



# Growing Generosity

SOWING SEEDS OF FAITH FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

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Greetings!

Welcome to the October 2017 edition of Growing Generosity, a monthly newsletter from the Georgia United Methodist Foundation. Our goal is to help United Methodist churches in Georgia develop a culture of generosity. Please feel free to use any of these “tips” in your church newsletter or bulletin, on your website, or in other communications.

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### **TIP #1: Answer a 'Macedonian call' to do good**

The term "Macedonian call" refers to the God-given vision that directed the route Paul took on his second missionary journey. With the help of a few friends, Paul answered his Macedonian call and indeed changed the world. Just like Paul, each of us is called to participate in the mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. What is God calling you to do with the church? Maybe your call is to help with mission work overseas. Or perhaps there is a project right here at home that is calling for your talents and resources. Margaret Mead once said, “Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have.” Don't be afraid to tackle that huge, “God-sized” Macedonian call for your help. For more information on how to answer your calling, contact the church office or the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or [info@gumf.org](mailto:info@gumf.org).

### **TIP #2: Celebrate Reformation Sunday by giving back**

While the secular world celebrates Halloween on October 31, the church will celebrate Reformation Day, a day to remember as the rediscovery of the good news of salvation by grace through faith. Consider the celebration of this great religious movement a reminder to thank God for your many blessings. Remember to give back to Him regularly through your time, talents and treasures. To discuss ways you can give back, contact the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or [info@gumf.org](mailto:info@gumf.org).

### **TIP #3: Honor your pledge to the church**

As we approach the fourth quarter of 2017, take a moment to make sure your giving is on track to meet your pledge to the church by year-end. Church ministries thrive thanks to faithful and generous givers like you. There are many ways to fulfill your pledge other than cash gifts. Consider gifting stock, real estate or royalties, or transferring a portion of your IRA. There are many options that offer tax benefits to you and immediate income to the church. For more information, contact the church office or the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or [info@gumf.org](mailto:info@gumf.org).