

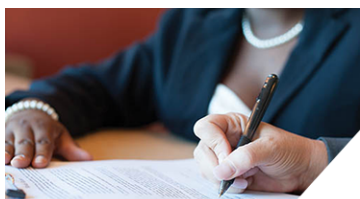


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FOUNDATION UPDATES

Foundation Celebrates Retirement of Longtime Board Member

Last month, the Foundation staff and Board of Trustees gathered to celebrate the retirement of three incredible board members, including longtime trustee of both the Foundation and the West Ohio Conference, Bruce Boyd (Pictured right).

As an active member of Ginghamburg UMC, Bruce answered the call to further his kingdom-building work when he accepted his nomination to join the Conference Episcopacy Committee in 2008. During the following 16 years, Bruce served on 8 boards and committees for his district, the Conference and UMFWO, on top of serving in lay leadership positions at his church and as a General Conference delegate and Lay Member at Large for the West Ohio Annual Conference.



“Bruce’s leadership has been invaluable. His counsel and encouragement were pivotal to the Foundation’s successful transition from the Council on Development to the Foundation in 2020,” said Foundation Executive Director, Susan Black.

When gathered last month, Bruce shared a devotion in which he reflected on the work of the Foundation and its Trustees, comparing his experience as a farmer with the apostle Paul. Bruce reminded staff and Trustees that as a farmer, he must be prepared to accept God's plan. As the Bible says, Paul planted the seeds, Apollo watered the seeds, and God helped grow them. He then drew the comparison to the ever-growing work of the Foundation.

"Bruce's incredible ability to lead by faith is one of the things we will miss most," remarked Black.



During the celebration of Bruce and his fellow trustees, two other retirees were honored. Eric Olsavsky and Rev. Todd Anderson (Pictured left) received accolades from Bishop Palmer, Foundation Board Chair Eric Rice, and Executive Director Susan Black.

"We are truly thankful for the dedication, servant ministry, and expertise that Bruce, Eric and Todd leveraged during their time on the Board for the Foundation and the Council on Development. We will be eternally grateful," said Black.

If you are interested in learning more about the Foundation Board of Trustees or its committees, please reach out to Susan Black at sblack@wocumc.org.

FOUNDATION RESOURCES

[Upcoming Free Foundation Educational Opportunities:](#)

Foundation Offering Saving Grace Webinar in Partnership with Rev. Anna Guillozet

The United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio invites you to join us via zoom on July 23rd at 6:00PM for a presentation from Rev. Anna Guillozet, WOC clergy person and co-presenter of Saving Grace. Rev. Guillozet will be discussing one of the Foundation's stewardship standards: incorporating personal financial literacy into your church. Saving Grace is a curriculum to achieve this goal for church members and clergy. This presentation is free and all WOC clergy and church leadership are encouraged to attend. To access the zoom link, click here: [Join Zoom Meeting](#).

Foundation Offering Townhall with Investment Manager

The Foundation will be offering a virtual town hall with our partners at Wespath Institutional Investments on August 20th at 6:00PM. Foundation staff and Wespath representatives will delve into the current state of the markets, investment performance, and answer questions about endowment management. The Foundation encourages those with assets invested through the Foundation to attend, as well as those who are interested in potentially investing with the Foundation. To access the zoom link, click here: [Join Zoom Meeting](#).

[How to Create an Intentional Discipleship System](#)

Earlier this spring, Rev. Dr. Ken Sloane joined Foundation staff to lead an educational webinar on creating an [Intentional Discipleship System](#). Click the video below to watch the recording and learn how deeper intentionality in the discipleship making process can build

transformative connection inside and outside of the church.



West Ohio Churches Receive VBS Mini-Grants

Fifteen churches across West Ohio received help with their upcoming Vacation Bible School programs from the United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio. Thanks to the generosity of a Foundation donor, \$5,750 will support VBS programs in this year's grant cycle.

Previously, support was limited to the former Capitol Area Districts but was recently expanded at the discretion of the donor.

"We're so excited to be able to support so many programs," said Maddy DeWitt, Donor Relations Manager for the Foundation. "Fifty-nine churches applied – which is incredible! And although we don't have enough funding to support them all, we were able to provide funding to churches in every district this year."

The donor, Ketha Robbins established the *Clara's Kiddies/Jesse's Vine Endowment* with the Foundation in 2017 to support VBS programs in honor of her grandmother and great-grandfather who encouraged her faith. To Robbins, this is what made, and continues to make, VBS so special. In her words, "It is a bookend. It is the start of what a person's spiritual life can become."

Congratulations to the following churches:

Clifton UMC on behalf of the Grace and Possibilities Circuit (Great Miami River District)

New Paris - St Paul UMC (Great Miami River District)

South Perry UMC (Hocking River District)

Canaanville Stewart UMC (Hocking River District)

Hopewell UMC (Hocking River District)

Gilboa UMC and Pandora UMC Charge (Maumee River District)

Edgerton UMC (Maumee River District)

Hilliard UMC (Olentangy River District)

Smith Chapel UMC (Olentangy River District)

Iglesia Hispana St. Marks (Olentangy River District)

Urbana UMC (Western Lakes District)

West Jefferson UMC (Western Lakes District)

Ada UMC (Western Lakes District)

Rushsylvania UMC (Western Lakes District)

Five Points UMC (Scioto River District)

For more information or to receive notification of next year's grant cycle, please contact Maddy DeWitt at mdewitt@wocumc.org.

Save the Date For The 2024 Nonprofit Partner Summit



NONPROFIT PARTNER SUMMIT

November 7, 2024
West Ohio Conference Center
Worthington, OH

Join UMFWO for its annual free conference for UM-related nonprofits! This year's conference will be held entirely in-person. Contact us for more information at mdewitt@wocumc.org.

ASSET MANAGER UPDATES

Investment Manager Update

Watch Wespath's May Markets at a Glance Video:



Interested in receiving Wespath's monthly and quarterly market reflections directly to your email? Contact Maddy DeWitt to request access: mdewitt@wocumc.org.

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