

Indiana Area Foundation

Chairperson/Leader: James E. Gentry, Executive Director
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MISSION STATEMENT

The Indiana Area Foundation of the United Methodist Church seeks to fulfill God’s mission by promoting missional giving among local churches and their membership and by administering, investing, and distributing funds for missional causes and outreach ministries in the name of Jesus Christ through the United Methodist Church locally and throughout the world.

VISION

The Foundation seeks to encourage persons to grow spiritually by appropriate acts and gifts of love that will have both an immediate impact and a positive benefit and influence on future generations through a variety of planned giving instruments.

The Foundation helps people love and fund those things in the future that they have valued and given themselves to in the past, thereby discovering the joy of giving and deep appreciation of stewardship and philanthropy beyond what they thought they could do for a share in Christ’s mission.

The Foundation looks to the future by committing itself to growing and an ever larger involvement in the Church’s outreach and global witness. To this end, it will create corporate and individually directed trusts, which support missional programs that have specific focus and wide appeal and that are encouraged and planned with appropriate energy and resources.

MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

The Foundation employs the services of a part-time Executive Director who administers the day-to-day operations through the policies and guidance of a 21 member Board of Directors, consisting of the Bishop of the Indiana Area, his Executive Assistant, the Executive Director of the Corporation, seven lay persons of the South Indiana Conference, seven lay persons of the North Indiana Conference, and four lay persons at large.

YEAR 2007 IN REVIEW

During the year 2007, the Area Foundation awarded grants as follows:

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| Operation Classroom Administration | \$10,000 |
| Hendricks Trust Distributions: | |
| o High Street United Methodist Church (N.I.C.) | 1,412 |
| o Eaton United Methodist Church (N.I.C.) | 1,412 |
| o Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church (N.I.C.) | 1,412 |
| Byrum Unitrust, First UMC, Clinton, IN | 5,492 |
| Cooper Trust Distributions: | |
| o Bishop's Childrens Christmas Offering | 4,291 |
| Elsie Machamire, Zimbabwe student, Martin University | 1,000 |
| Ed Fisher, CTS Seminary Student | 1,250 |
| Robert A Land, Centerville UMC, Uganda trip to train pastors | 500 |
| Bishop's Discretionary Fund, Robert A. Land | 500 |

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| 1 | Exodus Refuge/Immigration, Indianapolis, ESL classes | 2,000 |
| 2 | Sellersburg UMC, self-esteem classes for 50 girls | 1,000 |
| 3 | Wesley UMC, Indianapolis, Faith Care Team development | 1,000 |
| 4 | NIC Scholarships for 2 Africa University students | 2,000 |
| 5 | Operation Classroom 20 th Anniversary Celebration | 2,000 |
| 6 | Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry, Purdue University | 2,000 |
| 7 | Twenty-Three Ordinands 2007 Holy Land Tour | <u>39,054</u> |
| 8 | Total | \$76,323 |

10 In addition to these listed grants, funds were disbursed by the Indiana Area Foundation in support of
11 the following program ministries:

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| 12 | Operation Classroom: | |
| 13 | Scholarships | 7,596 |
| 14 | Draws from Undesignated Funds | 4,113 |
| 15 | Rev. Joe Wagner Salary Support | 10,381 |
| 16 | Mokenji School Building/Remodeling Fund | 5,000 |
| 17 | Operation Doctor: | |
| 18 | Dr. Dennis Marke, Kissy Clinic, Salary & Housing | 21,550 |
| 19 | Kissy Clinic Physicians | 3,100 |
| 20 | Other Designated Funds: | |
| 21 | March Madness - Nothing But Nets | 350 |
| 22 | Magnus Jusu, Sierra Leone, CTS Seminary Student | 1,890 |
| 23 | Agrippa Nyanti Travel Fund | 593 |
| 24 | Louisiana Conference – “Pastors Helping Pastors Fund” | 8,789 |
| 25 | Seashore Dormitory Fund, D’Ilberville, MS | <u>7,393</u> |
| 26 | Total | \$70,755 |
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| 28 | Grand Total | \$147,078 |

