

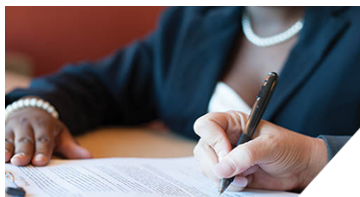


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FOUNDATION UPDATES

Foundation Awards 2024 Breakout Vision of The Year Award

The Bishops' GO! Awards recognize individuals and churches who are passionate and eager to begin innovative ministries to help nurture churches and their communities. The United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio is a partner of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church for church investing, stewardship resources and charitable giving.



Earlier this month, Riley Creek United Methodist Church in the Maumee River District was awarded the Breakout Vision of the Year Award to support their STEM Club. The award came with a grant for \$2,500.

The Breakout Vision of the Year Award, sponsored by the United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio, was presented at the Bishop's GO! Awards held at Powell United Methodist Church in Columbus, Ohio.

Riley Creek received their award for their ministry, "STEAM: Hands on Faith," a

ministry to inspire and grow the next generation of creative thinkers through science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics.

The idea came from Riley Creek member and STEM teacher Mary Burgei who teaches at Glandorf Elementary School in Putnam County. She saw the need in the students and knew Riley Creek was a church full of educators.

In addition to the UMFWO *Breakout Vision of the Year Award*, Riley Creek was also awarded a *Breakthrough Grant*, an award that carried an additional \$2,500. The total funding will be used to purchase supplies for the club.

The STEM Club expects to launch this spring and will be open to any child grades K through 8. They are looking for people, organizations, or businesses to partner with to build a creative, problem-solving based programming for the club.

[Foundation Honors Donors in 2023 Annual Report](#)

As faithful fiduciaries of the West Ohio Conference, the United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio prioritizes providing transparent, accessible, and thorough information to its constituents. A prime example is our annual report, now available for 2023. The Foundation's annual report highlights assets under administration, successes of the last fiscal year, and perhaps most important: the donors who are working to build the kingdom through their faithful giving. To access the Foundation's 2023 annual report, click here: [2023 UMFWO Annual Report](#). An Honor Roll of Donors can be found [here](#).

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[West Ohio Celebrates the Palmer's Lifetime of Ministry](#)

In preparation for the retirement of Bishop Gregory Palmer, the West Ohio Conference invites friends, colleagues, and grateful supporters to contribute to a personal monetary gift for Gregory and Cynthia Palmer to celebrate their retirement after a lifetime of ministry.

“Bishop and Mrs. Palmer have faithfully served the West Ohio Conference for the last 12 years, but their ministry extends far beyond their time in Ohio to previous Episcopal appointments in the Iowa and East Ohio Conferences, as well as local church ministry for many years prior,” said Susan Black, Executive Director of the United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio. “As they begin their retirement in the Charlotte, NC area to be near their children, we want to send them with a token of the appreciation, love, and thanks of their supporters from around the world.”

Bishop Palmer is the longest-tenured Bishop currently serving the UMC. Gifts of this kind are typically a part of retirement celebrations for retiring Bishops. The Palmers will be presented with the gift at the West Ohio Annual Conference in June 2024. Gifts can be made online at by clicking here: [Love Offering](#);

or by sending a check in care of the Foundation (UMFWO) at 32 Wesley Blvd., Worthington, OH 43085 with Palmers Gift Fund in the memo line Donations to this personal monetary with **Palmers Gift Fund** in the memo line. Donations to this personal monetary gift are not tax deductible.

FOUNDATION RESOURCES

[Applications Open for Fellowship Cohort](#)

Applications for the Alford-Cantlin Fellowship program are now available for West Ohio clergy. In partnership with Methodist Theological School in Ohio, and with financial support from the United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio, the West Ohio Conference Office of Ministry is offering this special cohort with the Methodist Theological School in Ohio Doctor of Ministry program beginning in July 2024.

This partnership between West Ohio and MTSO is designed to support United Methodist clergy who are seeking next-level leadership opportunities and academic training focused on transformational change. Interested clergy should contact Donnetta Peaks at dpeaks@wocumc.org or April Casperson at MTSO at acasperson@mtso.edu.

Applications are available here and due by May 1. Courses begin the week of July 22, 2024.

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