



# HIGHER EDUCATION & MINISTRY

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## AGENCY OVERVIEW

### OUR MISSION

Build capacity for United Methodist lay and clergy leaders to discover, claim and flourish in Christ's calling in their lives, by creating connections and providing resources to aid in recruitment, education, professional development and spiritual formation.

### OUR VISION

Generations of thriving, diverse and compassionate Christian leaders for The United Methodist Church and the world.

### OUR WORK

#### Division of Higher Education

The Division of Higher Education at GBHEM works to connect the church and United Methodist-related educational institutions. The division develops and implements programs and practices that enable The United Methodist Church to effectively engage, maintain and expand quality Methodist education around the world.

#### Division of Ordained Ministry

The Division of Ordained Ministry at GBHEM supports, nurtures and trains the lay and clergy leaders of The United Methodist Church. Through the division, those answering the call to ministry and those who are living a call in ministry can gain the education, training and resources needed to effectively serve the church and create disciples in the name of Jesus Christ.

#### Making Quality Methodist Education a Differentiator

GBHEM has a Global Methodist Education Network that includes more than 1,000 institutions of higher education around the world.

GBHEM supports Schools, Colleges and Universities across the U.S., including 11 historically black colleges and universities through The Black College Fund.

The Office of Loans and Scholarships awards more than \$3 million annually in scholarships and more than \$2 million in loans to assist United Methodist students and seminarians further their education.

Through Collegiate Ministry, GBHEM is present on campuses around the world, providing resources, training and support for students and campus ministers.

Imagine What's NEXT is a three-day event for students to connect, grow and discover their vocational calling for leadership.

The GBHEM publishing ministry produces academic resources for the constituencies of the agency, including single-author and multi-author works, as well as edited volumes.

GBHEM provides e-readers to theological schools, in partnership with Discipleship Ministries, to remote areas of Africa and Asia, offering access to the latest textbooks and reference books. The E-Reader Project has

### WHO WE ARE

As the leadership formation and development center for The United Methodist Church, GBHEM prepares global leaders for a global church and the world. Every elder, deacon and licensed local pastor benefits from our training and candidacy programs. Many young adults find help in clarifying their vocation and God's call in their lives through our leadership and discernment programs.



distributed nearly 1,500 devices to 22 theological seminaries, loaded with publications in English, French, and Portuguese.

#### Empowering the Church Leaders of Today and Tomorrow

Individuals pursuing licensed and ordained ministry find the resources they need to overcome challenges and barriers sometimes encountered when responding to God's call in GBHEM's Candidacy Office.

The Commission on Central Conference Theological Education (CCTE), distributes \$10 million in grants for the theological education of pastoral leaders in the Central Conferences. To date, more than 300 grants have been awarded across 22 countries.

The Young Clergy Initiative funds innovative projects across the church to attract young people to ordained ministry. The \$7 million initiative has funded more than 75 projects.

A biennial event, Exploration provides a platform for young adults ages 18-26 to hear, discern, and respond to God's call to ordained ministry as a United Methodist deacon or elder.

Course of Study and Specialized Theological Education provides resources for local pastors to gain the education and training needed for service across the church, with courses available in Spanish and Portuguese.

Chaplains and pastoral counselors are credentialed through the United Methodist Endorsing Agency, which provides resources for chaplains and counselors serving inside and outside the walls of the church.

GBHEM leads clergy continuing education programs, providing resources for spiritual formation and professional development to help ensure an effective clergy for the church.

Clergy Lifelong Learning provides an innovative platform for ministry through the multilingual UMC Cyber Campus.

GBHEM supports deacons and diaconal ministers as they lead the people of God into ministries of compassion and justice, and interpret the needs of the world to the church.