

# *fast* FORWARD

Your Bi-Monthly Update on The Foundation for Evangelism  
October 2020 Issue



## **Evangelism Continues Despite COVID-19**

Earlier this year as we began receiving the names and stories of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award recipients, we realized that the Coronavirus outbreak did not stop these exceptional individuals' ministries or passion. If anything, it sparked new and creative ideas on reaching out with the love of Christ and sharing their faith.

**Billy Jean Baker** is just one of the worthy recipients of this award. She helped her local church open its heart to the homeless community on its doorstep and she regularly shares the Good News of Jesus Christ with those on the margins of society.

**Marie Ferree provides** a loving, caring witness to people who visit the food pantry she manages. Even with increased need due to financial hardship from the pandemic, she is not only providing food and meals, but mentoring and encouraging clients. Pointing to the hope she has in Jesus Christ. Her clients credit her with being the motivation to starting or deepening their faith.

[Read Billie Jean's and Marie's Stories](#)

---

## **Denman Fellow on Wesley's Understanding of the Means of Grace**

Rev. Dr. S. Brian Yeich, a Denman Fellow now serving at Asbury Theological Seminary, wrote an article last fall exploring John Wesley's understanding of the Means of Grace.



It's an article we found helpful and worth a repeat share!

[Read the Article](#)



## **"The E-Word" Web Series is Back!**

Join us for this **free** 3-week series on Evangelism in the Wesleyan spirit. Three leading experts will cover the topics "Why Jesus? and Faith Sharing," "Evangelism and Discipleship," and "Contextual Awareness." Developed and adjusted for the local church, this is a great resource for Local Pastors and lay leaders!

[Learn More and Register](#)



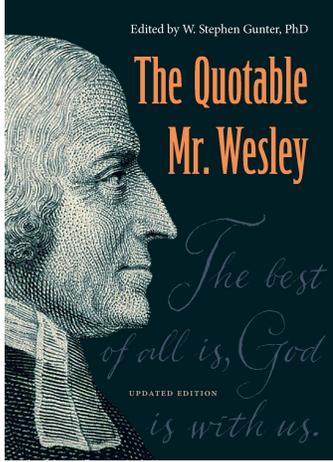
## **Foundation Sponsors Breakout Session at Leadership Institute**

The 2020 Leadership Institute at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection looked like no other before it! Despite having to move the conference completely virtual, 4,400 participants registered. The Foundation for Evangelism was an event sponsor, providing a grant for the breakout session led by Rev. Dr. Alma Ruiz, a Denman Fellow, with collaboration from Rev. Dr. Lacey Warner, both serving at Duke Divinity School. The session entitled "Being Present: Evangelism and Social Trauma" urged attendees to provide a Spirit-led and compassionate presence during this time of communal trauma.

[Read the Article](#)

## ***The Quotable Mr. Wesley Returns***

This treasure trove of quotes by Methodism's founder, John Wesley, has long been spotted on pastor's bookshelves. In partnership with Rev. Dr. Stephen Gunter, editor, and The United



Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry, The Foundation for Evangelism has provided a grant to refresh this classic reference. It makes a great gift for pastor appreciation, Christmas, graduation or ordination!

### [Where to Order](#)

## Annual Report Available in FORWARD publication Online

The Foundation for Evangelism's 2019 Annual Report is available online in the FORWARD publication. You can [sign up to receive FORWARD](#) by mail or email on our website.



### *A catalyst to equip disciples to share the Good News of Jesus Christ*

Consider making a donation to support grants such as evangelism training webinars, evangelism awards, and resources for local churches. All gifts are tax-deductible.

[LEARN MORE](#)

// CONNECT WITH US //