30 With the eventual merger of the North Indiana Conference and the South Indiana Conference, the
31 Indiana Area Foundation will be working in a reorganized manner to fulfill our mission. At the
32 present time, we at the Indiana Area Foundation are looking ahead as to what we will be able to
33 continue in the way of mission funding in the coming years.
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35 One area of concern is the continuing of awarding Holy Land travel certificates. With the 2001
36 Annual Conference Sessions, your Indiana Area Foundation began the tradition of awarding post-
37 ordination travel certificates to each pastor ordained into the Orders of Deacon and Elder of both the
38 North and South Indiana Annual Conferences. These travel opportunities are recommended and led
39 by the Bishop and approved by the Board of Directors of the Indiana Area Foundation of The
40 United Methodist Church.
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42 The original Ordinand Travel Fund was set up with a \$100,000 bequest from the H. Wilber
43 Hardacre estate. The Foundation has depended on contributions, either by direct donation or
44 bequest, to continue offering these awards.
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46 To date, one-hundred-and-twenty-two Certificate of Awards have been presented to the Ordinand
47 classes of 2001-2007. Sixty-one Ordinands have redeemed their certificates on one of the three
48 previously scheduled trips: 2003, 2005 and 2007, valued at \$106,554. These travel awards were to
49 be redeemed within 4 years of their issuance; consequently, nineteen certificates from the classes of

1 2001-2004 have expired. Forty-two Ordinands from the classes of 2005-2007 are eligible to
2 accompany Bishop Michael J. Coyner on the “10 Days of Biblical Discovery Holy Land Classic
3 2009” tour. Approximately 38 have indicated they intend to take this journey of a lifetime. At this
4 point, the Finance Committee of the Foundation is fairly certain that this Ordinand trip scheduled in
5 February 2009 to the Holy Land will be the last trip the Foundation will be able to fund. Starting
6 with the Class of 2008 there will, in all likelihood, be no further awarding of certificates to the
7 newly ordained. This is not something that had been planned on when the program was established.
8 It is with great regret, due to the inadequate funding of the program, that there is no other choice.
9 Contributions either by direct donation or bequests enabling the Foundation to continue this
10 program would be greatly appreciated
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12 Other mission programs of the Indiana Area Foundation previously listed will continue as in the
13 past, supported by funds received through faithful contributors.
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15 The *Pastors-Helping-Pastors* Fund was established by Bishop Coyner to supplement incomes for
16 United Methodist Ministers in Louisiana who were without income due to the loss of their churches
17 and congregations devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The Bishop asked that United Methodist
18 Pastors in Indiana give a portion of their salaries from the middle of September through December
19 2005 to the Fund, but they continued giving all through 2006 and some are still contributing. A
20 total of \$78,065 has been sent to Louisiana with \$5,255 in contributions received in 2007. The
21 Indiana Area Foundation acted as pass-through agency for the Fund.
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23 In addition to helping the pastors in Louisiana, in 2007 the Foundation continued to act as the pass-
24 through agency for donations for the “UMC Seashore District Volunteer Center Fund” which both
25 the North and the South Conferences joined together to build in 2006. In total, \$167,076 was
26 received with \$3,180 coming in 2007.
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28 The Foundation is also acting as a pass-through for two new funds, each set up with \$100,000 gift
29 from Margaret A. Ewbank. One fund is for Administrative Expenses for Operation Classroom, and
30 the second is to fund a new church building for the New Salisbury United Methodist Church which
31 is to match the \$100,000 grant within ten years. In addition, a start-up program, *Well Lived-
32 Pastoral Life*, has been established with a \$50,000 grant from Eli Lilly
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34 A fund, *Called Anew-Sent With Love*, has been established by individuals supporting pastors
35 responding to a new calling and sending them with love.
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37 Contributions for the Ordinand Travel Fund or other mission programs in support of Indiana Area-
38 wide ministries may be mailed directly to the Indiana Area Foundation of The United Methodist
39 Church at 1100 W. 42nd Street, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46208, or submitted through the office of
40 Conference Treasurer. Please note on the check the area of ministry or mission you wish to support.
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42 The Indiana Area Foundation continues to seek those missional opportunities that we can help fund
43 as faithful stewards of our income and assets in the future. We are glad to be here to serve Christ
44 and His Church.
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46 In closing, please accept my personal thanks as well as the thanks of our Board of Directors, and
47 our Episcopal, Leader Bishop Michael J. Coyner, and for the support of individuals and local
48 churches throughout the Indiana Area who are the sustaining force of our commitment to Mission,
49 Outreach and Higher Education Ministries.