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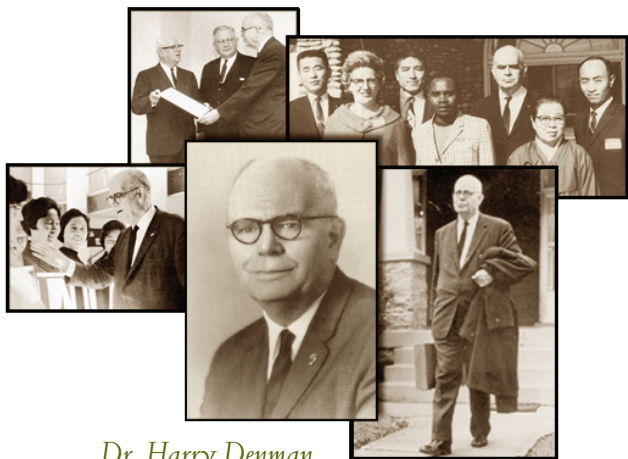
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Offering Them Christ - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Organizational missions based on truth withstand the test of time. When Harry Denman, a layperson committed to evangelism, and a group of like-minded Methodists organized The Foundation for Evangelism in 1949, their actions were based on deep personal commitment to fulfilling the Great Commission of Christ. They believed that Methodism, from its earliest days, grew and flourished when driven by a passion for evangelism.

The Foundation for Evangelism's mission is to promote, encourage, and provide resources for responsible evangelism, enabling The United Methodist Church to bring persons into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and help them grow as His disciples. In this issue of FORWARD we celebrate the past and present of The Foundation for Evangelism as we look to the future.

Today, Dr. Denman's vision is still alive and well at The Foundation for Evangelism. Grants the Foundation is making today focus on developing genera-



Dr. Harry Denman
Founder of The Foundation for Evangelism

tions of leaders with a passion for evangelism. The Foundation has always been aligned with The United Methodist Church, but never more clearly than after the 2008 General Conference when one of the four ministry focus areas for the Church was set to be "developing principled Christian leaders for the church and the world."



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Throughout these 60 years of existence, The Foundation for Evangelism has been uniquely positioned to support the entire Church in the area of leadership development. In 2008, The Foundation for Evangelism Board of Trustees affirmed and refined our mission, vision, passion, and focus statements. With this clear understanding of who we are and what we are called to do, the Foundation provides venture capital to develop leaders with a passion for evangelism who will have a multiplying impact on The United Methodist Church. This focus is based on the simple belief that any challenge can be met when the right person is in the right place at the right time providing the right leadership.

The grants provided by The Foundation for Evangelism are within the areas of Leadership Development, Leadership Enrichment, and Excellence Recognition.

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Our Vision
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Letter from Jack Ewing

Executive Director, The Foundation for Evangelism

Great organizations have crystal clarity about who they are, what they do, why they do it, and how they do it. This issue of the FORWARD strongly reinforces that The Foundation for Evangelism has this clarity. Great organizations not only have this clarity, they also have great employees. We have a wonderful group of persons totally committed to the mission, vision, passion, and focus of the Foundation; who wake up every morning convinced that what we are doing is among the most important things going on in The United Methodist Church today.

Time and again I hear compliments about the work of the staff of the Foundation. I am never surprised but always pleased that others can see and hear what I experience every day. Each of us understands the role that we play in the mission and vision of the Foundation and everyone is fulfilling that role at a very high level. I have never worked with a group of people that liked each other so much and enjoyed being together every day. We all share a sense that God has called us to this work. Can you imagine what it is like to be a part of an organization where everyone is equally committed to the mission and vision, everyone is highly competent, everyone is working at or close to their personal potential,



Jack Ewing
Executive Director

and everyone enjoys everyone else? That is The Foundation for Evangelism.

