



Episcopal Fund

# DID YOU KNOW?



Bishops have always had a very special role in The United Methodist Church, being elected and consecrated to speak to the church and from the church. The Episcopal Fund pays for the expenses of active bishops and for the support of retired bishops and spouses. Whether presiding over annual conference sessions, surveying disaster damage, meeting with district leaders or planting a tree, bishops accept what the apostle Paul called “a noble task” (1 Timothy 3:1, NRSV).

It is practical as well since our bishops are responsible for the oversight and promotion of both the temporal and spiritual interests of the church. This fund was one of the three general apportioned funds that were part of the financial plan of The Methodist Church from the time of its unification in 1939.

Your support, through your congregation's faithful giving, is what makes the shepherding ministry of our bishops possible.

Today the bishops of The United Methodist Church are providing spiritual leadership to more than 12.4 million persons in a broad range of settings on four continents, including North America, Europe, Africa and Asia. This fund is managed by General Council on Finance and Administration.

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**The Episcopal Fund supports the work of the UM bishops?**

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**The Episcopal Fund was one of the original general apportioned funds of The UMC?**

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**The Episcopal Fund supports UM bishops all around the world?**



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