpits. Additionally, there were multiples of meetings and consultations with churches on stewardship, endowment and campaign matters. As an added service of the Foundation, Ken either conducted or assisted in scores of campaigns for capital or budget needs, even into retirement.

There are many major contributions Ken made to the growth of the Foundation. Early on, he instituted a plan to raise operating funds called The Bishop's Society. It was a type of recognition program that was successful but ultimately was used to build endowment, not for operating funds.



Ken Reed

Ken's most substantial legacy came about as a result of the relationship he developed with Jesse Stafford of Ponchatoula.

"Mr. Stafford was a trustee who had drifted away over the years. I cultivated a friendship with Mr. Stafford and visited him on several occasions over the period of about a year. He told me he intended to leave his part of his estate to the Foundation, but he kept putting off a final decision. One day at lunch I felt led to tell him that if something happened to him, none of what he intended would take place. The next day he called and told me to set up a meeting with Mr. Phil Preis, who had consulted with him on prior occasions. About 4 o'clock p.m. on the next day, Mr. Stafford signed his new will leaving his estate to the Foundation. I had no idea of what the amount would be. The next morning, he had a massive heart attack and lived about a month." Ken recalled.

Mr. Stafford's bequest turned out to be a multi-million dollar gift and put the Foundation in the unique position of having more discretionary funds than any other foundation in Methodism. This not only put the Foundation in a sound financial position, but enabled it to be generous in granting large amounts of money to worthy causes all over Louisiana.



“One of the realities that became apparent early on in my Foundation journey was how little I knew about what was involved in running an operation of this nature. Raising a church budget and receiving an endowment were very different. Managing a church budget and understanding investment procedures are worlds apart. Frankly, I didn’t have a clue in the beginning. We would have been in deep trouble except for the wise counsel of Dr. Jimmie Caraway and the dedication and wonderful support of people like Bert Faulk, Luther Jordan, Marcus Wren, Bridger Eglin, John Porter, Phil Preis, and countless others too numerous to name. Not only was I blessed by a dedicated and helpful board of trustees but was fortunate to be assisted by a fine staff of true professionals during my eight-year tenure.”

Ken has built up a great repertoire of stories over the years: From the \$2000 gift annuity of a lady who lived in public housing and recently had her leg amputated, to the couple who set up two \$500,000 charitable trusts benefiting their church and the Foundation. Ken felt a great sense of satisfaction about the impact the Foundation has had on the Louisiana Conference.

“Because of the remarkable run with the stock market and the financial expertise of the executive committee and managers, we have been able to add thousands of dollars to valid ministries all over Louisiana,” he stated. “Serving as President of the Foundation was a highlight of my career.”

1998-2000, Ray Caraway

The decade of the 1990s was shaped by the explosion of hi-tech, a booming stock market and the World War II generation passing the torch to the baby boomers– trends that forever changed our society and our church.

I was fortunate enough to arrive at the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana in the spring of 1994 having been hired by Ken Reed to fill the newly created position of Director of Development. The Foundation had just received a multi-million dollar gift from the Stafford Trust, assets had quickly jumped to \$25 million, and the staff consisted of Ken, an administrative assistant and a part-time bookkeeper. I shared an office with the bookkeeper and was given the keys to a used Chevy with instructions to travel around the state to build relationships that would help

the Foundation grow. I had no computer, no cell phone and had only recently heard about something called email. “Information overload” was a term not yet in our vocabulary, but that would soon change.

The Stafford gift proved to be a huge breakthrough, and with the stock market going up and up, the Foundation– like most endowment building institutions of that period– grew very rapidly. The work we did at the Foundation provided the special privilege of getting to know many members of the “greatest generation.” Church leaders from that generation like Shreveport entrepreneur John Porter and Monroe attorney Haynes Harkey were amazingly dedicated.

They lived modestly and gave generously. I remember working with dozens of families like the Wrens from Minden, the Kellys from Homer and the Orys from Baton Rouge. Our mission was to make it easy for people like them to establish permanent gift arrangements that would carry on for generations. And, as the Foundation grew in resources and sophistication, it grew in its ability to serve its donors and the church.



