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Thank You!

If Jeopardy's Alex Trebec was to say, "When 14 calendar years seems like only 3 or 4", the correct answer might well be, "What is 'enjoying one's work'?"

And if he were to say, "Verbalizing one's appreciation", the answer would most likely be, "What is 'Thank You'?"

If only it were so easy! Having retired as the Foundation's Executive Director at year end, there are



so many people to whom I wish I could say so much more than merely, 'thank you'. From the very beginning, your vision, your confidence, your support, your friendship,

your commitment, and your desire to make a positive difference in the lives of others, were a source of inspiration that lifted me beyond anything I could ever have imagined, both personally and professionally. You made me a better person and I could never have asked for more.

Through your vision of what God was calling you to be and do, and through your partnering with the Foundation, together we were able to increase annual distributions from the Foundation to local churches, camps, Conference

ministries, missions, and seminary students, from \$40,000 in 1997 to more than \$1.4 million in 2010.

Looking forward, the Foundation's Board of Directors has made an excellent choice in selecting Anita Crisp to be the 5th Executive Director in the Foundation's 44-year history. Having seven previous years of experience as a Foundation Executive Director, Anita has been our Foundation's Director of Communications and Donor Relations for the past two years. You will enjoy working with Anita in the future and I thank you in advance for welcoming her with the same grace with which you always welcomed me into your churches, homes, and hearts.

Rosanne McClarnon, who has done such an outstanding job during her ten years with the Foundation, will continue as the Financial Administrator, and Jackie Urkoski has joined our staff as the new Foundation Assistant. We are so very blessed to have Anita, Rosanne and Jackie to do the Foundation's work in the years to come.

I've been further blessed in that I've been given a small desk (very small, in fact!) and a coffee cup, and asked if I will remain available to the Foundation in an advisory capacity. I

am honored to be asked and it will be a privilege to serve if and when needed.

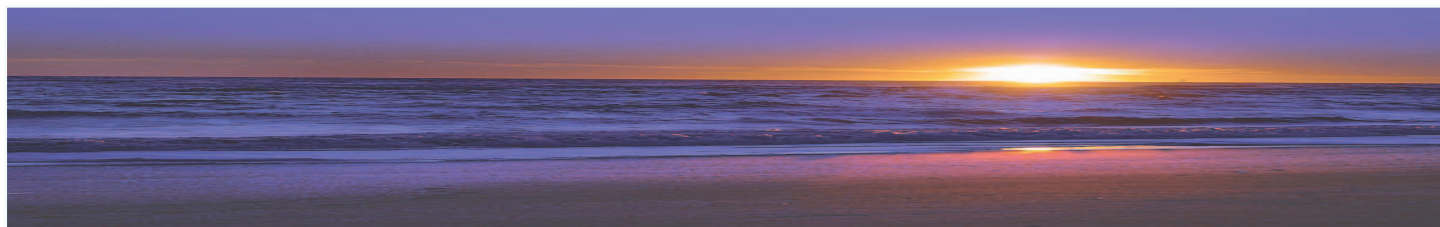
Given the partnerships already in place, I have no doubt that the Foundation will continue to provide outstanding service and seek every opportunity to enhance the ministry of the Church in the years ahead.

May God continue to bestow His richest blessings upon you!

Jim Heller
Former Executive Director

IMAGINE the joy of making a gift today that pays you **guaranteed income for life** and leaves a **legacy of your support** for God's work in your church after your lifetime.

CONSIDER the impact that such a gift could have on your life now, and on the life of your church or favorite ministry after your lifetime.



Guaranteed Income for Life...A Legacy of Support Thereafter!

Charitable Gift Annuities issued by the Foundation provide **guaranteed income** during your lifetime. Following your lifetime, the remainder value of the annuity will support your church or other purpose near to your heart. CGA's are issued in any amount of \$5,000 or more and may be issued on either one or two lives. Two Life Annuities guarantee income payments for the lives of both annuitants and carry a slightly lower payment rate.

