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Helping Families Impacted by Hurricane Laura

Our hearts and prayers go out to the families impacted by Hurricane Laura. In addition to prayer, the South and North Georgia Conferences have identified ways you can help:

South Georgia Conference

1. Give to relief and recovery efforts.

- [Donate online](#)

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Words of Wisdom - September 2020 Meditation

By Dr. Laudis H. "Rick" Lanford, GUMF Regional Vice President

***"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."* - Proverbs 27:17**

These past several months, I have spent some time sharpening the many knives that my wife, Kim, and I have in our kitchen. We have collected quite a few over the years. I don't know why, but I seldom get rid of a knife.

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CFLA Wraps Up Pilot Program!

By Rev. Keith E. Lawder, GUMF President/CEO

The Georgia United Methodist Foundation has just successfully wrapped up the first cohort of the Clergy Financial Literacy



GUMF Offers Online Training Programs

Does your church want to start an endowment so members can leave a legacy to bless future generations? Do your church members need information on

Academy. Designed to offer a cost and time effective way for clergy to develop needed financial skills, CFLA is a combination of online electronic workbooks and live sessions on Zoom.

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critical documents such as wills, health care, and estate planning? Does your church need help providing perpetual care for its cemetery?

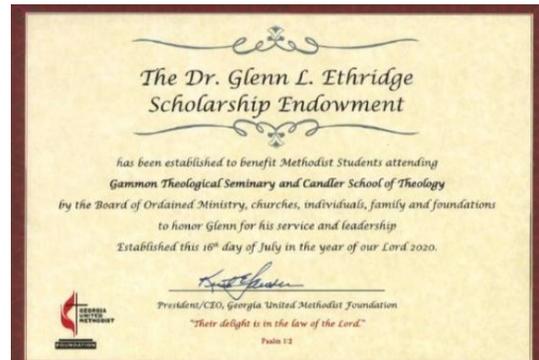
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Congratulations to Our 2020-2021 Scholarship Recipients

The Georgia United Methodist Foundation would like to congratulate the 62 Georgia United Methodist students who received scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year. These students have chosen to continue their academic and spiritual journeys at a United Methodist college, university, or seminary. Since 2011, GUMF has awarded 790 scholarships totaling \$663,700 thanks to the generosity of individual donors, foundations, congregations, Sunday school classes, and GUMF staff and trustees.

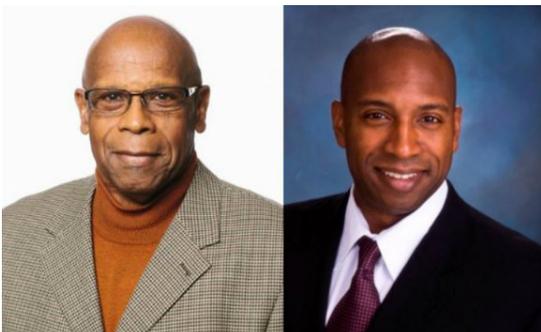
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The Dr. Glenn L. Ethridge Scholarship Announced

On July 16, 2020, Rev. Dr. Julie Boone, The North Georgia Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry Chair, announced the establishment of The Dr. Glenn L. Ethridge Scholarship Endowment for United Methodist students during their virtual Clergy Executive Session. Boone recognized Rev. Dr. Glenn Ethridge, former Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry and Oak Grove UMC Pastor Emeritus, for his leadership and many faithful years of service within the Annual Conference.

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Charles Buffington Jr.

Charles Buffington III

He Said It! I Did It! Lesson 5: Invest, Invest, Invest!

In 2005, Georgia United Methodist Foundation former Board of Trustee Charles W. Buffington Jr. and his son, Charles W. Buffington III, co-authored and published a book. "He Said It! I Did It!" takes readers on a journey to financial



Do Good! September 2020 Calendar

Jesus practiced radical hospitality. And you can too! In 2020, the Georgia United Methodist Foundation will publish a monthly calendar with ideas on how you can "Do Good!" [Download now](#) or see below.

freedom and a life of abundance that honors God.

In this fifth lesson of their 10-part series, the Buffingtons underscore the importance of investing. They recommend investing your monthly surplus dollars in financial tools like a 401(k), stocks, and mutual funds that will increase in value.

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1. Pray for scientists to develop a COVID-19 vaccine.
2. Pray for all infected by the coronavirus and for their caregivers.
3. Pray for health care workers and public servants.
4. Develop a plan in case a family member tests positive for COVID-19.
5. Teach your children about racism.

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September 2020 Certificate Program Terms and Rates

4-Year = 2.40%

3-Year = 2.00%

2-Year = 1.90%

1-Year = 1.70%

The Georgia United Methodist Foundation offers fixed-rate certificate investments, which in turn provide funds for loans to Georgia United Methodist churches and ministries. To learn more, visit our [Certificate Program page](#) or contact Carol Johnston, GUMF Controller, at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or cjohnston@gumf.org.



Contact Our Ministry Team

If you would like to learn how the Georgia United Methodist Foundation can help empower you to change lives, please contact us at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664, 478-256-7130 (South Georgia), or info@gumf.org or visit www.gumf.org.

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