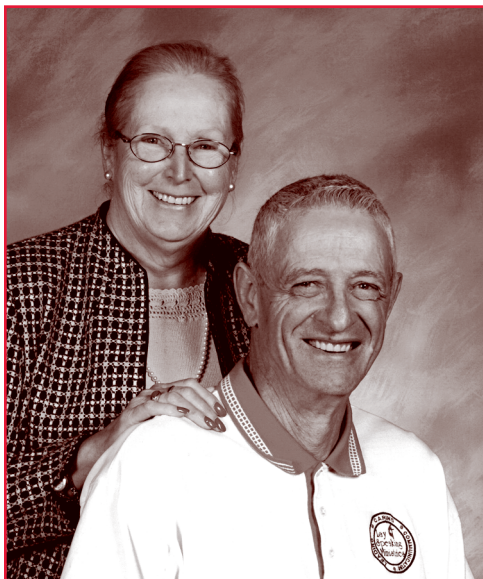




**“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap,
but by the seeds you plant.”**

–Robert Louis Stevenson

A Lifetime of Love **and** Giving



Bette & Dwight Trumble

Dwight and Bette Trumble love to share. Being married for 45 years, having three children and 10 grandchildren, and being certified lay leaders with responsibilities in Springfield First United Methodist Church, their district, and the Conference, have provided them multiple opportunities to model the joy of sharing.

"We want to be good stewards of the gifts God has provided us," they say. "It is our pleasure to share these gifts with others. It seems like the more we share, the more we have to share."

Dwight is the Secretary of the Foundation's Board of Directors, having first served as a representative from the Board of Laity and Discipleship and then as an elected member. He and Bette are members of the Foundation's GIFTS FROM THE HEART Endowment Fund "Five Hearts Society." They continue to give to the Foundation to help provide for the work of the Conference, including scholarships, new church starts, mission, and outreach.

"We give to the Foundation because it is a very responsible manager of the funds of the church," Dwight and Bette say. "The United Methodist Foundation provides a vehicle for individuals and churches to accomplish goals of the Church beyond what individuals alone can do. The Foundation is an excellent steward of the funds entrusted to its care."

Operating Results **and** Highlights

The Foundation's 2006 operating expenses include:

Services and Educational Programs ..\$143,944

- Gift planning seminars
- Gift planning – individuals
- Endowment fund development
- Investment services presentations
- Stewardship sermons
- Programs for church groups
- Related salaries and travel expenses

Administrative Expenditures\$113,098

- Accounting
- Audit and legal fees
- Correspondence and communications
- Data management
- Funds management
- Printing
- Related salaries and travel expenses

Facilities, Equipment, Maintenance & Insurance.....\$22,762

Total Operating Expenses\$279,804

"The Nebraska United Methodist Foundation has been very helpful to our church in moving toward a new ministry in a growing area of Grand Island. Initially, the grant funds we've received will allow us to expand our worship style to accommodate a broader cross section of Grand Island's population, allowing for the opportunity to extend our ministry in the community.

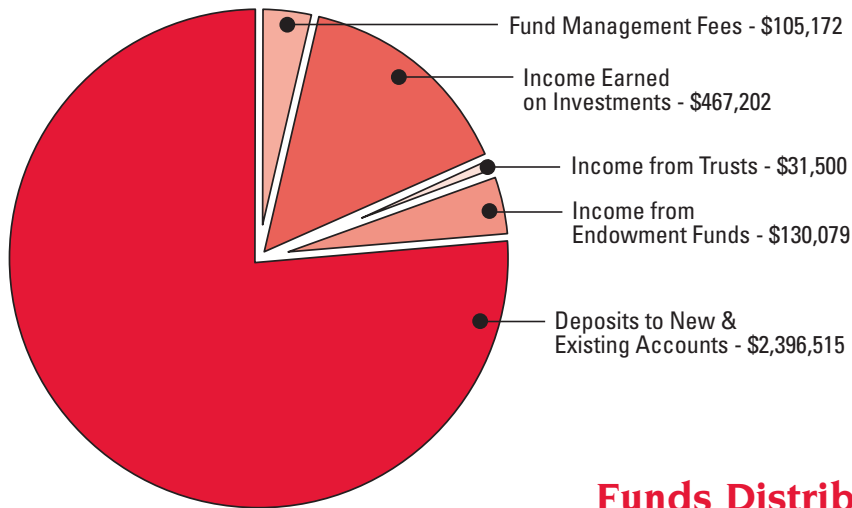
It helps to know that the Foundation is behind us and praying for us. We hope we can repay the help sometime in the future.

