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Building Our Future... Brick By Brick

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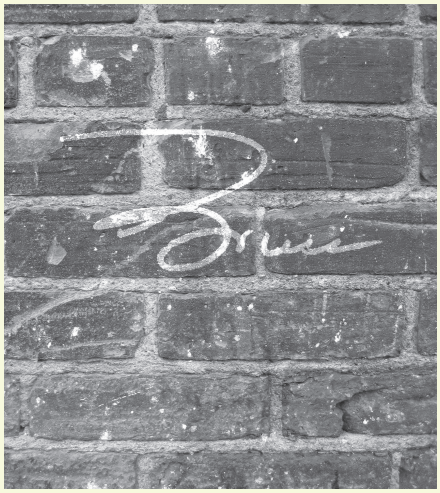
I've always been fascinated by brick buildings. Not only the variety of colors in the bricks or the complexity of patterns, it's more that regardless the size of the building, every brick was laid by hand. The stability and beauty of the building relies on solid, careful, and skilled brick layers.

This Foundation has been blessed by a history of directors and representatives that have contributed where we are today. What happens now and into the future is because of solid, careful work of the past. At the end of 2012, our total assets were about $13.7 million. At the end of the first quarter, our assets were approaching $16 million due to a strong stock market and also estate gifts from Dave & Dorothy Guenther and Glenn Ista. You will read the ministries that these gifts will impact. This increase in assets will allow the Foundation to request no apportionment funds in the 2014 budget.

Your Will is an amazing way to care for the churches and ministries you have loved. We actually recognize people who have included us in their Wills or Estates in the Bricklayer's Club - as they have laid the foundation for our future. Page four has a way to receive more information.

We build the Foundation brick by brick. This leads to a stable and beautiful future.



Please remember the Foundation in your will or estate plans.

Check out the Foundation website – www.DakotasUMF.org

Endowments

Grace E. Huck Endowment – (first distribution Jan. 2014) An annual percentage of this endowment will be distributed to Spearfish UMC. Grace is funding this endowment through a monthly gift and a distribution from a Trust Fund, generated by oil/mineral rights.

Merle Winstead Endowment for Feeding Ministries – (first distribution Jan 2014) Established from the estate of Merle Winstead, an annual percentage of endowment will be available to Minot Faith UMC and/or the community of Minot, ND for feeding ministries.

Glenn Ista Endowment – (first distribution Jan. 2014) Established from the estate of Glenn Ista, an annual percentage of this endowment will be distributed to the Board of Ordained Ministry for seminary scholarships.

Dave & Dorothy Guenther Endowment – (first distribution Jan. 2014) Three endowments were established from the estate of Dorothy Guenther. An annual percentage will be distributed as an unrestricted gift to: 1. Parker United Methodist Church / 2. Sunnycrest Village / 3. Jenkins Living Center, Wesley Acres Retirement Center.

Axlund Family Endowment (Donor Advised Fund) (first distribution 2014) – An annual percentage of this endowment will be distributed as follows: 25% to the Dakotas Disaster Coordinating Committee, 25% to The Advance, Feed My Starving Children and 50% will be determined by the Advisory Committee as outlined in the Donor Advised Fund Agreement.

Charitable Gift Annuities

Velma Vincent, Watertown, SD has established her 12th Charitable Gift Annuity. Beneficiaries: 50% to Watertown 1st UMC Foundation, 50% Dakotas UM Foundation.

Richard & Donna Fisher, Deadwood, SD have established their 2nd & 3rd Charitable Gift Annuity. Beneficiaries: Will establish the Richard & Donna Fisher Endowment and make distributions to Board of Pensions, Board of Ordained Ministry, and Tree of Life Ministry.

Robert & Mary Muhs, Dickey, ND Beneficiaries: 90% to Dickey UMC and 10% to the Dakotas UM Foundation.

Robert & Faye Sundin, Bowbells, ND Beneficiary: Missions Endowment with the Dakotas UM Foundation.

Lenora Harrison, Wahpeton, ND Beneficiaries: 50% to Dakotas Camps Endowment and 50% to the Ministerial Student Aid Endowment with the Dakotas UM Foundation.

We are grateful for the lives and generosity of two friends of the Foundation. Upon their passing, their Charitable Gift Annuity has made the following gifts:
Kent Robinson, Belle Fourche, SD – Distributed to Belle Fourche UMC and the Dakotas UM Foundation
Olga Vogelpohl, Mandan, ND - Distributed to Pensions Endowment with the Dakotas UM Foundation

We were notified by ***Gary & Cindy Meyer*** that their estate will establish an endowment to benefit Hartford (SD) UMC.

Investment Accounts

Washburn UMC Cemetery Fund – To invest the funds on behalf of the Trustees at Washburn UMC, Washburn, ND to be used for their Cemetery Fund.

Washburn UMC Permanent Endowment Fund –To invest the funds on behalf of the Administrative Board at Washburn UMC, Washburn, ND to be used for their Permanent Endowment Fund.