Ray Caraway

After four years of working on Ken Reed’s staff, I followed him as President in 1998 and became the first layman to hold the job. During my tenure I had the unforgettable experience of traveling to South Africa and Angola as part of a mission team, and I was honored to be elected by the laity to General Conference. According to the Foundation’s 1998 Annual Report, we established the Foundation’s first website, developed our first official mission statement and more than doubled the Foundation’s office space by finishing out the fourth floor of the Conference Office Building in downtown Baton Rouge. And, by year-end 1999, Foundation assets had grown to \$84.3 million, up from \$12.8 million at the start of the decade. That growth translated into grants for church extension, church loans, support for seminary training, permanent endowments for local churches and much more.

But, of all the things we did, the biggest impact came from hiring many of the staff members who have enabled the Foundation to further expand its services and to become what it is today. Shelia Edwards became our Controller and took our accounting and administrative capabilities to a new level. Rob Fairly joined the staff and went on to devote his career to the Foundation, first as Director of Development, then Vice President and now as President. Tracie Wharton and Gay McKnight were hired and have provided the Foundation with the kind of long-term talent and commitment that is so rare to find.

It was particularly gratifying for me to travel all over Louisiana visiting many churches formerly served by my father, grandfather and uncle— all pastors in the Louisiana Annual Conference dating back to the start of my grandfather’s ministry in 1919. One Sunday morning while speaking at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial United Methodist Church in Bogalusa, an elderly gentleman approached me after the service. He proudly showed me a Bible given to him and inscribed by my grandfather who had served as pastor of the church a half century before. I was touched by the conversation and left with the sense that, even after five decades, my grandfather’s ministry in that local church was still very much alive.

Foundations tend to have the special quality of helping us to honor our heritage while looking to the future. They call us to dream, to contemplate God’s purpose for our lives and to be a part of something much bigger than ourselves. That’s the message and the ministry of the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana. I’m grateful to have played a small role in its history and am excited and hopeful about the many contributions it has yet to make.

2000-2006, Michael Reeves

In 2000 Michael Reeves was invited to speak at the annual meeting of the Foundation. Ray Caraway had just announced his departure and the Chair of the Board, Bert Faulk, made an initial inquiry about Michael’s interest in the position. Michael’s response was that he was not looking for a change. A few weeks later, Ken Reed called Michael and encouraged his consideration of the position. After prayer and family discussion, Michael came for an interview with the selection

committee of the Board. They said that they were looking for someone to help identify the next level of ministry for the Foundation and a plan and leadership to get to that level. Michael indicated that he had heard enough and asked the Board to make their decision because he had made his.



By December 2000, the Executive Committee of the Board working with Michael developed a five year ministry plan with several key objectives:

- restructuring and reducing the staff
- expanding the services of the Foundation to include stewardship education
- relocating the Foundation offices
- revising the grants program to be more supportive of the Bishop’s initiatives and to include grants from outside sources
- providing clergy debt relief and financial education services
- providing capital campaign design and leadership

Additionally, the Foundation was instrumental in getting a major grant of \$701,600 from the Lilly Endowment. This grant was awarded for the Foundation’s work in sustaining clergy excellence through funding some existing programs that needed supplementation and funding new programs such as the Bishop’s Discerner’s Academy.

In 2005 after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita hit Louisiana, the Foundation provided leadership for displaced clergy in salary administration, made recommendations to provide relief for the New Orleans district, and solicited substantial funding for the relocation of the New Orleans Children’s Home.

But the greatest contribution that Michael feels he made during his six years as President and CEO of the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana was the development of the finest staff in any Methodist Foundation who are still



Michael Reeves

in place and in service to Louisiana. Rob Fairly, serving under Michael as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, was promoted to President and CEO.

After a brief sabbatical in 2006, Michael returned to ministry in the local church where he continues to serve.

2006-Present, Robert C. Fairly, Jr.

A telephone call in the summer of 1998 from Chris Andrews, my pastor at FUMC Baton Rouge, introduced me to the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana. Ken Reed had retired and the new president Ray Caraway needed someone to run the roads, knocking on doors to bring the story of the Foundation to ministries across the conference.

It was the perfect opportunity for a boy with generations of Louisiana roots, but only a couple of years of residency, to learn what and where things like Mer Rouge, Maringouin, and Dry Prong were. More significant were the scores of wonderfully warm and generous people I met who made up our communities of faith throughout the Conference.



Rob Fairly

Eight years later, the assets of the Foundation had grown to over \$100 million. Loans to churches totaled \$11,463,483. A Grants Committee had awarded \$880,000 to help send clergy to seminary, over \$1.2 million for the Wesley Conference Center, and \$355,500 to the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home. All totaled, \$4.7 million had been awarded to various United Methodist institutions and churches in the Conference and beyond.

