



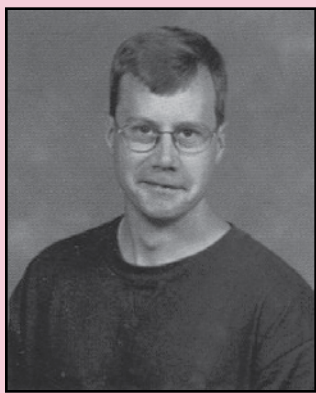
Rocky Mountain Conference
United Methodist Foundation, Inc.

2007 ANNUAL REPORT



Our Mission: To enhance ministries of United Methodist churches and related agencies by providing services that strengthen their fiscal base and promote faithful financial stewardship from members.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Andy Dunning

2007 brought a number of exciting developments to the Foundation, such as, the completion of our strategic plan. The goals we set are both ambitious and attainable – fitting qualities for an organization whose MISSION is to serve the churches in the Rocky Mountain Conference.

During one of our strategic planning sessions, Board Member Rev. Doug Slaughter put it best: “We are not outsiders, we are United Methodists serving United Methodists, coming alongside our Conference to help strengthen local church ministries.”

I can say without hesitation that the Foundation’s Board is one of the smartest, most dedicated, and most competent group of Directors I’ve known. I have no qualms about the Foundation’s future knowing that so many bright and skilled United Methodists are steering it.

I’ll be leaving the state in 2008 for further schooling, and as a result my tenure on the Foundation’s Board has been shorter than I would have liked. But I have every confidence that the Rocky Mountain United Methodist Foundation will be here and stronger than ever when I return, helping our churches ensure their ministries for decades into the future. My heartfelt thanks go to our staff and board members for their inspiring service.

Andy Dunning
 President of the Board

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Rocky Mountain Conference United Methodist Foundation, Inc. celebrated its 20th year of service to the churches of the Conference in 2007.

The Conference Trustees and Council of Finance and Administration established the Foundation at the Annual Conference of 1987 as recommended by the Book of Discipline and after seeing the success of other UM Foundations across the country.

Since its humble beginnings, the Foundation mission continues to serve local churches and agencies of the Conference. The services of the Foundation are to help churches strengthen their financial base by increasing church earnings and member giving.

Other services include helping churches establish permanent endowment committees and funds; educating members on how they can give more and still provide for their families; providing capital improvement loans; and providing professionally managed investment funds for these gifts as well as other church monies. Over the past twenty years, 28 million dollars have been invested through the Foundation for the benefit of the churches, the Conference and related agencies.

We are proud of our mission and our successes in serving the local churches and agencies of the Conference and will remain steadfast for the next 20 years.

Marilyn M. Bierbach
Executive Director

METHODISTS HELPING METHODISTS FUND CELEBRATES 10TH YEAR

Since assuming responsibility for the Rocky Mountain Conference Church Extension Loan Fund in 1997 the Foundation has serviced 74 church capital improvement loans totaling over \$5 million.

The now named "Methodists Helping Methodists" Loan Fund is truly the connectional system working. Passionate United Methodists currently invest over \$3.7 million in the fund because they want to see their investments helping churches.

The MHM Fund has helped replace windows, roofs, and many boilers, repair parsonages and day care centers; renovate sanctuaries; and build new fellowship halls. The Foundation is proud to serve the churches of the Conference in this capacity.

In 2007 the Foundation entered into an participation agreement with another United Methodist Foundation to increase the money available to loan. Contact your Rocky Mountain Conference United Methodist Foundation to discuss the possibilities.

2007 HIGHLIGHTS

Methodists Helping Methodists Fund

- SIX capital improvement loans funded by the Methodists Helping Methodists Fund.
- United Methodists invested \$545,744 to bring MHM Fund total to \$3,753,949 by year end.

Planned Giving

- 25 Planned giving seminars presented, reaching over 600 people.
- Two new gift annuities established to benefit local churches in the future.
- Website, www.umchurchlegacy.org, had 15,000 page hits last year. This service of the Foundation stimulates a "giving environment" that encourages future gifts and bequests.
- CROSS AND FLAME Legacy Society created to honor those who have planned a gift to their local United Methodist church, institution or agency.

Socially Responsible Investment Funds

- Total assets under management for churches and agencies of the Rocky Mountain Conference \$15,798,852.
- Total new money invested by churches and agencies \$1,045,906.
- Over \$1,359,176 of interest and principal returned to churches and agencies at their requests to further their ministries.

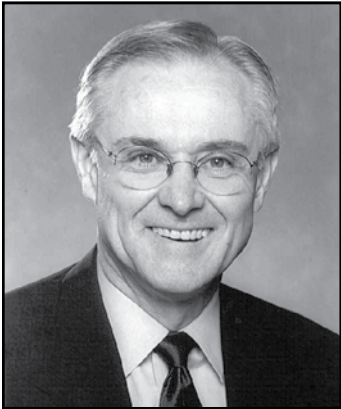
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INVESTMENT FUNDS

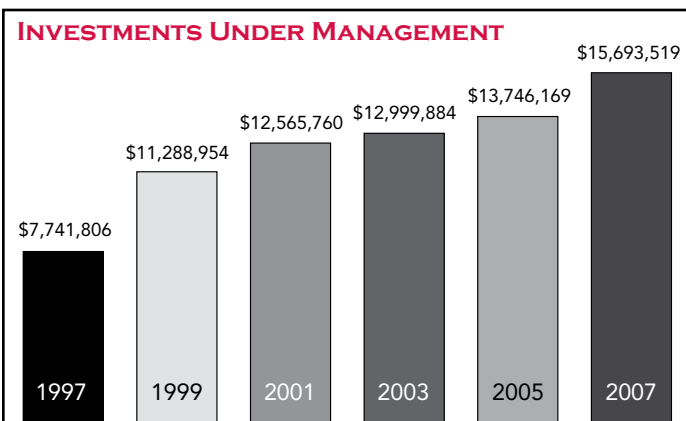


*Charlie Ledbetter: Chair,
Investment Committee*

The Foundation offers investment services to churches within the Rocky Mountain Conference that reflect the socially responsible investment policies set out in the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. Screening for social principles is combined with the foundation's policy of seeking long-term growth for equity investments and income

with preservation of principal for income oriented investments.

