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"I DIDN'T KNOW"

When our oldest son was in his "formative" years and would do something he wasn't supposed to do, his standard excuse was, "I didn't know". I was never quite sure if that meant he didn't know that his actions were wrong, or rather, that he didn't know he was going to get caught. Either way, it always served as a reminder that "teaching opportunities" for parents are ongoing.

Likewise, when the Foundation's constituents say, "I didn't know the



Foundation provides that service", or "I didn't know we could do that", it serves to remind our staff of the ongoing teaching opportunities that exist

in our work...the opportunities to keep our Church members and clergy informed about the ways the Foundation can help individuals and congregations practice financial stewardship in the way that God is calling us to be and do.

If the Foundation staff can provide a learning opportunity for you, your church, or other ministry through any of the following services, please do not hesitate to

contact us.

Informational Materials about planned gifts such as - wills, charitable trusts and gift annuities that provide donors with lifetime income and tax benefits, life insurance gifts, and tax-favored gifts from retirement plans.

Speakers and Gift Planning Seminars for church groups that would like to learn more about planned gifts, estate planning, and permanent endowment funds.

Confidential Consultations with individuals who wish to learn more about leaving a current or estate gift to their church or other charity that will keep on giving long after the donor's lifetime.

Investment Services and Account Administration Services for churches and other agencies of the Conference.

Endowment Fund Creation and Development assistance for churches.

Gift Administration Services for individuals and families who wish to make permanently-endowed current or estate gifts through the Foundation for the benefit of their church or other ministry.

Web Site access (www.numf.org) to a complete listing of Foundation services and materials.

Toll-Free Phone Access (877-495-5545 or 402-323-8844 for local calls) to Foundation staff.

For church members who are in your retirement years and experiencing the impact of exceptionally low interest rates available on certificates of deposit and other fixed-rate investments, the Foundation will be more than pleased to provide information about how a Charitable Gift Annuity, with payment rates of up to 9.5%, can dramatically increase your lifetime income and then benefit your church or other charity after your lifetime.

As always there is no cost or obligation to individuals who request the Foundation's services. Let us know how we can serve you.

Blessings,

Jim Heller
Executive Director

“STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS!”



As an organization serving Nebraska United Methodist churches and individuals, we are privileged to meet so many wonderful individuals who help fulfill God's dream in helping others.

We would like to introduce you to one very special lady. Her name is Floma Taylor and she resides in Norfolk, NE.

Floma was born June 1, 1919 in Pierce, NE. She was baptized in the First United Methodist Church in Hebron, NE. Floma said, "I was fortunate to be born in a Christian home and taught to tithe at a young age."

In 1926, Floma moved to Norfolk, NE where she has been a member of the Norfolk First United Methodist Church for over 80 years and is the oldest member of that church.

"We spent so much time in church that when I'd play with my dolls and I couldn't get them to stay standing, I'd say to them, "If you can't stand up for me, then stand up, stand up for Jesus."

Floma wanted to attend Wayne State College and be a kindergarten teacher, but her parents couldn't afford to send her. She did attend Beauty School in Norfolk graduating with honors and was a beauty

operator for 46 years. Floma worked in a beauty shop downtown Norfolk for six years and then opened her own shop in her home so that she could take care of her ailing mother and sister.

Floma stated that "People going into Christian service are a priority and we need to encourage and help bring new pastors into the Church." Floma's love for teaching has brought her to helping others fulfill their dreams.

Through the Foundation, Floma has set up a permanent endowment for seminary scholarships through the "Gifts From the Heart" Pastoral Education Endowment and she has also set up a permanent endowment for scholarships at Norfolk First UMC.

Floma's life has been one of giving of herself so that others may have an opportunity to do the Lord's work. "The Lord really planned my life and it has been a good life," Floma said, "and I wouldn't have had it any other way."

Strong Christian leadership is important to Floma, as it should be with all of us. As you contemplate on how to best accomplish ministry in your own church and community, remember Floma's story and let us know how we can help you fulfill someone else's dream.

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN WELL -- CHARITY STILL BEGINS AT HOME!

