

AFRICA UNIVERSITY

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:9 (NRSV)

Africa University greeted 2024 with bold faith and eager confidence because of the goodness of United Methodists who are faithful, generous, and enthusiastic about instilling hope and bringing about wholeness in communities.

Through faithfulness and generosity, the Indiana Conference maintained its investment in the Africa University Fund (AUF) apportionment at 92.28 percent of the asking for 2023. Thank you for your unwavering support. You have helped Africa University to evolve into the cornerstone institution for The United Methodist Church's mission of disciple-making for transformational impact in Africa and beyond.

In 2023, sustained by the support of The United Methodist Church, Africa University:

- Provided more than \$2M in scholarships and financial aid grants to students who would otherwise fail to access higher education.
- Enrolled 2,219 young women and men from 26 African countries.
- Launched its second new academic unit in less than a year—the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences—with a first cohort of 279 students.
- Saw its alumni swell to more than 12,000 serving in 32 African countries, with the addition of 954 graduates in June.
- Developed new products, such as lozenges made from the indigenous *Zumbani* plant, and IT solutions to reduce food waste and make vital research findings more accessible to those who need the information.

As United Methodists fortify themselves for a vital and vibrant witness beyond the 2020 General Conference in 2024, and its outcomes, Africa University urges the members of the Indiana Conference to:

- Support Africa University's effort to secure General Conference approval of Report #4.
- Continue striving to invest in the Africa University Fund at 100%, using as your goal the amount approved at the 2016 General Conference—\$9,368,872 million for the 2017-2020 quadrennium.
- Help identify at least two (2) churches (keystone congregations) in your conference that will commit to provide second mile gifts of \$6,500 each or \$13,000 in total for annual scholarships for two undergraduate students. *(This will help address any shortfall in giving to the Africa University Fund.)*

Going forward, Africa University's focus is on delivering high-impact pan-African education, grounded in Christian values, which is relevant in the ever-changing context of the African continent and the world. Additional programs in STEM subjects are planned in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, including an undergraduate degree in Artificial Intelligence.

Thank you, Indiana Conference, for ensuring that Africa University continues to nurture and send forth ethical and effective leaders whose daily efforts invite increase food security, overall health, good governance, abundance, and peace in their communities.

1 Africa University is grateful for your support and for your profound commitment to being the church in the
2 world. Let us keep doing this important work together and may the God of peace be with you!
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