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#### **FOUNDATION UPDATES**

#### Give What You Can, When You Can, However You Can

Through her photography and videography work, 28 year old WOC Multimedia Producer Kenzie Kuhn has seen the impact that the United Methodist Church has in the local community and across the world. In 2023, Kenzie accompanied WOC members to visit the village of Kamina, within the North Katanga Conference. This was a pivotal moment for her, as she witnessed firsthand how the resources given to the North Katanga Conference were truly changing lives.



"When I was in North Katanga, I had the

privilege to ride on the Wings of the Morning plane. During that flight I met a man who was accompanying us back to Lubumbashi for a procedure that was only possible because of the Wings of the Morning ministry," remarked Kenzie. "To put it in

perspective, for those traveling to the city by

road during dry season, it takes 2 weeks, but during rainy season it can take up to a few months due to the condition of the roads."

It was during that trip to North Katanga that Kenzie came to appreciate that no matter the size of gift, the collective impact is unmistakable. Upon her return from North Katanga, Kenzie immediately began giving through the Conference, and once she found her new church home at Amlin UMC, she continued giving through the local church. "I try to give as much as I can on a monthly basis," said Kenzie, "No matter how much, it is important to give."

Over the last year traveling to see the work of the UMC in many different settings, Kenzie has developed a strong passion for the work of international women's ministries, and the work of Reconciling Ministries to support the LGBTQIA community. Giving as a form of worship has resulted in a deeper connection to these ministries for Kenzie.

When asked what she hopes to accomplish through her philanthropy, Kenzie responded, "I hope to be an inspiration for others to give, especially for those at a younger age - -because every bit helps in the long run."

If you are interested to discussing how you can grow or begin your giving, please reach out to Foundation Donor Relations Manager, Maddy DeWitt, at <a href="mailto:mdewitt@wocumc.org">mdewitt@wocumc.org</a>, to see what opportunities may be accessible for you.

#### **FOUNDATION RESOURCES**

#### UMFWO Offers Free Comprehensive Stewardship Education Program - Generosity Abounds!

Did you know that churches across the WOC have access to a free comprehensive stewardship education program from the United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio? The program, called *Generosity Abounds!* provides a stewardship education toolkit developed with resources from across the UM connection. The goal of the program is to create a culture of generosity within each church. It approaches stewardship as a holistic year-round process that ultimately:

- Increases congregational engagement;
- Increases revenue;
- · Strengthens commitment to faith and faithful living;
- Focuses church ministry and mission programming.

The program is comprised of three phases. Congregations have the option to complete the three phases of the program in one of the following ways: on their own using the Foundation's free curated resources; or with the help of a stewardship coach; or a combination of both DIY and guided options.

Access to the complete program is available on the Foundation's <u>website</u>. For more information or assistance, please contact Susan Black at

sblack@wocumc.org.

#### Registration Opens September 30th For Nonprofit Partner Summit

The United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio invites all faith-based 501(c)3's across West Ohio to join us for our fourth annual Nonprofit Partners Summit. This year's Summit will be on November 7, 2024, at the West Ohio Conference center. Serving as a resource to enrich nonprofits with strong ties to the United Methodist Church, this educational conference focuses on capacity building through three main areas: development, administration, and marketing and communications.

"As an organization dedicated to supporting the ministries and missions of the Conference, the Foundation believes that by offering the Nonprofit Partner Summit, we are providing faith-based 501(c)3's with the vital tools they need to continue being the hands and feet of Christ in their communities, contributing to our unified goal of building the Kingdom," said Donor Relations Manager, Maddy DeWitt.

This year's Summit will introduce innovative new sessions, while also reprising some of the most requested and well-received sessions of year's past. Featuring expert speakers from across the nonprofit field, this year's Summit is not one to miss.

Early bird registration opens on September 30<sup>th</sup> at a discounted registration fee of \$15.00 and will continue until general registration begins on October 7<sup>th</sup> at a standard registration fee of \$20.00. Click here to register: <u>2024 Nonprofit Partner Summit Registration</u>.

Questions can be directed to Maddy DeWitt at <a href="mailto:mdewitt@wocumc.org">mdewitt@wocumc.org</a>.

### Upcoming Free Foundation Educational Opportunities:

# Foundation Offering Stewardship in the Extraordinary Church with Horizons CEO Joe Park

The United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio invites you to join us via zoom on October 22nd at 6:00PM for a presentation from Horizons Stewardship CEO, Joe Park as he reprises his Generosity Summit Session on Stewardship approaches for extraordinary churches. To access the zoom link, click here: <u>Join Zoom Meeting</u>.

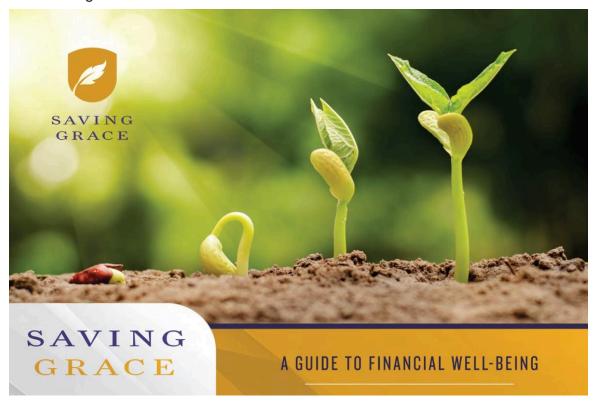
## Foundation Offering Leaving a Lasting Legacy with Executive Director Susan Black

Join Foundation Executive Director and Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy (CAP®) Susan Black as she helps unravel the mystery of planned giving for your congregation. All churches and individual members are encouraged to join this legacy giving presentation via zoom on November 10th at 6:00PM. The zoom link will be available here: <u>UMWFO Program Calendar</u>.

#### Saving Grace - Incorporating Financial Literacy Into Your Church

Earlier this summer, Rev. Anna Guillozet, WOC clergyperson and co-presenter of Saving Grace, presented on one of the Foundation's stewardship standards: incorporating personal financial literacy into your church. <u>Saving Grace</u> is a curriculum

to achieve this goal for church members and clergy. Click the picture below to watch the recording.



#### **ASSET MANAER UPDATES**

#### **Investment Manager Update**

Watch Wespath's July 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.

### **FINANCES**



#### Mortgage Rates Hold Steady



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