



CHARTING A STEADY COURSE

2017

REPORT OF GRATITUDE

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The Nebraska United Methodist Foundation has remained steady and strong over the course of 53 years. We have charted our course parallel to what our Methodist churches, Methodist organizations and donors need to reach their destination. We have remained steady in our mission, philosophy and services in order to meet the needs of the people that we serve.

The Bible tells us that one of the wonders of this world is the way in which a ship navigates the water (Proverbs 30:19). With the seeming inevitability of the ship to move forward and the great effort needed to change course or to dock, there is something steady, measured and intentional that makes one feel that the forward motion is reliable and hard to change.

The statement, “steady as she goes”, gives a feeling of control over a huge power and force. Indeed, the momentum built by such a huge vessel is enormous. It is with that force that the Foundation is lasting and enduring.

As the Foundation has moved forward, we have been met with storms, contrary winds and strong currents, as well as the continued maintenance and course corrections, but we have endured to become a better and stronger Foundation, never losing sight of our mission, always seeing the need to remain steady and reliable.

Thank you to all of you who have helped to “chart our course” and move the Foundation forward.

A Journey Through God's Calling

In 2006, Doug Gahn found himself in a moment that was powerful, filled with humility and assurance. As his knees weakened, he began weeping. In this moment he heard God's calling. This calling would eventually lead him to leave a three-figure job, putting his girls and wife, Anne, at risk. He would hear his boss call him "crazy" as he gave his notice, so close to a promotion and then retirement, while advancing through seminary school. A few years later, he watched Anne receive her own calling and begin seminary. They found themselves using home equity to pay bills, Doug rode his bike five miles to work to save gas money, and they replaced hot meals with cold sandwiches to save on groceries. This was their journey. And they were grateful; grateful for this calling, grateful for their new future, and grateful for the support they found through the NUMF scholarship program.

Today, Doug and Anne are thriving as pastors, creating and sharing new moments; moments of pure joy, peace and continued gratitude - gratitude for their calling and for the people who supported them along the way. Anne reflects on the scholarship support, "My husband and I think about our scholarship donors and NUMF often. We ask for their prayers and we pray for them. These donors have been such an important part of our journey." Doug also reflects on the scholarship program, "This program gives you a sense that someone recognizes your journey. These scholarships are tokens from people that say 'we care' and you don't feel so alone." The Foundation is grateful to be the connection that unites donors and pastors in this way.

