

2022

Global Impact Report



HIGHER EDUCATION & MINISTRY

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH





Dear Friends in Christ,

Our commitment to worldwide belonging and access, missional effectiveness, and operational excellence guides our work on bringing people together to discern, learn and lead for the church and the academy. In 2021, The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry produced outstanding services and programs that demonstrated the remarkable impact our work has made on the worldwide church.

Our agency granted and administered a significant amount of financial support dedicated to developing passionate Christian leaders for the United Methodist Church. Over \$4 million dollars was distributed to students pursuing undergraduate, graduate, and theological degrees from accredited institutions.

As a worldwide agency, our diverse, worldwide collaborative partnerships continue to remain integral to our success. Our collaborative partnership with the LEAD Hubs association was a central focus in 2021, helping to bring awareness of Wesleyan and Methodist education across the world.

With Covid-19 remaining an issue in 2021, we transitioned our Clinical Pastoral Education program to a group and individual online instruction, providing pastors the opportunity to develop their skills from anywhere. From fall 2021 to summer 2022, we experienced a 180% year-over-year increase.

As I reflect on this past year, I am grateful for many things, including our constituents, staff, Board of Directors, partners, and friends. Their support, insight and dedication are what has truly allowed GBHEM to live up to our mission and values as we fulfill our God given purpose. The enthusiasm and passion that guides each interaction at GBHEM gives me hope of an incredibly vibrant future. A future that is accessible, diverse, inclusive and equitable for all.

The Peace of the Lord,

Rev. Greg Berquist
GBHEM General Secretary

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LEADERSHIP



Our Role

Bringing people together to discern, learn and lead for the church and the academy.

Worldwide Belonging and Access

A commitment to worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access.

Missional Effectiveness

Empowering and equipping Methodist-affiliated institutions to make progress toward our shared mission and ministry goals.

Operational Excellence

Collaborating and implementing initiatives that are innovative, accessible, cost-conscious and offer value to all constitutions with shared mission and values.



ALIGNED



“GBHEM Scholarships provide equitable access and support to students to realize their educational goals. Education is key to thriving in one’s vocational calling and overall wellbeing.”

Allison Potts

Executive Director Educational Financial Aid



Financial Impact

Scholarships

GBHEM administers and awards scholarships from over 80 programs annually, supporting students across the world. Student recipients are pursuing undergraduate, graduate, and theological degrees from accredited institutions. Scholarship award amounts range from \$100 - \$15,000 per scholarship. Special focus is placed on seminarians in the United Methodist candidacy process, students enrolled in United Methodist Historically Black Colleges and Universities, active leaders in local churches, and those in a ministry track with significant financial need.

In 2021, \$4,084.979 to 2,270 students with nearly $\frac{1}{3}$ going to racial ethnic students.

SUPPORTING



Financial Impact

Black College Fund

For over 150 years the United Methodist Church has been investing in the education and empowerment of African Americans and other underserved populations. One of the most significant ways the United Methodist Church does that is through The Black College Fund. The fund proudly supports 11 HBCUs related to the church to strengthen programs, provide vital infrastructure and keep tuition costs low.

The fund offers support in three ways: through unrestricted monthly disbursements, quadrennial capital allotments, and through the Five Percent Fund, an annual allotment for long-range planning and dream projects. Annually, 96.5 percent of all funding goes directly to the institutions, with the bulk going for unrestricted use.

More than 70 percent of BCF students are eligible for Pell Grants, meaning their families hover at the poverty line or earn less than \$50,000. HBCUs are major economic engines and employers in the communities they serve. In addition to on-campus jobs created, they have a major impact on community employment as well. For every dollar BCF graduates, faculty and staff generate, there is a ripple effect from their purchases of goods and services.

“Our HBCUs are sacred spaces. Their hallowed halls are filled with promise and the best and brightest minds. The fund provides a source of consistent, reliable funding for these under resourced schools to repair roofs, build residence halls, chapels, classrooms, and support the hopes and dreams of some of today’s most amazing and promising leaders.”

Cynthia Bond Hopson, Ph.D.

Equity Officer and Assistant General Secretary of
the Black College Fund



2021: Provided approximately
\$9 million supporting 14,000
students served at 11 HBCUs



Educational Impact

Clinical Pastoral Education

Clinical Pastoral Education is the most trusted and reliable way to develop not only concrete skills for pastoral care but also heightened self-awareness on the part of those who walk with people in the vulnerable moments of life. The program is accredited by the ACPE —the highest standard for spiritual care and education—and all faculty members are ACPE Certified.

In part due to the pandemic, but also to be accessible for those residing far from traditional CPE centers, we moved group and individual instruction online, providing pastors the opportunity to develop their skills from anywhere. Two groups in 2021-2022 were Korean language groups.

From fall 2021 to summer 2022, 11 groups with 65 students participated in the program—180% year-over-year increase.

“Since moving to an accessible, digital platform, programs are being conducted at full capacity where students work together to build the skills to walk with people in their time of need.”