Despite the current economic downturn, the number of U.S. households with a net worth of \$5 million or more grew so much during the past decade that high-net-worth Americans are still at record levels of affluence. Increasingly, these millions of baby boomers-who primarily earned their money the hard way, by themselves rather than by inheriting it - have wrestled with how to nurture their children's empathy and work ethic.

Teaching children about financial values and the lessons of giving has little to do with how much wealth the family controls. One of the most effective ways to educate them is one of the simplest: model the behavior you want to see in them. Children take their cues from their surroundings, including the house you live in, the car you drive, what you do together as a family.

Many donors want their children to participate in family-giving plans but take their interest for granted and won't give them any real authority. Try to avoid hovering, nagging or putting strings on their choices. Let the children go about the process in their own way. If it seems a tad out of control, pull in a knowledgeable third party who can be objective. Keep listening. If you want the next generation to grow into the family's traditions and values, you must work at it.

Come together as a family and discuss causes that are worthy to fund together. This may mean giving each family member an assignment to research and report back on specific subjects. Even the youngest in the family can provide input on the importance of giving and what they see as an important cause.

I can remember as a small child putting the money in the offering plate in Sunday School and during the morning service. At the time, it was just a "fun" thing to do and it kept me "out of trouble" for a few seconds, but as I grew older watching my parents give to our church, missions, plus other worthwhile charities, I realized that they had taught me a valuable lesson....that giving is better than receiving! By their example, as a very young child, they taught me the importance of giving. It was a lesson in its simplest form for a young child to learn, but it worked.

Clearly, children need a firm foundation for spending and saving before they can even contemplate giving. By helping them define money's value and showing them the end result, you set the stage for the rewards and responsibilities of life-long giving.

As children grow in their giving, a sense of identity, productivity and, ultimately compassion will begin to surface. Involve children early. Youngsters can volunteer to gather food, clothing or toys for needy groups. Giving doesn't always have to be a monetary exchange and more importantly, it doesn't have to be complicated.

No matter what the age, giving begins with "the heart." Teach your children well and the rewards in the end both mentally and emotionally will far outweigh any monetary value.

Anita B. Crisp
Director of Communications and Donor Relations

“NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS”

Thank You for Your Service!

The following members of the Foundation Board of Directors retired from the Board this year:

Melvin Andrews
1998 - 2009

James Cook
2000 - 2009

Rev. Dr. Marvin Koelling
2005 - 2009

They represent a number of years of faithful, dedicated service to our Board. We appreciate all that they have done to further God's work in Nebraska.

Thank you!

Board Members and Officers Elected

At its Annual Meeting on June 10th, the members of the Foundation elected the following new Board members:

Larry Harvill, Cozad
Loren Lindahl, Wahoo
Gary Warren, Aurora
Bill White, Milford, (2nd Term)

At its July 28th meeting, the Foundation's Board of Directors elected the following members as its officers:

Chair - R. David Wilcox, Lincoln
Vice-Chair - Lynn Flaming, Elsie
Secretary - Sandy Lozier, Elkhorn
Treasurer - Doug Skiles, McCook

We would like to thank all of our Board members for their leadership and service.

SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED!

The Foundation Board of Directors named the following applicants as recipients of scholarships for 2009:

- **Zach Anderson** - The Alice Kruse Seminary Scholarship and The Verl & Sylvia Miller Memorial Scholarship
- **Janice Farrell** - The Albert R. Murdoch Ministerial Scholarship and The Andrew & Nevabelle Howe Scholarship
- **Lindsey Hall** - The Baldwin F. & Amy L. Kruse Scholarship and The Cowles UMC Memorial Scholarship
- **Dan Swanson** - The Alice Kruse Ministerial Scholarship

The Foundation is pleased to be able to provide financial assistance to these current and future NE Annual Conference pastors on behalf of the donors and their families. We would like to say "thank you" to the donors for making these scholarships available.

The mission of the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation is to support the ministries of the local church and the Nebraska Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church through the development of gifts and the stewardship of resources entrusted to the Foundation in support of God's work.

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