

2022 has been a challenge for many in the United Methodist denomination and the United Methodist Foundation of Indiana (UMFI) and IN Loan & Savings Ministry (LSM) were no exception. In some ways we have seen unprecedented growth, but in others we have mourned with many as we watch the economy and denominational changes impact congregations in our Conference and their ministries. While change can create a feeling of lose, it also offers the opportunity for growth and UMFI and LSM continue to pray to follow the direction God is leading us in the faith that he is ever present in these ministries.

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## INVESTING

11 The investment market took an ugly turn in 2022, not unexpectedly, but still unwelcome. Inflation soared causing a serious  
12 disruption in the fixed income market, while we also saw declines in the equities markets. This double whammy drove our  
13 investment funds to experience some of the worst losses in over a decade. That translates to less financial resources to do  
14 ministry with in 2023. Management fees charged by UMFI to the endowment and investment funds are used to support the  
15 ministries of UMFI, which are invested back into the congregations and ministries around the state.

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## EDUCATION MINISTRY



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Educational opportunities in the financial area are a significant benefit to churches and their members. UMFI offered a 2-day Finance and Stewardship event in Nashville IN in the spring of 2022. Fifty clergy and laity from across the state joined together for some fun, fellowship, and training in a variety of stewardship related topics. Jon Elliott, with Gleaners Food Bank, shared ideas on how to tell the financial story of a ministry in a compelling way. Sherman and Paula Whitfield shared their story and added insights into how donors make decisions. Nashville

24 UMC was extremely hospitable, opening their doors for several of the breakout sessions. We were  
25 blessed to have two amazing donors who helped to fund this inaugural event and we especially want  
26 to thank Sylvia Coleman and Warren Kirk for their visionary support.



*Sherman Whitfield*

27 The event was so successful, UMFI will offer a Stewardship Conference in 2023 and another in 2024. 2023 is scheduled  
28 for April 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> and will again be held in Nashville, Indiana.

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## LENDING

30 In addition to the market-based funds offered by UMFI, LSM offers certificates and savings accounts as investment  
31 opportunities for church members and congregations. At the end of 2022, LSM had over \$23 million in deposits, which is  
32 down significantly from 2021. Some of this was due to the passing of some large depositors, but some was also due to  
33 churches disaffiliating. Fortunately, LSM had some cash reserves because loan activity was hopping. Thirteen churches  
34 received loans in 2022 for things like an expansion and upgrade of their entrance or a new LED sign to help make their  
35 location more visible.

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## GRANTS & ENDOWMENTS

37 In 2021, UMFI awarded over three quarters of a million dollars in grants and scholarships. Eighty-seven  
38 churches and agencies received grants, fourteen individuals received scholarships for their first mission  
39 trip, 6 seminary and four undergraduate students received scholarships, and four active or retired clergy  
40 received financial support for emergencies. All the grants and scholarships distributed were from the  
41 earnings of the endowments and trusts managed by UMFI.

42 UMFI manages these funds on behalf of our donors. It is our donors that give us the opportunity to support  
43 your churches through grants and they trust we will follow their instructions. While we cannot list everyone  
44 who has donated in the past, we can share those who made donations in 2022 as gifts to UMFI, gifts to  
45 create endowments or trusts with UMFI, or to support the Bishop Trimble AU initiative. These donors  
46 supported a wide variety of ministries throughout our state and the world. Some recognized people from



*Guatemala Mission  
Trip*

the past who inspired them, some remembered friends or loved ones that have passed recently, and some were passionate about helping others. These donors make our ministry possible, and we thank them for partnering with UMFI to address some of the needs in our world.

Kent Allen	Janice Heseman	Karen K Powell	Cathy J Burris DAF Fund
Philip A Amerson	Stephen Hoskins	Mike Reed	Charles & Christine Shriner Trust
Jacqueline Chandler	John M Huie	Martha T Roath	Disciples Korean UMC
Stant Clark Jr.	Christine S Huston	Stewart & Martha Saunders	Estate of Donald A Smith
John Clay	Bishop Peggy A Johnson	Rita Sowers	Grace UMC, Franklin
Michelle Cobb	Shelley Johnson	Ann G Spahr	Hausser Trust
Sylvia Coleman	Warren Kirk	Larna Spearman	Honey Creek UMC, Greenwood
Marsha L Coyner	Kent Lundy	Larry Stevens	IN UM Children's Home Foundation Inc.
Paul Davis	Kent Millard	Robert C Stone	IN UM Children's Home Inc.
Karla Elliott	Kristy & Dennis Murphy	Ruth Ellen Stone	Indiana United Methodist Conference
Robert Fuquay	James Need	Linda Bales Todd	Ligonier UMC
Lore B Gibson	David VW Owen	Bishop Julius Trimble	Main Street UMC, Boonville
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David F. Hamilton	In Suk Peebles	Craig Wood	Rycroft Family Charitable Gift Fund
Elizabeth L. Hamilton	Sandra Pierce	John Young	

## LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION

UMFI is an independent supporting ministry in the Conference and receives no tithe support from the Indiana Annual Conference. The 2022 operating budget was funded by the management fees of the various services provided and donations to support operations. Total gross revenues generated through operations from fees, interest and donations was \$2,151,606, but the ministries experienced a loss in investments of \$4,947,555. Expenses totaled \$3,287,638 which included \$982,904 in grants, charitable remainder trust and charitable gift annuity distributions. The grants provided are funded solely from endowments and donations made for those purposes; none of the fees are used for grants. A copy of our audit is available upon request and more information about UMFI is available in our Annual Report.

UMFI and The Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church share a covenant agreement. As part of that agreement the Annual Conference affirms a slate of incoming board members. The UMFI board is made up of between 15 to 21 members. Currently there are seventeen voting members on the board of directors with an additional three ex-officio members without vote. The board manages both UMFI and LSM, which has allowed for higher efficiency and a closer alignment of these ministries.

Our by-laws limit the number of clergy to no more than 30% and require that at least 70% of our members be United Methodist. Currently 29% of our at large board members are elders or appointed local pastors in our Conference and 94% of the members are associated with the United Methodist denomination. With the incoming slate, we will continue to have 29% clergy members and 94% of our board members associated with the United Methodist denomination.

Members are elected for a three-year term and members can only serve three consecutive terms. This year the ministries will lose no members from the board. Six board members, John Clay, Karla Elliott, Shalimar Holderly, Jeff Lorentson, Larry Price, and Lee White will be returning for their second term with the board of directors.

### **Motion:**

**I respectfully submit for affirmation by the Indiana Annual Conference the following slate for the class of 2023-2026 for the Board of Directors of the United Methodist Foundation of Indiana, Inc.:**

John Clay, Karla Elliott, Shalimar Holderly, Jeff Lorentson, Larry Price, and Lee White.

Thank you for your time and support of this vital ministry in our Conference. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries or serving in leadership on our board or committees, please contact me, Manet Shettle, at [mshettle@UMFIndiana.org](mailto:mshettle@UMFIndiana.org).

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