Rev. Dr. Soomee Kim

Executive Director of Center for Integrative Pastoral Practice



Financial Impact

Central Conference Theological Education Fund Grants

The Central Conference Theological Education Fund empowers pastoral leaders in their local communities and through a sustained leadership network across theological institutions. We assist in distributing millions of dollars of financial support annually, including the application process undertaken by hundreds each year seeking to strengthen local ministry. Whether it be \$4,357 to the Cross-Cultural Study Center in the Philippines, \$90,000 for digital classrooms and books in Eurasia, or \$10,800 for translation of instructional materials and ritual into the Kimbundu language spoken in Angola, enriching the theological educational and pastoral formation in the Central Conferences spanning Africa, Europe and the Philippines, these grants play a critical role in developing global leaders

In 2021, 98 grants awarded totalling \$1,672,600



“CCTEF supports the the mission and ministry of congregations and constituents around the world—an important strategic focal point for GBHEM in the 21st century.”

Dena Cheatham

Manager, Education & Ministry
Constituent Relations and Services





“The goal isn’t evaluation. It’s growth. The early Methodist movement thrived because pastoral leaders sought continual growth. One of the key components of that was honest feedback.”

Rev. Mike Baughman
Director of Product Management

Educational Impact

Ministry Leadership Development

GBHEM created an online strengths-based growth program designed to enhance the effectiveness of individual and collective leadership within the United Methodist Church. Created specially for pastoral leadership, the online program helps candidates and ministry leaders grow in the development of their strengths, self-understanding and service to their congregation, community and denomination.

In addition to improving clergy effectiveness, the program empowers conferences with tools to help Cabinets supervise, train and appoint pastors more efficiently.

217 pastors completed assessments by their peers.

DISCERNING





“Chaplains and other endorsed clergy extend the church’s ministry of word, sacrament, service, and witness to individuals and institutions beyond the local congregation’s reach. Offering hope, meaning, compassion, and healing to people at the most vulnerable points in their lives, chaplains are signposts of God’s presence in the world.”

Rev. Mitchell Lewis

Director of Endorsement and Extension Ministry

Educational Impact

United Methodist Endorsing Agency

The United Methodist Endorsing Agency has over 680 United Methodist clergy serving in full or part-time appointments as chaplains or pastoral counselors in caring ministries beyond the local church. Locations include but are not limited to military, hospitals, retirement communities, prisons, workplaces, counseling centers, and more. Beyond the countless lives impacted by their presence, because their salaries and other compensation costs are covered by those employers, the United Methodist Church saves tens of millions of dollars annually based on UMC’s average denominational compensation of \$75,570.

2021: estimated \$51,387,600
in savings to the church



Global Impact

Grants & Scholarships Program

GBHEM, through the Methodist Global Education Fund's Grants and Scholarship Program, awards scholarships to students studying outside the United States in a Methodist-related college or university, providing support to offset the costs of education for students.

164 students, from 11 countries were awarded GRASP scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year.



“GRASP awards scholarships to students pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, helping to bridge gaps in financial resources. GBHEM's investment is supporting student leaders who are making a significant impact within their communities, universities, and the world.”

Kimberly Lord

Senior Director, Global Education, Ministry, and Initiatives

SUPPORTING





“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and be a truly global church, we must listen and share information about current projects and visions.”

Dr. Amos Nascimento
Associate General Secretary, Global Education and New Initiatives

LEAD Hub locations include:

- LEAD Hub Argentina
LEAD Hub Asia Pacific
LEAD Hub Brazil
LEAD Hub Britain
LEAD Hub Estonia
LEAD Hub Europe
- LEAD Hub Mozambique
LEAD Hub North America
LEAD Hub Philippines
LEAD Hub South Africa
LEAD Hub Development

Worldwide Impact

LEAD HUBS

GBHEM LEAD Hubs has been exercising leadership, nurturing relationships, and promoting worldwide connectionalism through innovative processes in education and ministry. As we learn from our brothers and sisters worldwide and reflect on their experiences, we can be more effective as a leading force of the Wesleyan and Methodist branch of Christianity.

Through the LEAD Hubs, GBHEM promotes regionalization and decentralization processes; we partner with individuals, local churches, Annual Conferences, institutions, and associations; we address the challenges and opportunities in each area by investing in local people and resources. Fostering “shared vision, shared responsibilities, and shared costs” this model reflects the global, interrelated, multiple and decentralized nature of Methodism worldwide.





“By facilitating the work of the University Senate, as a collaborative partnership, we provide the leadership and support to strengthen the church and academy relationship.”

Rev. Dr. Tamara K. Gieselman

Assistant Vice President for Education and Innovation

Educational Impact

Methodism in Higher Education

The University Senate supports and advocates for a network of United Methodist-affiliated schools, colleges, and universities across the United States and in Puerto Rico. This includes 109 institutions (87 undergraduate, 1 professional 13 seminaries, and 8 pre-collegiate). Eleven of the 109 institutions are Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In addition to 9 pre-collegiate schools, there are 11 Schools of Theology maintaining Senate accreditation and 37 non-UM affiliated Schools of Theology.

Composed of 27 Senators from higher education institutions, the University Senate functions as a peer-review body, and sets the standards for those schools, colleges, and universities listed as United Methodist institutions.



See our network
of 146 institutions

CONVENER

