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Denman Evangelism Award Recipients Overcome Obstacles, Inspire Change

Since 1979, The Foundation for Evangelism has sponsored the Harry Denman Evangelism Awards in collaboration with United Methodist Annual Conferences, honoring laity and clergy with exceptional ministries of evangelism. The stories of recipients are inspiring examples of evangelism and faith sharing in the ever-changing ministry landscape.



Chris Parsons received the Denman Laity Evangelism Award from the West Ohio Conference of the UMC. Our staff member, Terri Farmer, was able to interview Chris to hear more about how he is sharing his story of transformation through a relationship with Jesus Christ, as well as how he is actively working to create opportunities to help other people navigating similar struggles.

[Read Chris' Story](#)



Pastor Pam Harkema received the Denman Clergy Evangelism Award from the Michigan Conference of the UMC. Pastor Harkema completed the Native American

Course of Study Program and serves as a licensed local pastor to Oscoda UMC and Oscoda Indian Mission UMC. On receiving the award she said, "Today, I believe we need to show, not [only] tell, the gospel through every action and every word. That's the focus of what we are trying to do here, have people live their faith vibrantly.

[Read Pam's Story](#)

[See a List of All 2023 Recipients](#)

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PRESENTS

Transforming Evangelism
VIDEO SERIES

With Co-Author
Rev. Dr. Hal Knight

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TRANSFORMING
EVANGELISM
THE WESLEYAN WAY OF SHARING FAITH
HENRY H. KNIGHT III & F. DOUGLAS POWE, JR.

Video Series Enhances Popular Evangelism Resource

Rev. Dr. Hal Knight, co-author of *Transforming Evangelism: The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith* provided the Foundation's board with an educational exploration of the roots of the Wesleyan-tradition, how evangelism and discipleship were lived out in the movement's early days, and how it is lived out today. Videos relate to each chapter of the book so that groups can utilize them along with discussion questions. Videos for Chs. 1-5 are currently available, and Chs. 6-7 will be released on Sept. 26 and Oct. 3.

[View this Resource](#)



Adventurer's Leadership Academy Holds Immersive Gathering in North Georgia

The Adventurer's Leadership Academy (ALA) met in August for an immersive gathering in the North Georgia Conference. Students learned directly from practitioners in the Fresh Expressions church movement. Graduates of ALA complete a year's worth of coursework and 4 immersive gatherings for this certificate track program offered through United Theological Seminary. The Foundation provided an Innovation Grant to help support the launch of this lay-inclusive program and we've been thrilled to hear about the amazing experiences and ministries of the graduates.

[See the N. Ga. Recap Video](#)

[Watch Video from ALA Graduates \(now part of FXFL staff!\)](#)

Equipping the Local Church Grants

Pray for our
2023 Grant Recipients

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Pray for Local Church Grant Recipients

Our 2023 Equipping the Local Church Grant Recipients recently met with Rev. Dr. Heather Lear, V.P. for Grants, for an orientation and check-in session. The amazing thing about these grants, besides the much-needed funding, is that our staff takes time to check-in with and talk with these ministry leaders to listen to their hopes for the outcomes at the end of the grant cycle and beyond, and to offer support and guidance if needed. At their recent orientation session, this year's recipients shared their hoped-for outcomes and the wonderful opportunities for invitation that are happening because of these grant-funded experiments and initiatives. Be in prayer for them, their ministry teams, and the communities they are in ministry with.

[Join us in Praying for Local Church Grant Recipients](#)

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