



Faith & Funding

Missouri United Methodist Foundation

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C2FM CLERGY & CHURCH FINANCIAL MINISTRY ...from financial stress to financial ministry

Moving Forward with C2FM

“It was this beneficial, grace-filled program,” explains Reverend Mary Weaver describing her experience at the Making Money Count workshop sponsored by the Clergy & Church Financial Ministry (C2FM). Not only was it “a great learning opportunity,” but it was a starting point for taking this same information “out to our ministry in the churches.”

Started just one year ago with an initial grant to the Foundation from the Lilly Endowment, C2FM is gaining momentum and gift support from individuals and congregations. “The services include education and coaching, as well as direct aid for clergy facing acute financial challenges,” states Chris Bouchard, C2FM Director. “It’s all about helping clergy be better at their craft.”

The program also assists pastors in starting financial ministries within their respective congregations, including the popular Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey. “We actually have some unchurched people who had a need and... have become part of the class,” states Reverend David Stewart. “When you begin to have those conversations, people open their hearts up and... God can do something amazing.”

Bouchard explains that the larger goal of the program is healthy congregations. “The first step in that process is equipping pastors and lay leaders with the tools they need to lead more effectively.”



“This program is more than a job to me. It is a ministry... I’ve seen lives dramatically changed through this program.” states Bouchard.

Progress to date:

- More than 80 clergy and spouses have attended workshops and seminars
- 20 individual clergy received coaching, totaling more than 40 hours of direct contact
- Over \$31,400 distributed in direct financial assistance to clergy

INSTITUTE INSPIRES AND CHALLENGES

The Foundation is on a mission to nurture fellowship and encourage congregations forward by providing high quality, inspirational stewardship programming for clergy and laity alike. Each spring for the past several years, the Foundation has sponsored and planned the Leadership Institute at Central Methodist University. It is an event that offers outstanding programs and speakers like Lovett Weems, Mike Bonem and this year Reverend Dr. Mike Slaughter.

Slaughter is recognized as one of the most influential Christians in America. He is in his fourth decade as the “chief dreamer” of Ginghamburg Church and is known nationwide as the author of *Christmas is Not Your Birthday*, *The Passionate Church*, and *Renegade Gospel*.

Over a hundred clergy and laity were drawn to the Central Methodist University campus to listen to Mike present, “*The Passionate Church: Ignite Your Church and Change the World*”. His message encourages congregations to move forward regardless of size and also provides tips on how to strategically develop leadership to help promote a growth process within the church.



“DON’T UNDERESTIMATE SMALL”

-Mike Slaughter

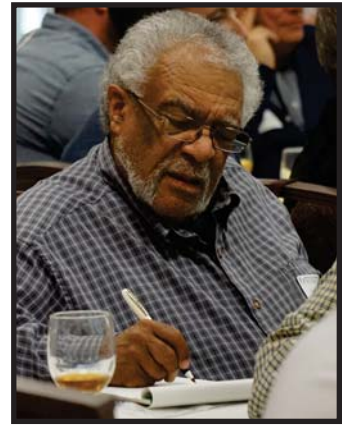
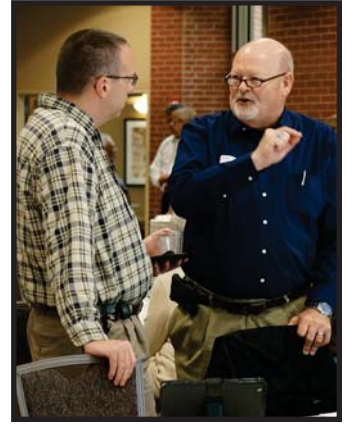
Our thanks to Fred Koenig for compiling the following highlights:

- Mike is self-deprecating. He stated, “There were 98 people in worship on my first Sunday. Within six months, I had grown the congregation to 58.”
- Ginghamburg Church, located in a suburb of Dayton, now averages about 5,000 per week in worship, and is the fourth largest United Methodist Church in the United States.

- Mike is often asked “How did you do it?” He replies, “I don’t know the how, I know the who. I haven’t done anything. I’m just the donkey Jesus rode in on. We need to all remember that. Don’t take yourself seriously. Take the Gospel seriously.”
- “When we came to Ginghamburg, people said we didn’t have the resources to think big. **Don’t underestimate small**,” Slaughter said. “Why does God use small? Because people will look and know it’s the work of God.”
- A drug and alcohol addiction recovery group was started at Ginghamburg in the early days. It persists to this day with a weekly attendance of 250.
- Ginghamburg focused on small group development right off the bat. The two-room country church didn’t have classroom space, but Slaughter decided that church was people – not



“THANK YOU! I know MUMF has sponsored this event for several years. It’s my first time attending and I already look forward to next year.”



a building – so they found ample room, by using people’s homes as small group meeting space before Sunday morning worship. It went over big. “Our Sunday school was running 200 when we had fewer than 100 in church,” he said.

- Ginghamburg UMC is a high expectation church. “The Rotary Club has a higher expectation than most of our churches,” he said.
- Slaughter identifies four categories of people coming to church that he calls The Steps of Servanthood.
 1. Seekers (unchurched people who are curious about church) and Sacramental Consumers (people who attend church for what they can get out of the experience).
 2. Volunteers – People who are willing to help with things, but on their own terms.
 3. Kingdom Servants – People who want to serve any way that they can out of obedience to God.
 4. Leaders of Leaders – People who help raise up other people into leadership roles, leading to exponential growth.

● Slaughter has three W’s he looks for in prospective board members:

1. Wisdom – spiritual and secular. When his church was small, a school teacher possessed the secular skills needed for a board member. Now that it is very large, he looks for someone like a superintendent of schools for the board.
2. Wealth – The income of a person isn’t important, but everyone on the board must be deeply invested in relation to their own wealth. “Everyone must have skin in the game, tithing and giving beyond tithing.”
3. Work – Everyone must be working directly in a frontline mission of some type. “If they are only serving in a governance role, they will just be gatekeepers, protecting the capital investment. You don’t want that.”

CELEBRATING A MILESTONE

The Missouri United Methodist Foundation kicked off its 50th anniversary celebration at the 2017 Annual Conference in Springfield, MO.



MUG FOR A MUG

To help celebrate, the Foundation handed out 50th anniversary mugs in exchange for a photo with the 50th anniversary banner. All 'Mug for a Mug' photos are posted to the Foundation Facebook page.



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- Workshops and events throughout the state
- Scholarships to special events

Financial Coaching:

- Connect with a confidential coach and develop a financial plan

Financial Ministry:

- Biblically based resources to reach members in your community struggling to make ends meet

Direct Financial Aid for Pastors:

- Grants to pastors to address financial challenges

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