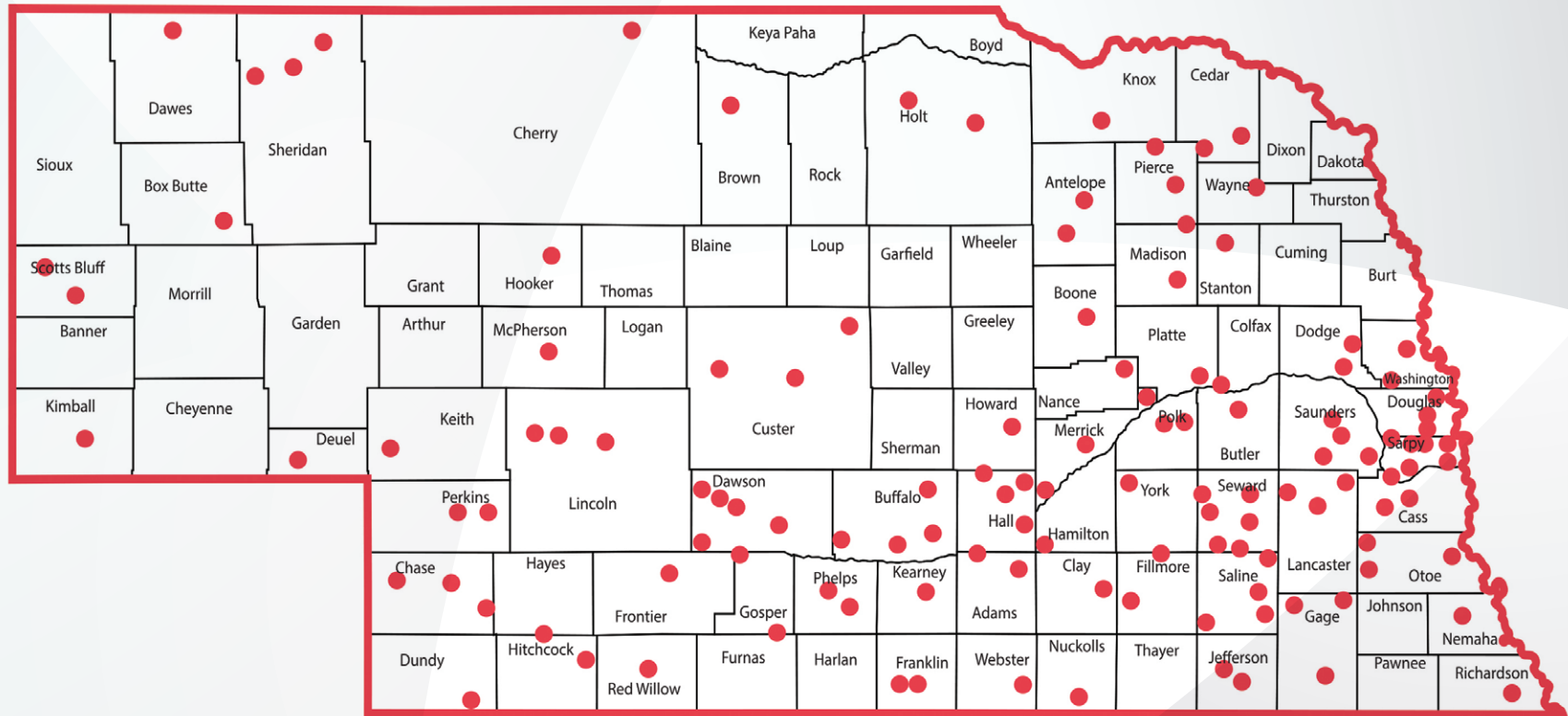


Statement of Financial Position

Assets Held by the Foundation	2017	2016	Revenue and Support	2017	2016	Funds Distributed	2017	2016
Unrestricted	\$2,911,097	\$2,561,968	Contributions to New & Existing Accounts	\$3,722,203	\$2,360,280	Church and Ministries	\$2,846,144	\$2,182,264
Temporarily Restricted	\$1,234,823	\$1,169,892	Earnings on Investments	\$4,754,425	\$2,643,110	Church and Ministry Grants	\$150,370	\$154,400
Endowments	\$9,544,369	\$8,179,690	Fund Management Fees	\$340,362	\$310,699	Scholarships	\$35,195	\$26,721
Trusts & Gift Annuities	\$1,250,076	\$1,200,219	Income from Endowment Funds	\$74,882	\$76,581	CGA and CRUT Payments	\$93,411	\$103,992
Managed Church & Ministry	\$27,560,059	\$24,966,114	Income from Trusts	\$28,500	\$24,400	Donor Support	\$74,882	\$76,581
Property Equipment	\$1,233,540	\$1,249,318	Rent	\$3,750	\$0	Operations	\$407,909	\$396,580
Total Assets	\$43,733,964	\$39,327,201	Total Revenue and Support	\$8,924,122	\$5,415,070	Total Funds Distributed	\$3,607,911	\$2,940,538

2017 Affiliated Churches

of Nebraska United Methodist Foundation



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- MARK 4:1



The Water's Edge UMC

It didn't take long for the seeds to be sown for this new church located in West Omaha. Just as Jesus encountered a crowd so large that he had to climb on to a boat and teach from the water's edge, The Water's Edge UMC is drawing in people by the hundreds. Their journey began as a multi-site church of Faith-Westwood in Omaha. Soon though, it was realized that the two congregations needed to make a decision: stay as one church or become two.

After much prayer and discernment, as well as several town hall meetings, the churches decided to become two. Soon to follow was a successful capital campaign to support the building process, as well as support from NUMF's New Start/New Faith Grants and education on endowment funds. After a very supported and well-thought-out building process, The Water's Edge UMC held their first service in their new building on March 18, 2018, beginning a new and exciting chapter.



Ministry Grants

These grants, awarded annually, seek to enhance and expand Nebraska ministries. Any new or existing ministry is welcome to apply. Deadline to apply is September 30.



New Church Start-Up Grants

These grants, awarded annually, provide support for developing Nebraska United Methodist Churches during their first three years of operation. Deadline to apply is April 1.



Estate Planning

Whether you would like to schedule a workshop for your church or talk with someone at NUMF one-on-one, we can show you the impact you can have through planned giving.



Investment Services

Our investment services provide your church or ministry with sound social investing and an opportunity to grow funds. Included are unique perks such as no penalties for early withdrawal, and immediate access to your money.



Stewardship & Generosity Services

This is a free service to any Nebraska United Methodist church, ministry or organization. We are happy to talk about the importance of stewardship and generosity and the impact it can have.



Endowment Fund Development & Planning

Endowment funds assure God's work will continue through your church or ministry well into the future. NUMF provides free consultation on starting and growing an endowment fund.

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