Kenmare UMC Permanent Fund –To invest the funds on behalf of the Administrative Board at Kenmare UMC, Kenmare, ND to be used at their discretion.

Wessington Springs UMC Church –To invest the funds on behalf of the Finance Committee at Wessington Springs UMC, Wessington Springs, SD to be used at their discretion. They are asked to have regard for the past principles and actions of the United Methodist Men's Club in the use of the funds. They have established three accounts, one in each – Growth Fund, Balanced Fund, Fixed Income Fund.

2013 Bremer Family Mission Matching Grants
($500 grants, unless noted)

- Rapid Valley UMC, Rapid City, SD – Archery program as outreach to community.
- Clark UMC, Clark, SD – to assist Haiti Solar Oven Project.
- Brookings UMC, Brookings, SD – to assist Dakotas Conference Honduras Medical Team.
- Central UMC, Milbank, SD – to send a team to Birchwood Camp of the Alaska Conference.
- DWU Campus Ministry – to send a mission team through the UMC in Chincha, Peru.
- Asbury UMC, Sioux Falls, SD – to package meals for Haiti through "Kids Against Hunger."
- Faith UMC, Fargo, ND – for Fargo Faith UMC Food Ministry to the working poor in Fargo.
- First UMC, Fargo, ND – to purchase diapers for The Children's Caring Closet.
- First UMC, Sioux Falls, SD – to provide fresh, locally grown produce for The Arch ministry.
- Madison UMC, Madison, SD – for mission trip to Hendersen Settlement, Kentucky.
- Dakotas Conference VIM – to provide two scholarships for "first timers" on mission teams.
- The HOPE Center, Rapid City, SD – basic day services to the homeless in the community
- Southeast UMC & First UMC, Pierre, SD – ANCHORED young adult cooperative ministry.
- Souris Valley Ministry Team – Sidewalk Sonday School to impact communities in their area.
- Flame of Faith UMC, West Fargo, ND – assist the food pantry at Spirit Lake Ministry Center ($250).
- McCabe UMC, Bismarck, ND – to hold a benefit for Haiti Solar Oven Project ($250).
- Faith UMC, Williston, ND – assist in providing an ambulance through Project Ghana ($250).
- North Highland UMC, Aberdeen, SD – Coats for Kids campaign in the community ($250)
- Beresford UMC, Beresford, SD - for mission trip to Hendersen Settlement, Kentucky ($250).

Book of Memory

IN MEMORY OF:	GIVEN BY:	FOR:
Mrs. Tibbie Fitch	Dick & Donna Fisher	Tree of Life
Rev. Richard Ward	Dick & Donna Fisher	Ministerial Student Aid
Robert & Helen Vessey	Gustav Van Tassel	Pensions
Paul Custer	Gustav Van Tassel	Pensions
Richard Ward	Gustav Van Tassel	Pensions
Tibbie Fitch	Gustav Van Tassel	Pensions
Naomi Farnham	Dick & Pat Unkenholz	Pensions
Grant Piehl	Dean & Sally Verstraete	Undesignated
Joy Walter	Donald Walter	Undesignated
Francis Hansen	Leta Hansen	Undesignated
Patricia Estes	Elmer Estes	Undesignated
Trig Hall	Bev Cain, Lydia Hall Bonnie Hall	Undesignated
Bob & Helen Vessey	Ken & Mary Alice Halverson	Grinager Cabin
Bob Young	Lavergne Young	Undesignated
Janet Wentz	Tom Wentz	Neff Endowment
Duane Monteith	Carol Monteith	Undesignated
Leila Pagel & Catherine Morgan	Michael & Sally Foss	Lake Poinsett Camp
Martha Neff	Robert & Bonnie	Neff Endowment
Sierra Christensen	David & Darlene Williamson	Undesignated
Dale Hoftiezer	Connie Hoftiezer	Lake Poinsett Camp
Vernon Schultz	Linda Collignon	Undesignated
Myrtle Romans	Mark & Claudia Johnson	Jenkins Retirement Center
Ruth Myers	Steve Myers	Undesignated
Myrtle Nelson	Lou Ora Houk	Storm Mountain Camp
Tibbie Fitch	Roger & Susan Chaplin	Undesignated
Edwin Hillmer	Beverly Hillmer	Undesignated
Sen George McGovern	Richard & Pat Meier	Dakotas Missions
Helen Christie	Dean Christie	Undesignated
Wilbert Bennett & Arthor Hoff	John & Helen Bennett	Undesignated
Jesse D & Jessie Vincent	Velma Vincent	Cornerstone Society
Frank Whitney	Charles Whitney	Whitney Endowment
Daniel Hieb	Janet Hieb	Undesignated
Frank Whitney	Richard Whitney	Whitney Endowment
Kent & Jeffry Neff	Harold & Lois Neff	Neff Endowment
Emerald Peters	Marilyn Peters	Undesignated
Dale Snyder	Mary Snyder	Undesignated
Orland Sloat	Lorna Williams	Pensions
Anne Hartung	Dick & Pat Unkenholz	Pensions
Orland Sloat	David Andrews	Undesignated
Orland Sloat	Dwight & Sig Meier	Undesignated
Orland Sloat	Earl Stucke	Undesignated
Orland Sloat	Jerry Bass	Undesignated
Orland Sloat	Marilyn Spurrell	Undesignated
Orland Sloat	Janet Miller	Undesignated
Orland Sloat	Dave Kenecht	Undesignated
Orland Sloat	Rodney Gist	Undesignated
Orland Sloat	Edith Sloat	Undesignated
Orland Sloat	Eldon & Donna Reich	Asbury Seminary
Eulah Paschke	Eldon & Donna Reich	Asbury Seminary