In the column below you are introduced to our newest staff member, Thomas Locke. Thomas comes to us from Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX where he worked on the development staff. He is a lifelong United Methodist with many family connections to the UMC. We are confident that Thomas will fit in perfectly with this wonderful team of faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

Welcoming Thomas B. Locke

Development Officer, The Foundation for Evangelism



Thomas B. Locke
Development Officer

As a new Foundation for Evangelism employee, I feel privileged to join an organization committed to ensuring the growth and prosperity of The United Methodist Church. My work as a Development Officer centers on building relationships with people who seek to support our work. Connecting with individuals who share a passion for the church and a desire to maintain the Wesleyan practice of evangelism is wonderfully fulfilling. Regardless of an individual's decision about making a gift to the Foundation, my life is undoubtedly enhanced by the conversations we share, and I hope theirs is as well. I look forward to sharing a conversation with you some day as well.

Development work at The Foundation for Evangelism exists so we can have the resources necessary to support the ministries of the church and to fund the most deliberate and effective programs that will have a multiplying impact on The United Methodist Church. Very simply, the more resources we have, the more effective ministries we can fund which will help more people experience God's transforming love through Jesus Christ. I hope you will prayerfully consider how The Foundation for Evangelism fits into your philanthropic goals this year. This can mean making an annual gift, major gift, or working to establish a planned gift by putting the Foundation in your estate plans.

John Wesley once said, "The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion." I hope you will support The Foundation for Evangelism in its efforts to hold fast to the doctrine, spirit, and discipline that John Wesley intended and help us to lift up others to be the hands and feet of Christ. If you ever have questions about the work of the Foundation or wish to learn more about how to make a gift, I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you.

Celebrating Passion for Evangelism with Harry Denman Evangelism Awards

From the East Coast to the West Coast, from Texas to Alaska, 47 Annual Conferences have awarded 94 individuals or groups with the Harry Denman Evangelism Award this summer in recognition of exceptional personal evangelism. These recipients were chosen by the Annual Conferences. Since The Foundation for Evangelism first sponsored this special recognition in 1980 over 2,250 awards have been presented.

Each recipient has been nominated by someone who witnessed to the impact of the person sharing their faith and bringing others to Christ. If there is someone you feel should be nominated for this prestigious award for next year please contact your district or conference office for more information.

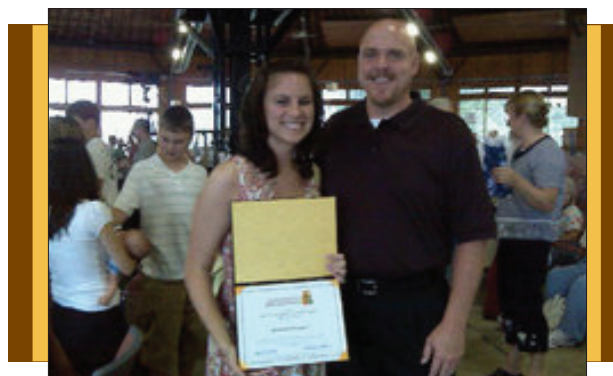
It is such a blessing for us at the Foundation to read about each of the recipients. Some are pastors of new church starts, some have pastored for many years; there are laypersons who share their faith with children and young people or with those in need in their communities; there are young people leading other



Upper Photo: North Georgia Annual Conference

Lower Photo: West Virginia Annual Conference

youth to Jesus. Pastor Tracy Bass from Edgeville, PA started a Bus Stop Ministry with the church congregation handing out bottled water, juice, donuts and offering prayer and a friendly, encouraging word to all who walk by. Lisa Radford from Oregon is Outreach counselor for her local church and has helped over 1,000 people by distributing some \$15,000 in funds contributed to the church. Mike Sparks is a layperson who works with inmates in Oklahoma and has led several to Jesus by sharing his personal faith. Denise Wallace from Kentucky has served as Director of Calvary Christian School for 16 years with a deep commitment to evangelizing to young people.



Holston Conference

The Harry Denman Award Winner

Rev. Sione Tukutau was born and raised in Tonga and is now a pastor in Wyoming. He recently challenged himself and his new congregation to focus on evangelism and "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Within a few months they have welcomed 49 new members. Debbie Sharp of Pennsylvania is a cancer survivor who has become a wonderful counselor and friend to cancer patients and is sharing what God has done in her life. And there is Bill Applegate, a 90 year old in Iowa, who is described as a "life long missionary for Christ."