Today, the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana ranks as the fourth largest of all United Methodist Foundations in terms of managed assets. Ministries of all sizes have access to professional money managers normally available only to the deepest of pockets. Loans

at attractive rates are available with no points or origination fees charged. Talented staff will lead annual campaigns, personal money management courses or worship services at no cost to the local churches. Generous donors can establish Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Life Estates and Donor Advised Funds at no cost to the donors or the ministry ultimately benefitting from the gift. Totally self-funded, the Foundation "double tithes" (gives 20% of its gross operating revenues away) each year to support various ministries.

As we mark our 35th year, we are well aware of and deeply grateful for the many talented and generous people who have made the ministry of the Foundation possible. We pledge to continue to be a catalyst that strengthens and preserves our current ministries while meeting the needs of a diverse and rapidly changing society.

The vision of Bishop Crutchfield has taken root and is bearing fruit.



Appendix

The four persons who signed the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION Nov. 17, 1975:

Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr.	New Orleans, LA
James J. Caraway	Lafayette, LA
W. Davis Cotton	Rayville, LA
John E. Coleman, Jr.	Franklin, LA

The Charter Trustees of the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana:

Mr. Kent Anderson	Mr. Haynes L. Harkey, Jr.
Dr. John A. Bayliss	Mr. Roane E. Hathorn
Dr. Henry C. Blount, Jr.	Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn
Dr. W. D. Boddie	Mr. G. W. James, Jr.
Mr. Harold D. Brennand	Mr. W. B. Lawton
Mr. Allen L. Brown	Mr. Leslie McKenzie
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Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr.,	Mr. Cecil E. Ramey, Jr.
Dr. Benedict A. Galloway	Mr. Shelby L. Smith, Jr.
Mr. Ford Graham	John C. Wagnon
Col. Ruffin Gray	Mr. J. Hugh Watson
Mr. Wayne Gilmore	Dr. Harvey G. Williamson



Chairmen of the Board of Trustees:



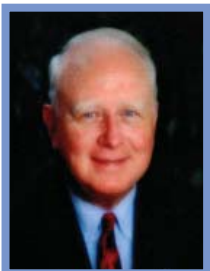
Mr. Shelby Smith
1975-1983



Mr. J. Luther Jordan, Jr.
1981-1991



Mr. Marcus Wren
1991-1994



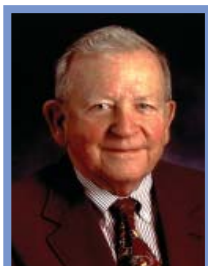
Mr. Bridger Eglin
1994-1996



Mr. John Porter
1996-1998



Mr. Arthur Faulk, III
1998-2000



Mr. Wayne Gilmore
2000-2002



Judge Rosemary Pillow
2002-2004



Rev. Larry Stafford
2004-2006



Mr. Frank McArthur
2006-2008



Mr. Mark McMurry
2008-2010

Executive Directors/Presidents:



Dr. Clyde S. Clark
Executive Director
1976-1980



Mr. Ray M. Caraway
President
1998-2000



Dr. James J. Caraway
Executive Director
1980-1990



Dr. Michael Reeves
President
2000-2006



Dr. Kenneth R. Reed
Executive Director
1990-1998



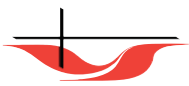
Mr. Robert C. Fairly
President
2006-present