Again, thank you for supporting us in the cause of Christ."

*- David McCreary, pastor
Faith United Methodist Church
Grand Island*

Income Received

During Year 2006 - \$3,130,468



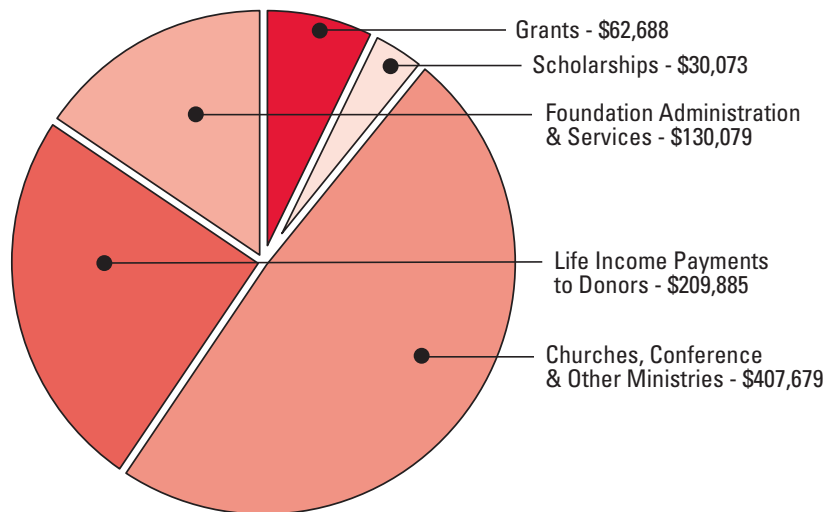
"Forming new faith communities has deep historical and biblical roots. Because of the generous support of the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation, we, the Nebraska Conference, have started four new churches in 2006. Almost 700 new people are hearing the gospel, many of them for the first time.

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support, and for having a passion and vision for the future."