This year The Foundation for Evangelism also presented the Harry Denman Evangelism Award to two United Methodist leaders in recognition of their commitment to bringing persons into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and help them grow as His disciples.

During the West Ohio Annual Conference Dr. Jack Ewing, Executive Director of The Foundation for Evangelism, presented Bishop Bruce Ough with the special award in recognition "for a lifetime of helping people to experience God's transforming love through Jesus Christ as a pastor and as the Bishop in the West Ohio Conference."

In August, at Lake Junaluska, Dr. Ewing presented the special award to Dr. Reginald Mallett of Bristol, England "for providing leadership enrichment to countless United Methodist pastors over the last 44

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The Foundation Board of Trustees

Praying over Timothy Scholars

Leadership Development

E. Stanley Jones Professors of Evangelism

With the establishment of the first E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism in 1984, The Foundation for Evangelism began a focus on funding leadership development initiatives. Today, through our endowment, 13 professorships are supported whose primary purpose is to train pastors in the importance and the skills of helping persons experience God's transforming love through Jesus Christ. The focus of these professorships is classroom teaching for students in preparation for ministry in local churches.

Most of the teaching occurs in Master of Divinity degree programs with an emphasis on forming ministers to enable growing congregations. Xochitl Alvizo, a former Boston University School of Theology student who studied under an E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism, summarizes the impact these professors make: "I came to study theology for purely academic purposes; I have always loved Christian theology and Christianity as an ideal, but have never loved the church or how we embody, or do not embody, Christianity. I wanted to be a professor of theology but had no intention of being a part of the church... I can sincerely say that because of [the E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism] mentoring, I have now made the decision to be a part of the church and to be a minister in it."

Doctoral Education

The Foundation for Evangelism sponsors scholarships for students pursuing a doctoral in evangelism. These scholarships are to encourage and equip people who might one day teach evangelism in United Methodist schools of theology or institutions of higher education. The Foundation for Evangelism supports 23

doctoral students through the following programs: PhD in Evangelism at Asbury Theological Seminary, ThD in Evangelism at Duke Divinity School, the Harry Denman Fellowships, and Timothy Scholars.

Venture Capital

Providing funding, that would otherwise not have been available, to well-planned initiatives that identify, train, and place persons of exceptional leadership potential is the goal of the Venture Capital Grant Program. In its first year, the program received some 70 proposals addressing the Foundation's focus "to develop leaders with a passion for evangelism who will have a multiplying impact on The United Methodist Church." The Foundation for Evangelism selected four projects to receive funds for the 2009 grant period: Lewis Learning Communities, Path One, West Ohio Conference Residency Program, and Young Pastors Network. However, many of those projects not funded by The Foundation for Evangelism were carried out anyway. Because of our Venture Capital Grant Program of The Foundation for Evangelism new initiatives were envisioned and successfully implemented, an unanticipated multiplying impact.

Leadership Enrichment

Congress on Evangelism

This annual conference, sponsored by the Council on Evangelism, is dedicated to training, educating, and equipping clergy and laity to provide evangelism focused leadership in local churches. The Foundation for Evangelism provides the "Young Pastor Scholarships" which encourages clergy who are under the age of 40 and first-time attendees to the Congress on Evangelism to network with like-minded clergy persons and leaders in Wesleyan evangelism while gaining practical tools for ministry.

The Foundation for Evangelism also provides "Hispanic/Latino(a) Leaders Scholarships" which brings together leaders of successful Hispanic/Latino faith communities from across the United States for networking and development of skills specific to evangelism in their ministry settings.

Harry Denman and Wallace Chappell Lectures

The Harry Denman Lecture series provides a theologically sound, thought-provoking content presented by a recognized Wesleyan theologian. These lectures are presented at the Congress on Evangelism.

The Wallace Chappell Lectures are delivered at United Methodist seminaries and facilitate interaction between professors, seminarians, and a national or world leader in Christian evangelism.

Campus Ministries

The Foundation for Evangelism invests in strengthening the church's work with youth and college age students. The Foundation provides a grant each year for the Refresh Conference where United Methodist campus ministers and chaplains gather each year in early December for the purpose of being inspired, trained, and refreshed. In addition, the Foundation supports College Union, a web community connecting leaders in campus ministry to share ideas, resources, and best practices.