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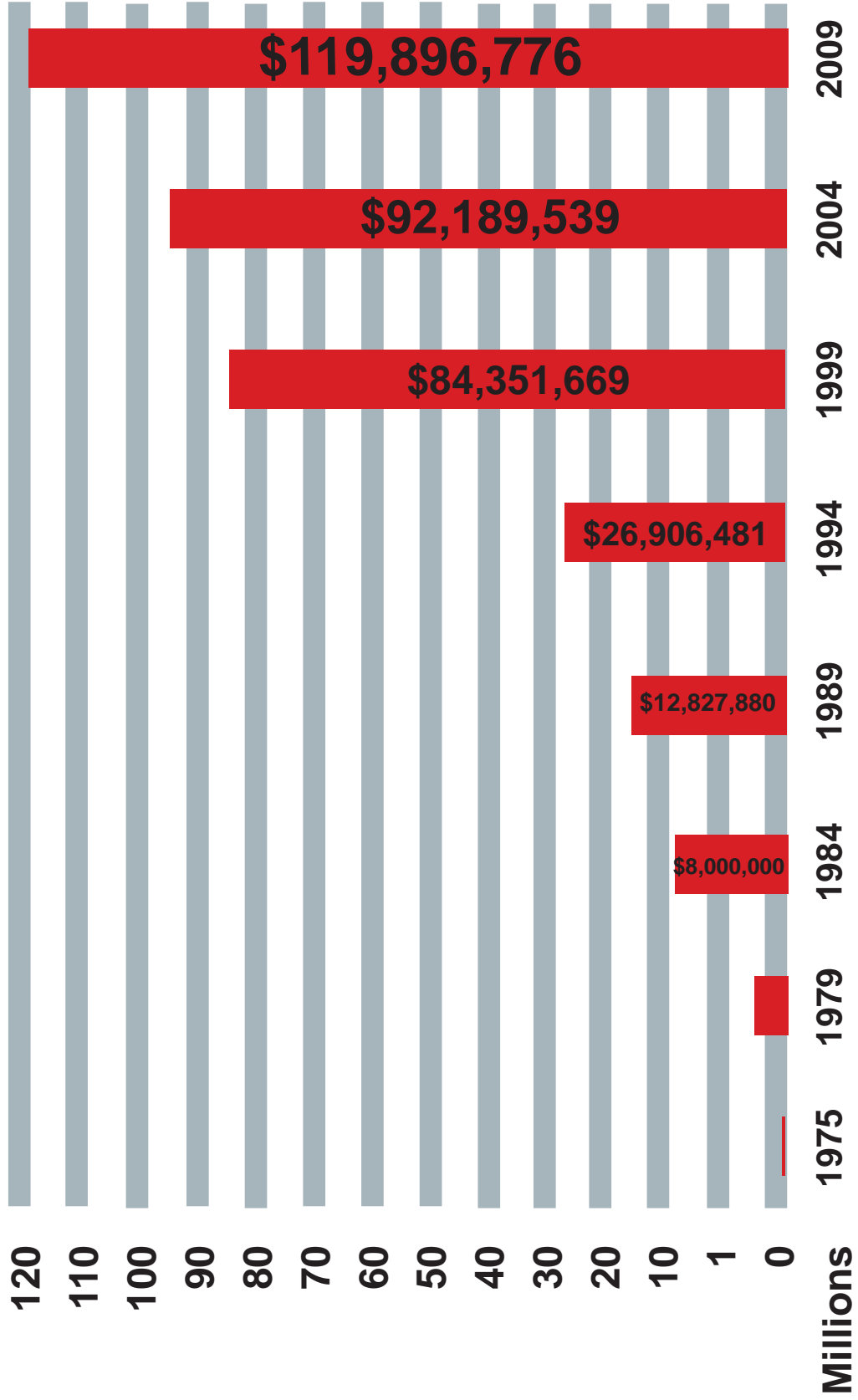
Services

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ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

1975 TO PRESENT





CHURCH GROWTH THROUGH FOUNDATION LOANS



1975 TO PRESENT

ACADIANA DISTRICT

Faith UMC, Youngsville
Berwick UMC, Berwick
Calvary UMC, Thibodaux
Clanton Chapel, Dulac
First UMC, Lafayette
First UMC, Thibodaux
Hartzell UMC, Rosedale
Hurst UMC, Plaquemine
La. Memorial UMC, Opelousas
Mallalieu UMC, St. Martinville
Northwood UMC, Lafayette
Pharr Chapel UMC, Morgan City
UMC of The Covenant, Lafayette

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Wesley Conference Center
First UMC, Alexandria
St. Mark UMC, Alexandria

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Bethel UMC, Greenwell Springs
Blackwater UMC, Baker
Baton Rouge District
Broadmoor UMC, Baton Rouge
Camp Istrouma, Greenwell Springs
Carpenter's Chapel, Prairieville
Cooper's Chapel UMC, Loranger
Francis Asbury UMC, Baton Rouge
Friends of Families, Baton Rouge
First UMC, Baker
First UMC, Denham Springs
First UMC, Ponchatoula
Grand River, Port Allen
Jefferson UMC, Baton Rouge
Jordan UMC, Baton Rouge
Kentwood UMC
LSU Wesley Foundation
LUMCM Assistance Inc
Scott UMC, Port Allen

