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United Methodist
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FOUNDATION UPDATES

[Foundation Honors Award Winners at Celebration Luncheon](#)

The Foundation hosted its Celebration Luncheon on May 28 at Capital University during the 2025 West Ohio Annual Conference. About 70 clergy members, donors and friends of the Foundation were in attendance for this biennial event. Attendees heard from outgoing Board Chair Eric Rice and keynote speaker Bishop Hee-Soo Jung. Awards including the new Builders Award were bestowed on four recipients.



The Norman K. Quick Heart for Giving Award is given to an individual or couple who exemplify generosity through their commitment of time, talent and treasure to the ministries and mission of the West Ohio Conference UMC. This year's winner was Eric Rice. In addition to his decades of faithful service to his home church, Church of the Saviour UMC in Westerville, Eric is a dedicated financial professional, counseling his clients in accordance

with his deep Christian faith. He served on the board of the Board of the Council of Development and Foundation for 12 years, the last two as chair.

The Lasting Legacy award honors a United Methodist donor who has used the Foundation to make a planned gift with a significant impact on a church, ministry, mission, school, or organization. Nominees may be living or may receive the award posthumously. This year's winner was Ketha Robbins, founder of the Clara's Kiddies/Jesse's Vine Endowment. Ketha's endowment provides grants for VBS programs across the Conference. See below for a list of the grant winners for this year.





The Builders Award is a new award given to a local church. It honors the outstanding leadership of local church committee members who demonstrate a significant commitment to the future of their congregation through their investment and stewardships efforts. This year's winner was Gaines UMC (Cincinnati). Pastor Alethea Botts and Mrs. Valarie Willis accepted the award on behalf of the

committee of women leaders who have taken turns leading the church finance committee and ensuring the church's future by creating and building an endowment.

The Bishop's Award for Philanthropic Leadership honors an individual or couple who have provided significant leadership to the Conference in fundraising or capital campaigns, church or individual stewardship, or other fundraising efforts. Winners must be active members of a UM church in West Ohio and serve or served on Conference boards, lead teams, or committees. This year's winner was



Bruce Boyd. Bruce has served the WOC for decades as a member of annual conference and in nearly every leadership capacity in the local church. As Board Chair, Bruce was at the helm when the decision was made to create a Foundation and shepherded the Council on Development through the process. Without Burce, there simply wouldn't be a foundation in West Ohio.

Fourteen Churches Receive VBS Mini-Grants

The Foundation awarded mini-grants to VBS programs across West Ohio in March thanks to the generosity of the Clara's Kiddies/Jesse's Vine Endowment Fund. \$5500 was awarded to 14 churches out of 49 that

applied. The winners included:

- First UMC (Ada)
- Central Avenue UMC (Athens)
- Coburn UMC (Zanesville)
- First Fil-Am UMC (Kettering)
- Grace UMC (St. Mary's)
- Hilliard UMC

- Iglesia Hispana St. Mark's UMC (Columbus)
- Maumee UMC
- Monroe UMC
- First UMC (New Carlisle)
- Trinity UMC (Ottawa)
- Pandora and Gilboa Charge (Pandora)
- Walnut Stree UMC
- Wesley Church of Hope UMC

FOUNDATION RESOURCES

Registration Open For Generosity Summit

The United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio invites all clergy and local church leaders from across the Ohio Episcopal Area to attend a two-day summit focused on growing a culture of generosity in the local church. Hear from experts in the field and relax in the beautiful environs of Maumee Bay State Park in Toledo, OH. Hotel registration ends August 1. \$350.00 includes registration, meals and one night's stay at the lodge. Go to [this page](#) for more information and to register. Questions can be directed to Susan Black at sblack@wocumc.org.



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