Youth Worker Movement

This organization was envisioned and begun through a joint effort between the Foundation and The General Board of Discipleship. Through realizing a need for networking and community among adult workers with youth, this membership organization has now become an independent and successful ministry helping young persons answer God's call on their lives.



*Upper Photo: Desert Southwest Conference
Lower Photo: North Alabama Conference*

Excellence Recognition

Distinguished Evangelist of The United Methodist Church Award

This prestigious award is given annually to a United Methodist leader whose life and ministry reflects a personal commitment to helping persons experience God's transforming love through Jesus Christ.

These clergy and lay leaders are devoted in both mind and heart to Wesleyan evangelism that incorporates both the personal and the social aspects of the Christian faith.

Harry Denman Evangelism Awards

This is the 60th Anniversary Year celebration of The Foundation for Evangelism; inspiring stories of clergy and lay persons are highlighted on page 3.

Looking Forward

The Foundation for Evangelism has crystal-clear vision and focus. We provide grants to fund the development of leaders with a passion for evangelism who will have a multiplying impact on The United Methodist Church. The Foundation understands that The United Methodist Church, when it is at its best, focuses on evangelism in the spirit of Wesley - the transformed heart leads to service as the hands and feet of Christ in the World.

Through this effort, we are working with The United Methodist Church to clarify leadership needs and to facilitate the development of initiatives to identify, prepare, and place persons of exceptional leadership potential who will have a multiplying impact on The United Methodist Church. The role of the Foundation is to encourage a culture of accountability, which supports thinking beyond traditional boundaries to focus on outcomes, on persons experiencing God's transforming love through Jesus Christ. The Foundation is providing venture capital – money that would not otherwise be available through traditional funding sources – to allow these unique initiatives to be developed, tested and refined.

The Foundation for Evangelism receives no funds from the General Church. We rely on donors, both individuals and churches, who resonate with the work of the Foundation. Through their generous financial support, we are able to fulfill our mission.

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Celebrating Passion for Evangelism

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years of coming to preach and teach at Lake Junaluska." Dr. Mallett responded, "I am deeply moved and humbled to receive this award." Dr. Mallett and Dr. Denman served together on the World Methodist Council.

As we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of The Foundation for Evangelism this year we are sharing many faith stories of Harry Denman Award recipients. Please visit our website www.foundationforevangelism.org to read these stories.

Those honored with the 2009 Harry Denman Evangelism Awards were (by conference):

Alabama-W. Florida

Bill Harris (L)
Jason Adams (C)

Alaska-Missionary

Dennis Holway (C)

Arkansas

Jared Guinn (Y)
Jerry & Amy Buckingham (L)
Carlton Cross (C)

Baltimore-Washington

Andrew Sogn (L)
Jennifer Smith (C)

Central Pennsylvania

Deborah Sharp (L)

Desert Southwest

Susan Holden (L)
Mark Maddox (C)

Detroit

Clark Cook (L)
Nickolas Genoff (C)

East Ohio

Doris Brown (L)

Eastern Pennsylvania

Mary Alice Law (L)
Tracy Bass (C)
James Brashear (C)

Florida

Matt Wallis (C)
Jamie Westlake (C)

Greater New Jersey

Richard Wilson (L)
Douglas Smith (C)

Holston

Laura Holderfield (Y)
Bobby and Judy Cavanah (L)
Brian Taylor (C)

Illinois Great Rivers

Barbara Tuck (L)
Thomas Goodell (C)

Iowa

Bill Appelgate (L)
Dick and Louise Merkle (L)

Kansas East

Dolores Reid (L)
Angela Washington (C)

Kansas West

Robert Grauer (L)
Douglas Hye (L)
Troy Bowers (C)

Kentucky

Denise Wallace (L)
Alan David Profitt (C)

Louisiana

Brooke Dynes (L)
Leslie Stephens (C)

Memphis

Matt and Lue Feiler (L)
Gene Rollins (C)

Minnesota

Lauren Hernandez (L)
William Reinhart (C)

Mississippi

Sybil Arant (L)

