

# ANNUAL REVIEW 2021





"I would not be able to stay in school without the help of this scholarship."  
- Amanda



"UMHEF has made it possible for me to... become what God has called me to be."  
-Uwezo



"Because of your generosity I am able to serve God's people."  
- Allyson



# FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Bob Fletcher**  
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Dear Friends,

You have spent another year committed to supporting United Methodist students! Not only have you given your resources, you have offered your prayers. On behalf of our board, staff, and scholarship recipients I want to thank you for your faithfulness.

Take a moment and look at the faces at the left. These men and women represent just a few of the United Methodist students whose lives were changed in 2021, thanks to the scholarships funded by your gifts to UMHEF. In fact, we were able to provide over \$2 million in scholarships for students seeking a way to afford higher education.

In this review of 2021, we celebrate how God has used your generosity to make connections. Connections between dreamers and scholars, scholars and students, and students and servants. Your impact really is astounding. The mission of the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation is as strong as ever, and our vital community of donors wouldn't be the same without you.

Thank you for helping to make a real difference in the lives of United Methodist students today and for many years to come.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Bob Fletcher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

**Bob Fletcher**  
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Irma serves in numerous volunteer roles as an advocate for education and health within the church and community. She is a member of Hartzell Memorial United Methodist Church in Chicago.



REV. CARA STULTZ COSTELLO

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#### *Ohio*

Cara serves as Superintendent of the Tuscarawas District of The UMC. Prior, she has served in various church leadership and pastoral roles across the country.



DR. WILLIAM JOHNSTON

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#### *Maryland*

Bill is a retired higher education leader, having served as President of Wesley College (Delaware) and Iowa Wesleyan College.



MR. BILL VOGEL

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#### *Georgia*

Bill is Managing Principal for Montag & Caldwell, an investment firm in Atlanta. He also has served his United Methodist conference in many ways.

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This is not quite  
what I expected  
when I graduated  
from seminary...



# Making the Connection

## CHAPLAIN CARRIE KREPS WEGENAST

Tyson Foods, Inc.

Your generosity helps those like Carrie make the connection between being a student and a servant.

I walked a manufacturing line turning pork and beef into a stuffed sausage. I greeted team members with a wave and smile as I passed. I stopped to talk with a woman about her mom who fell and now needs more care. I shared a quick prayer of comfort with her as she worked. One team member asked for an appointment to share some good news. I am guessing it is baby pictures of her newest grandchild. I stop to see how a young woman is feeling. She was in my office to talk about depression. A young father is looking for childcare and asks if I can help. I write down his cellphone number to follow up. Another explained how he was late for his shift because his car would not start. I referred him to a non-profit agency I hope can help. This is my day as a manufacturing chaplain with Tyson Foods.

I care for the emotional, mental, and spiritual care of nearly 750 team members in a smoked meat plant in New London, Wisconsin. Addressing barriers to employment, such as reliable transporta-

tion, childcare, family joys and crisis, and mental health, is a big part of what I do as I provide chaplain services to a diverse group of people.

This is not quite what I expected when I graduated from seminary, paid for in part by a scholarship from the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation. This degree opened the door to local church ministry. I served in this capacity for ten years before answering a job ad and recognizing a call to be a chaplain for Tyson Foods.

The gift of the scholarship, matched by my home church in Cincinnati, Ohio, affirmed my call, supported my education, [and] enabled my ministry of service to the greater world.

■ *Carrie is a 2003 UMHEF United Methodist Dollars for Scholars recipient. She has a BA from Ohio Northern University and a MDiv from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She is currently working on a DMin in Interfaith Chaplaincy from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities.*



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Receiving a scholarship from UMHEF was, to me, a reminder of who I was, where I came from, and the community I belonged to.



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## JADD MASSO

Lawyer & UMHEF Trustee

**Former UMHEF scholarship recipient now serves on the Board of Trustees to give back to United Methodists in need.**

When I received a scholarship from UMHEF to help pay for my undergraduate education at Southern Methodist University, I had no idea of how great a blessing it really was. Of course, the money for tuition was appreciated, but what I didn't realize then was how the scholarship would further strengthen my connection with the church.

I grew up going to Sunday school and was active in my youth group during high school, but (like many college students) was not particularly involved thereafter. Receiving a scholarship from UMHEF was, to me, a reminder of who I was, where I came from, and the community I belonged to.