IN HONOR OF:	GIVEN BY:	FOR:
Parker UMC	Dick & Donna Fisher	Lake Poinsett Camp
Arlington UMC	Dick & Donna Fisher	Lake Poinsett Camp
SF Asbury UMC	Dick & Donna Fisher	Lake Poinsett Camp
Canyon Lake UMC	Dick & Donna Fisher	Lake Poinsett Camp
Lake Preston UMC	Dick & Donna Fisher	Lake Poinsett Camp
Ben & Rena Hook	Richard & Cheryl Burroughs	Lake Poinsett Camp
Alan & Carolyn Phillips	Richard & Cheryl Burroughs	Lake Poinsett Camp
Evelyn Whitney	Charles Whitney	Whitney Endowment
Evelyn Whitney	Richard Whitney	Whitney Endowment
Ron Johnson/ Robert Cappel	Merle & Gena Bandt	Ministerial Student Aid
Kenrad Pederson	Ralph & Rita Greer	Wesley Acres Camp
	Michelle Brennan	
Grace Huck	Afrie Joye	Fabro Endowment
Alva & Belva Nielson	Bob Nielson	Wesley Acres Retirement

Cornerstone Society Members:

These members stand out in their love and support of the ministries of the Foundation, with an annual gift of at least $1,000:

Max & Jeanne Gonzenbach	Milbank, SD
Velma Vincent	Watertown, SD
Rod & Doris Gist	Sioux Falls, SD
Joe & Norma Peltier	Fargo, ND
Jim & Barbara Williams	Arthur, ND
Janelle Jones	Spearfish, SD
Barb Goodman	Vermillion, SD
Todd & Karin Loomer	Alexandria, SD
James & Mavis Pomeroy	Fargo, ND
Bob Stoner	Vermillion, SD
Boyd & Evelyn Blumer	Mitchell, SD
Bruce & Kim Nearhood	Rapid City, SD
Maynard Klingbeil	Onida, SD
Scott & Julia Jones	Pierre, SD
Don & Sharon Caine	Jamestown, ND
Bruce & Sharon Blumer	Mitchell, SD
Julian & Lois Wigen	Rapid City, SD
Annetta Nies	Wahpeton, ND
William & Karin Fitzgerald	Billings, MT

A Cornerstone gift is intended to be undesignated, which funds the ministry of the Foundation and moves us closer to the goal of receiving no apportionment dollars. These gifts allow other funds to be directed toward churches and ministries.

Parker United Methodist Church

Honduras Teeth Clinic

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Multiplying Your Gifts for the Kingdom of God

Two Questions About Your Will

Whenever the subject of Wills comes up in conversations with friends of Dakotas United Methodist Foundation, it soon becomes apparent that most people do not have a Will. If they do have a Will, they may not have looked at for a number of years even though their life situation has changed. Two key questions are often asked; first, "Do I need a will?" and second, "Is it important that my will is up to date?"

If you wish all the funds, belongings and assets you have accumulated to be distributed as you desire and not as someone else -- usually the State – determines, then the answer is a definite "Yes." If you wish to avoid problems for your heirs and to save on costs, then the answer is a definite "Yes."

The answer is a definite "Yes" if you wish to include a bequest, which we hope you do, to Dakotas United Methodist Foundation or your congregation or favorite charity. A bequest has been rightly called "The Last Act of Stewardship." It is a final opportunity to express thanks to a good and loving God for the many gifts you have received.

Because we think it is important for everyone to have an up to date Will, whether a bequest is included for Dakotas United Methodist Foundation or not, we are making available without cost or obligation, an excellent little brochure entitled "How to Make a Will that Works."

You can obtain your free copy of this helpful folder on Wills by phoning Dakotas United Methodist Foundation today at 800-224-6552, email - bmyers@DakotasUMF.org, or sending the coupon below. Request your free copy today! You will be glad you did!

CLIP, COMPLETE AND MAIL TO:

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Please send me, without cost or obligation, a copy of the helpful folder "How to Make a Will that Works."

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