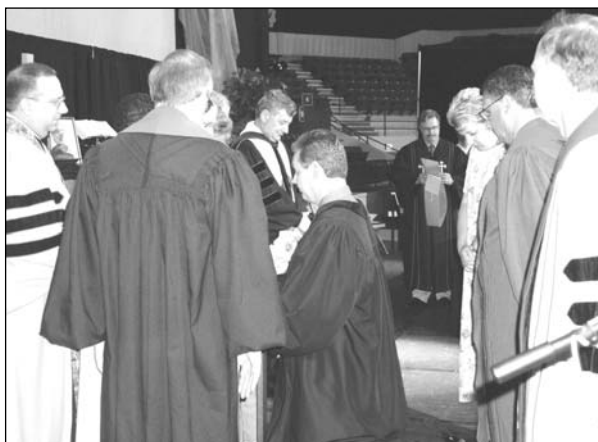


Kansas West Conference

Seminary Scholarship Endowment Sunday

Who will be leading us in 20 years?

The Kansas West Conference Board of Ordained Ministry is asking this question. **Nearly one-half** of the people currently serving United Methodist churches in the conference **will reach age 70**, the mandatory retirement age for clergy in The United Methodist Church, in the next 20 years.



The **Seminary Scholarship Endowment** is an investment in leaders for our congregations in the Kansas West Conference. A seminary education is expensive, with costs increasing each year. The Seminary Scholarship Endowment will offer **full-tuition scholarships** to seminary students in the Kansas West Conference and will be forgivable loans to students who then complete service requirements in the conference.

The time is now to make an investment in future leaders for our conference. Only **\$250,000 must be raised** before the first scholarships can be given.

Your financial support of the Seminary Scholarship Endowment will enable someone who hears God's call to answer.

God calls all Christians to be ministers.
God calls a few into ordained ministry.

In the Kansas West Conference, the need for leaders is great. Only 24 people age 39 and younger are now serving churches in the Kansas West Conference.

Even more staggering is the fact that nearly one-half of the people now serving churches in the conference will be eligible for retirement within the next 20 years.

How can the Kansas West Conference prevent the coming leadership crisis? One way is to raise the funds needed to begin offering full-tuition grants for seminary students from the conference. These grants will be forgivable loans for students who complete service requirements in the conference upon graduation from seminary.

The Board of Ordained Ministry and the Kansas Area Foundation have each pledged to raise \$2 million toward a \$4 million endowment. Only \$250,000 must be raised before the board can begin offering scholarships. Please give generously to the Seminary Scholarship Endowment. Your gift can make a difference!

Yes, I/we support the Seminary Scholarship Endowment Sunday offering to open doors to opportunity for ministry through seminary education. My check is made payable to my church, and I've written "Seminary Scholarship Endowment" on the memo line.

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