While at SMU, I received frequent reminders from UMHEF about the church's support for me and for hundreds of other students like me across the country. UMHEF stayed in touch with me after graduation, through law school, and as I began my career. As a young adult, I was eager to become a donor to UMHEF. I wanted to pay back the gift that had been given to me, so

that other students like me could have the same opportunities—not just to attend a church-related college or university, but to do so with the love and support of their church community. My UMHEF scholarship inspired me to rekindle my involvement at church as an adult and to take on leadership roles in my local congregation.

I have also been honored to serve on UMHEF's board of trustees since 2010. I support UMHEF now because I know that the scholarships we give are so much more than assistance with tuition. Our scholarships are a way for the church to connect with its youth during a transformational time in their lives and to inspire its future leaders.

■ *Jadd first received a UMHEF scholarship in 1995 as a student at Southern Methodist University and is now a lawyer living in Dallas, TX. He first joined the UMHEF Board of Trustees in 2010 and has since served in many roles of leadership.*

# SCHOLARSHIPS REVIEW

## GENERAL NAMED ENDOWED PROGRAM

This program manages and distributes over 130 endowed scholarship funds established by various donors. These scholarships are often created in memory of a person or are ongoing legacies created with estate plans.

## UNITED METHODIST DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

This unique program begins with a \$1,000 scholarship from a student's local UM church, which UMHEF matches ("Double" Award). Additional matches may come from participating UM-related schools ("Triple" Award) and UM Conference Foundations ("Quadruple" Award). The award total could reach up to \$4,000.

# \$2,137,669

## AWARDED IN 2021!

### GENERAL NAMED ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS:

**\$613,159 to 301 Students**

### UM DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIPS:

**\$1,407,510 to 568 Students, including:**  
273 Quadruple Awards  
265 Triple Awards  
30 Double Awards

*2021 Partners Include:*  
450 Churches  
91 UM-Related Schools  
21 UM Conference Foundations

### FOUNDATION MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS:

**\$117,000 to 40 Students**


### HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS:

**\$121,100\* to 38 Students**

*\*This amount is included in General Named Endowed and UM Dollars for Scholars figures.*



# GENEROSITY REPORT



*That's almost  
\$20,000 more  
than donated  
in 2020!*

**\$1,285,371**

GIVEN BY DONORS  
LIKE YOU IN 2021  
TO SUPPORT  
UNITED METHODIST  
STUDENTS!

**909**

SCHOLARSHIPS  
PROVIDED THANKS TO  
YOUR GENEROSITY!

**647** to Undergraduates

**259** to Seminarians

**3** to Other Students

**TOTAL  
ASSETS**

**\$70,761,966**

*(as of 12/31/2021)*

This figure represents an increase of  
more than \$3.5 million since 12/31/20!

# *Making the Connection*

## ENDOWMENT FUND SPOTLIGHT

### Jim & Glenner Gilland Scholarship



To date, the Jim and Glenner Gilland Scholarship, one of the 130+ endowment funds managed by UMHEF, has awarded \$23,500 to students from Western North Carolina enrolled in the Divinity School at Duke University.

“When I went to Duke Divinity School, there was practically no cost to students. That is no longer the case.” Rev. Gilland, a retired UMC pastor from North Carolina, said. “As I find clergy education so important, it is my honor to help provide assistance to make attending this fine school more affordable.”

You too can have a lasting impact on students' lives. To contribute to the Jim and Glenner Gilland Scholarship fund or to learn more about setting up your own endowment, call us at 615-649-3970 or email [umhef@umhef.org](mailto:umhef@umhef.org).



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# Making Global Connections

## MEET JOSHUA KURAMOTO!

Joshua Kuramoto was a 2021 recipient of the UMHEF Ernest Bass Scholarship. He has been attending Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington D.C. but has travelled far serving others.

A few years ago, Joshua served as a Global Missions Fellow sponsored by the General Board of Global Ministries of The UMC. Placed in a UMC in Germany, he worked with a refugee program to socialize and connect people with the church community.

As Joshua continues his studies at Wesley, he looks for ways to serve others near and far in the years to come.



## Did you know?

Much like our country, UMHEF scholars are a diverse group! Our scholarship recipients are Asian, Black, Caucasian, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Pacific Islander, and other international ethnic representations.





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