Investing through the Foundation is an easy and convenient way for local churches to meet their needs. The Foundation offers specialized experience and the avoidance of any conflicts of interest. Sub-account reporting allows smaller investments by the churches than are typically available from commercial



organizations. We believe the local church and the Foundation together make each stronger than either would be standing alone. The collective strength of our investors allows the Foundation to keep its costs and expenses competitive. All of these factors allow the Foundation's investment portfolios to serve more and more churches.

EQUITY GROWTH FUND

The Foundation has offered this type of investment since 1993. The Foundation's Equity Growth Fund had a one year return of 7.49%, coupled with a 3 year return of 7.10% and a 5 year return of 11.44%. This compares with broader U. S. equity investments as measured by the S&P 500 composite index which returned 5.49% for one year ending 12/31/2007, a 3 year return of 8.62%, and a 5 year return of 12.83%. The Domini 400 Social Index returned 3.71% for one year, 6.55% for three years, and 11.39% for five years. Please note that the Foundation's returns are net of fees and expenses while index returns do not have such fees and expenses. Total assets in this Fund at year's end were \$8,985,380.

FIXED INCOME FUND

This Fund has been in existence since 1987 and is designed to meet the income needs of many churches. The fixed income market experienced a volatile year in 2007. Market fears relating to sub-prime mortgages and bonds prompted a concentration on safety and government securities. The Foundation Fixed Income Fund returned 4.7% for one year, 4.13% for three years, and 3.98% for five years. This compares to the Lehman Government/Corporate Intermediate Bond Index return of 7.4 % for one year, 4.32% for three years, and 4.06% for five years. Total assets in this Fund at year's end were \$5,487,462.

SHORT TERM CASH FUND

The Short Term Cash Fund had an average return of 4.92% during 2007. This was a competitive return for the year compared to other cash investments. The total assets in this fund at year-end totaled \$1,278,118.

IN SUMMARY

New investments and additions to existing accounts for all Funds totaled \$1,045,906 in 2007 and withdrawals in the amount of \$1,359,176 were processed. Total interest/dividends earned for 2007 were over \$545,744. Most important, the almost \$16 million invested by churches in the Foundation Funds have a voice based on the principles of the United Methodist Church.

PLANNED GIVING SERVICES

CARL AND LINDA GARDNER



Carl and Linda Gardner, our Gift Planning and Financial Education consultants, completed their first full year with the Foundation. Through the use of gift annuities, Linda and Carl helped United Methodists develop a source of guaranteed income for life

while making substantial gifts to their local United Methodist Church. They also assisted congregations in developing or growing their endowment programs, thereby helping to assure the future of vital United Methodist ministries for years to come. The Foundation has made an enormous leap in abilities and competence by bringing them on board, and our Conference is blessed to have them.

GIFT ANNUITIES ESTABLISHED

Twenty-one gift annuities have been established by the individual(s) through the Foundation, including two new gift annuities in 2007. Ray Allison of Longmont and Gene Rushing of Colorado Springs entered into annuity agreements in 2007 to benefit their local churches in the future.

GIFT ANNUITIES are a wonderful way to make meaningful gifts while enjoying income and tax benefits that can also help enhance your future financial well-being. The majority of the remainder of the gift benefits a United Methodist local church or Conference related ministry designated by the donor.

Gift Annuity Rates

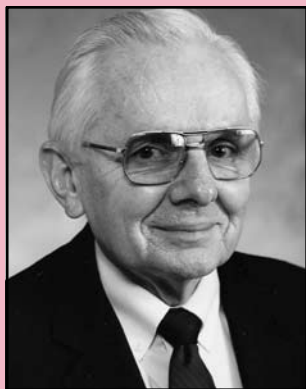
Here is a sampling of 2007 rates and benefits for a gift annuity created with \$10,000:

Age	Payout Rate	Annual Income	Tax-Free Portion	Charitable Deduction
65	6.0%	\$600	\$318	\$3,656
70	6.5%	\$650	\$375	\$4,036
75	7.1%	\$710	\$444	\$4,498
80	8.0%	\$800	\$536	\$4,955
85	9.5%	\$950	\$681	\$5,293
90	11.3%	\$1,130	\$866	\$5,754

Establishing an income gift, such as a GIFT ANNUITY is like sowing a grain of mustard seed. It will assist in providing for your needs and will continue, after your lifetime, to provide for needs of others per your designation.

Consider planting your mustard seed like Gene and Ray by creating an income gift. Think about the many ways you can leave a legacy and share God's blessing.

MEET OUR NEWEST GIFT ANNUITANT



Gene Rushing

Gene retired in 1995 after 37 years in Ministry. He served First UMC Greeley, First UMC Fort Collins, First UMC Grand Junction, University Park UMC, First UMC Colorado Springs and Trinity UMC Colorado Springs. Gene's gift annuity creates a lasting legacy of his deep love and commitment to Jesus Christ and the United Methodist Church.

CREATE YOUR OWN CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

...a gift that gives back now and later

You can:

- Endow your local church or favorite ministry
- Receive fixed income for one/two lives, part of which is tax-free
- Claim an income tax deduction in the year of your gift

Contact the UMFoundation at (303) 778-6370
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