Following is a sampling of current rates and benefits for a \$10,000 CGA issued on one person:

YOUR AGE	PAYMENT RATE YOU RECEIVE	ANNUAL PAYMENT	TAX-FREE PORTION	CHARITABLE DEDUCTION	EFFECTIVE RETURN RATE*
65	5.5%	\$ 550	\$ 362	\$ 2,801	7.2%
70	5.8%	\$ 580	\$ 402	\$ 3,605	7.8%
75	6.4%	\$ 640	\$ 463	\$ 4,252	8.9%
80	7.2%	\$ 720	\$ 543	\$ 4,898	10.3%
85	8.1%	\$ 810	\$ 646	\$ 5,609	11.9%
90	9.5%	\$ 950	\$ 782	\$ 6,168	14.3%

* This rate represents an equivalent, fully-taxable yield if the annuitant is in the 25% income tax bracket.

Gift Annuities are issued in any amount of \$5,000 or more. Please contact the Foundation if you have questions, would like more information, or would like to receive a personalized illustration.

Foundation Annual Meeting

The Nebraska United Methodist Foundation will hold its annual meeting during The Annual Conference session in June.

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.

The Foundation is GOING GREEN!

*The trees are God's great alphabet:
With them He writes in shining green;
Across the World, His thoughts are serene.
-Leonora Speyer*

The Foundation has some exciting news to share with you: **WE ARE GOING GREEN!** All future issues of our newsletter will come in an electronic format via email. *This will be your last printed issue of our newsletter.* As we have done in the past, the newsletter will continue to share stories with you about the great works of charity happening through the Foundation in communities across the state. We will also provide useful links to important information and resources that will assist you in leaving a legacy through your Church.

We are very happy to be sharing this news with you as we want to help in preserving this wonderful place God has created. We are looking forward to doing our part to help save trees and cut down on paper used at the Foundation. We are fortunate enough to have email contacts for most of you, so please be on the look-out for our next newsletter coming to you in June. Once you receive the e-newsletter, please add us to your 'safe list' to ensure that you continue receiving newsletters and e-notes from us in the future. And please feel free to forward our e-newsletter to your family, friends and anyone else who may be interested in our services.

If you do not receive our e-newsletter in June or if you do not have an email address, please contact Jackie Urkoski at The Foundation to be added to our email list or to request a hard copy be mailed to you. Thank you for your support of the Foundation and for making this transition go as smoothly as possible!

*"Climb a tree; it gets you closer to heaven."
-Author Unknown*



It's Scholarship Time!

This Spring, the Foundation will again be taking applications for scholarships that have been set up for seminary students. We are pleased to be able to administer eight scholarships this year for the benefit of those persons pursuing an advanced ministerial degree for service in Nebraska.

The Foundation will begin accepting applications April 1 for the following scholarships:

- *The Alice Kruse Seminary Scholarship*
- *The Alva Clark Seminary Scholarship*
- *The Cowles United Methodist Church Memorial Scholarship*
- *The Alice Kruse Ministerial Scholarship*
- *The Baldwin F. & Amy L. Kruse Scholarship*
- *The Sylvia Miller Memorial Scholarship*
- *The Albert R. Murdoch Ministerial Scholarship*
- *The Scahill Family Scholarship*

The application deadline is June 30, 2011, except for The Baldwin F. & Amy L. Kruse Scholarship, which is May 31, 2011.

In addition to the scholarships listed above, the Foundation administers *The Andrew & Neva-belle Howe Scholarship*, with the assistance of the Gateway District Superintendent's Office. Preference is given to students from the Gateway District. Subsequent consideration is given to applicants of the other eight Foundation scholarships that are submitted by the application process. The Foundation will also award *The Cal Leeds Scholarship*, *The Rev. Albert W. Winseman Scholarship Endowment* and *The Atherton Memorial Scholarship Fund*. An application process will not be required for submission for these scholarships.

For more information and application materials, visit our web site at:
www.numf.org/specialprograms/scholarships.html

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