- Rev. Nita Hinds-Park
Director of Congregational Development

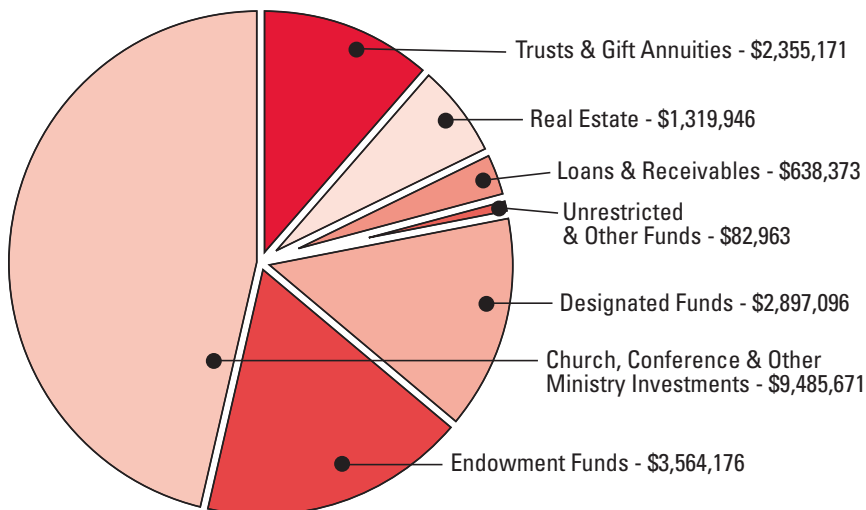
Funds Distributed

During Year 2006 - \$840,404



Assets Held by the Foundation

on 12/31/06 - \$20,343,396

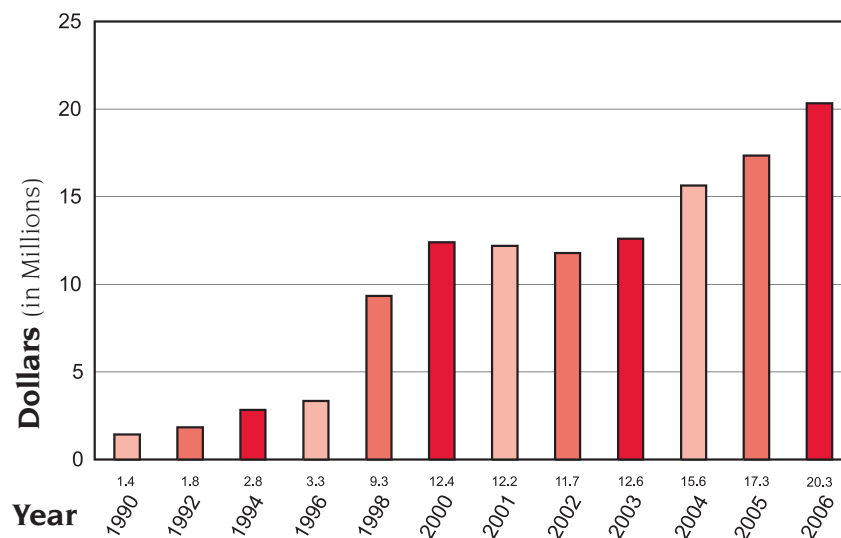


*Figures compiled prior to year 2006 audit.

2006 Year In Review

- **Grants** to Conference ministries grew by **37%** to \$62,688, **seminary scholarships** grew by **14%** to \$30,073, and **other distributions** totaled \$747,643.
- **Depositor-owned investments** grew by **25%** to \$9,484,387. The socially-responsible Balanced and Long-Term Growth Investment Funds available to all Conference churches and agencies provided a **10.34%** average net rate of return.
- **Total assets** under ownership and management increased by **17.2%** during the year to \$20,343,396, or **\$245.06** per Conference member.
- **Operating expenses** averaged **\$3.37** per Conference member, while **asset growth and distributions** for seminary scholarships, grants, and Conference and church ministries totaled **\$42.04** per member.
- For the **tenth** consecutive year, the Foundation operated free of Conference financial support.

Growth of Assets



A Lifetime of Love and Giving

Ed and Cora Loutzenheiser have lived a life of commitment to their marriage of 61 years, to their family of two sons and two grandchildren, to their community, to Hastings First United Methodist Church, to the employees of the “23 or 24” businesses that Ed started, and to countless others who they have befriended.

“The good Lord made Cora and I for each other,” says Ed. “I had the right wife, which allowed me to do what I wanted to do when it came to starting businesses and helping others to become successful.”

Ed says his parents were great givers who always shared with others. As a result of their upbringing, both Ed and Cora believe that it is important to not only give, but for parents to teach their children the importance and joy of giving.

As long-time supporters of the Foundation’s work, Ed and Cora are members of the Foundation’s GIFTS FROM THE HEART Endowment Fund “Five Hearts Society.” Of the Foundation’s work, Ed says, “**The Foundation provides wonderful opportunities for individuals and churches of our Conference.** Too many people still don’t realize all they can do through proper estate planning and planned gifts, and Conference churches need to take advantage of the diversified investment opportunities that the Foundation provides. In order for Conference and individual church ministries to grow, it’s important for the Foundation to continue to grow.”



Ed & Cora Loutzenheiser

The following current and planned gifts, tributes, honors, and memorials were given to the Foundation in 2006. Please notify us of corrections or omissions.

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Dwight & Bette Trumble, *Springfield* (3)

Foundation Unrestricted Fund

Anonymous Operating Fund

Alva Clark Development Fund

Extension Operating Fund

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Milford UMC – Little Leaps Care Center

Anonymous

Albert R. Murdoch Ministerial Scholarship Fund

Dr. Arthur Murdoch, *Atwater, OH*

Parnham-McMurtry Scholarship Fund

Soul Desires Bookstore, *Omaha*

Eva Lee Shepherd Educational Scholarship Fund

William Keith Shepherd, *North Platte*

Springfield First UMC – Building Fund

Dwight & Bette Trumble, *Springfield* (6)

Unrestricted Gifts

Anonymous

First United Methodist Women, *Cozad*

Jan Einspahr, *Norfolk*

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Gene & Marion Watson Mission Fund

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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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