



Vision for the UMC's *Future* in U.S. Education

Recognizing the transformative potential of the largest non-Roman Catholic system of higher education and the largest system of historically Black colleges in the U.S., the Council of Bishops, NASCUMC, and GBHEM have committed to a vibrant partnership in the twenty-first century.

UM-related educational institutions will:

- Create an inclusive and celebrative atmosphere that nurtures and supports the faith journeys of students, faculty, and staff;
- Uphold the vital principle of academic freedom where there is open and honest pursuit of knowledge and wisdom without restriction;
- Emphasize through teachings and example the worth and dignity of each person, with an emphasis on voluntary community service and international relations;
- Prepare students, regardless of social standing, ethnic identity, or gender, for lives of intellectual vigor, moral integrity, and spiritual fulfillment, not just as personal benefit, but for leadership;
- Affirm this relationship between the church and the educational institutions openly and with pride in our mutual history and shared potential for the future.

We pledge our support to provide quality education, to be vital and vibrant faith communities, and to prepare individuals for lives of committed service.

Highlights of the UMC's *History* in U.S. Education