Missouri

Larry Johnson (L)
David Gilmore (C)

Nebraska

Lilly Larsen (L)

New England

Wade Ewing (L)
David Arruda (C)

New York

Eunice Kirkpatrick (L)
Stephen Bauman (C)

North Alabama

Sherri Bassham (L)
Melody Traylor (C)

North Carolina

Helen Little (L)
Edward Hill (C)

North Georgia

Frankie Hopper (L)
David Davis (C)

Oklahoma

Mike Sparks (L)
Tom McElroy (C)

Oregon-Idaho

Lisa Radford (L)
Jorge Rodriguez (C)

Pacific Northwest

Wendy Riddle (C)

Peninsula-Delaware

Irene Gray (L)
Scot McClymont (C)

Red Bird Missionary

Charlotte Davis (L)
David Warden (C)

Rocky Mountain

Sione Tukutau (C)

South Carolina

Robert Pettus (L)
Marvin Taylor (C)

South Georgia

Jennifer Cowart (L)
Jim Cowart (C)

Southwest Texas
Nanci Gibbons (L)
Tom Gibbons (C)

Tennessee
SOS Emmaus Reunion
Group (L)
William Lyle (C)

Troy
Robert Bower (L)
David Schlansker (C)

Virginia
Steve Clark (L)
David Glass (L)
Sherry Daniels (C)

West Ohio
Jerry Boozer (L)
Frederick Merkes (C)

West Virginia
Marieta Reel (L)
Judy Vetter (C)

Western New York
Rebecca Fuss (L)
Bradley Chesebro (C)
Gerald Piper (C)

Western North Carolina
Camp Tekoa (G)
Peggy Correll (L)
Charles Kyker (C)

Wisconsin
Gerald & Beverly Fosdal (L)
Jay Hamann (L)
Gary Holmes (C)

Wyoming
Walton Forsythe (L)
Chay Oudomkhathi (C)

Yellowstone
Cleveland McSwain (C)

*(C) Clergy
*(G) Group
*(L) Laity
*(Y) Youth

Leaders for Tomorrow Church

For more than 25 years The Foundation for Evangelism, an affiliate of the General Board of Discipleship, has been investing in developing Christian leaders for our denomination. The focus of the Foundation is: "to provide venture capital to develop leaders with a passion for evangelism who will have a multiplying impact on The United Methodist Church." The stated passion of the Foundation is: "to help all persons experience God's transforming love through Jesus Christ." This passion and focus resonate with the stated focus of The United Methodist Church: "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." I believe the development of leaders is crucial to the growth of our beloved church.

Pastoral leaders in the 21st century need to have a wealth of God-given talent, for him/her to hear and be committed to the call of God to be a leader in the church, but also need to develop the skills needed for such leadership.

Your congregation needs experienced, skilled, productive pastors. Now is the time for you to be an active partner with The Foundation For Evangelism in training and developing the kind of pastors you want for your church and United Methodism. The

Foundation for Evangelism is committed to working with the Church to clarify leadership needs and to facilitate the development of initiatives to identify, prepare, and place persons of exceptional leadership potential. Your support of the work of the Foundation makes all that possible.

We urge you to invite your congregation to become a "Leaders for Tomorrow Church" by contributing at least \$1,000 annually to the work of raising up generations of leaders with a passion for evangelism. As a "Leaders for Tomorrow Church" your congregation will:

- Be honored on The Foundation for Evangelism's website as one of a select group of visionary churches.
- Regularly receive communication from the Executive Director.
- Receive annual grant activity summary.

Call Kenneth Lambert, Director of Church Relations at The Foundation for Evangelism to learn more about this program (828.454.6800) or pass this number on to your pastor.

Support the Foundation's Annual Fund

You are invited to make a contribution to this year's annual fund in order for this critical work of The Foundation for Evangelism to grow and prosper. You can be our partner as we focus on raising up generations of leaders with a passion for evangelism who will have a multiplying impact on The United Methodist Church.

For those of you who have already made your annual gift to the Foundation, we thank you for your support.

If you have not yet made your annual gift, please consider making one by enclosing your contribution in the envelope provided.





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