St. Francisville UMC
St. John's UMC, Baton Rouge
St. Luke's UMC, Baton Rouge
The Well UMC, Ponchatoula
University UMC, Baton Rouge
Walker UMC
Wesley UMC, Baton Rouge
Zachary UMC

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

First UMC, Crowley
First UMC, Eunice
First UMC, Iowa
First UMC, Lake Charles
First UMC, Welsh
Henning Memorial, Sulphur
Lake Charles District
Moss Bluff UMC, Lake Charles
Prospect UMC, Florien
University UMC, Lake Charles
Welsh Memorial UMC, Vinton
Wesley UMC, Sulphur

MONROE DISTRICT

Faith UMC, Monroe
First UMC, Tallulah
Monroe District
Mt. Zion UMC, Calhoun
St. James UMC, Monroe
St. Mark's UMC, Monroe

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Asbury UMC, New Orleans
Belle Chase UMC
Bethany UMC, Gretna
Boynton UMC, Gretna
Covenant UMC of St. Bernard
Elizabeth Sullivan, Bogalusa
First Street UMC, New Orleans

Fitzgerald UMC, Covington
First UMC, Covington
First UMC, Kenner
First UMC, Slidell
Gretna UMC
Hartzell Mt. Zion UMC, Slidell
Jefferson UMC
Methodist Home of New Orleans
Munholland UMC, Metairie
New Orleans District
Newell UMC, Mandeville
North Cross UMC, Madisonville
Pearl River UMC
Shalom Zone, New Orleans
Shaw Temple UMC, New Orleans
St. Charles UMC, Destrehan
St. Luke's UMC, New Orleans
St. Mark's School, New Orleans
St. Mark's UMC, New Orleans
St. Matthew's UMC, Metairie
St. Paul's UMC, Harahan
St. Timothy/N. Shore, Mandeville

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Asbury UMC, Bossier
Blanchard UMC
Caney Conference Center, Minden
Christ UMC, Shreveport
Ellerbe Road UMC, Shreveport
Fairfield UMC, Shreveport
Fellowship UMC, Bossier City
First UMC, Logansport
Greenwood UMC
Haughton UMC
Keithville UMC
Lakeview UMC, Shreveport
Love Chapel, Haughton
Mangum Memorial, Shreveport
Noel UMC, Shreveport
Pleasant Valley UMC, Minden



SEMINARY SERVICE LOANS

These 67 pastors are now serving in the Louisiana Annual Conference. A significant part of their theological training was funded by a Foundation Grant/Seminary Loan that is repaid by serving five years in the Conference.



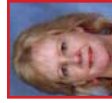
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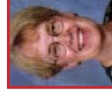
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MAKING MINISTRY POSSIBLE THROUGH GRANTS



Some of the largest Foundation grants include:

GRANT RECIPIENT	AMOUNT AWARDED
Wesley Conference Center	\$1,235,000
Seminary Service Loan Program	\$880,000
La. Methodist Children's Home, Ruston	\$355,500
LAC Church Extension Office	\$250,000
Ministerial Debt Relief (pre-service loan program)	\$125,000
LAC Grant Writer	\$125,000
Perkins School of Theology	\$90,248
Academy for Spiritual Leadership	\$82,100
Lydia Patterson Institute	\$81,900
Centenary College	\$77,500
St. Paul School of Theology	\$75,000
Volunteers in Mission	\$54,250

To date, the Foundation has awarded more than \$4.7 million to United Methodist ministries.

The majority of projects approved for grants are those that take an innovative approach to:

- leadership development
- new church development
- stewardship
- ministerial development

The Foundation began awarding grants to United Methodist ministries on a regular basis in 1996, after a \$6 million gift from Jesse Stafford's estate made it possible.



LEAVING CHURCH LEGACIES THROUGH PLANNED GIVING



The Foundation was established in 1975 for the purpose set forth in The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church:

- *to promote planned giving programs on behalf of local churches and conferences; and*
- *to furnish counseling and guidance to local churches with regard to permanent funds.*

The United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana has helped nearly 130 donors establish planned gifts throughout its history. These gifts are worth close to \$8 million and will support the future of the United Methodist Church.

The majority of these gifts are life income gifts, which provide income to donors for the remainder of their life before benefiting their United Methodist church or favorite ministry.

PLANNED GIVING

helps us manage our God-given assets to take care of ourselves, our families and others.





The Third Testament



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