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Grant Area Focuses on Equipping the Local Church

Dr. Heather Lear shares that grant recipient, The Seashore District - Mississippi Conference of The United Methodist Church, has brought together a cohort of pastors and lay church members to build a culture of evangelism in their district. Dr. Peggy Gibson, a former student of E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism, Dr. Mark Teasdale, leads the cohort in collaboration with her former professor. This connection between professor, student, and congregations, most of which are led by licensed local pastors, is helping bridge the gap in Wesleyan evangelism resources and encourages church leaders in the district to incorporate Wesleyan evangelism in all of their ministries.

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Local Church Grant Cycle Opens January 2022

The Foundation for Evangelism will launch a new \$250,000 Equipping the Local Church Grant cycle in January 2022. Grants for \$5,000 or \$10,000 will be awarded to small and medium* church congregations, or clusters of churches working together, in a Wesleyan-tradition denomination. The grant focus is to launch an experiment or initiative to share the Gospel, tell their faith stories, and invite others into a relationship with Jesus. Applications and guidelines will be posted on the Foundation's website on January 1. The deadline to receive applications is February 28.

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Study Respondents Share Impact of E. Stanley Jones

Professors

The Foundation for Evangelism board of trustees received encouraging news about one of its longest-running grant programs. A recent study conducted to assess the impact of E. Stanley Jones Professors of Evangelism on pastoral leadership in the local church and Christian global community surveyed over 250 seminary graduates from the last 5-8 years. Of the survey respondents, 70 were interviewed to explore direct impact of the grant program on the understanding and practice of Wesleyan-tradition evangelism.

The good news, according to the study's director, Rev. Dr. Amy Valdez-Barker, is that,

"...through the E. Stanley Jones Professors of Evangelism, The Foundation for Evangelism has proven its ability to help shape the understanding and practice of Evangelism.... [and] can continue to shape the landscape through the contributions made by these professors and the students who engage and grow through the courses on Evangelism."

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Building Renovation Supports Foundation's Mission

Since 2005, The Foundation for Evangelism headquarters building has served as the center of operations for the organization. The building was recently renovated and office space leased so that it could be self-sustaining and to allow donated funds to further the Foundation's mission and vision.

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