

# THE SCHOOLS

- **BENNETT COLLEGE, Greensboro, NC (www.bennett.edu)**  
*Empowers women to excel as global leaders*
- **BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY, Daytona Beach, FL (www.bethune.cookman.edu)**  
*Offers 37 undergraduate degrees and a master's degree through seven academic schools*
- **CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY, Orangeburg, SC (www.claflin.edu)**  
*Develops graduates in extraordinary fields including crime scene investigation*
- **CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY, Atlanta, GA (www.cau.edu)**  
*Offers unique academic programs including opportunities for students to study abroad*
- **DILLARD UNIVERSITY, New Orleans, LA (www.dillard.edu)**  
*Prepares students for the demands of a diverse, global and technologically advanced society*
- **HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY, Austin, TX (www.htu.edu)**  
*Promotes well-rounded education for all students including a male-mentoring program*
- **MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE, Nashville, TN (www.mmc.edu)**  
*Continues history of service to minorities and the underserved in the community*
- **PAINE COLLEGE, Augusta, GA (www.paine.edu)**  
*Collaborates with local leaders in business, government and education to strengthen the community*
- **PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE, Little Rock, AR (www.philander.edu)**  
*Endeavors to graduate students working for social justice and world change*
- **RUST COLLEGE, Holly Springs, MS (www.rustcollege.edu)**  
*Recognizes the threefold function of education: teaching, research and community service*
- **WILEY COLLEGE, Marshall, TX (www.wileyc.edu)**  
*Encourages global awareness and concern for the common good in the global society in which it exists*

Following the U.S. Civil War, more than 4 million former slaves could not read or write. Methodist Bishop Davis Clark called a meeting in Cincinnati in 1866, and participants founded the Freedmen's Aid Society.

# LEGACY

Between 1866 and 1882, the society established more than 70 schools in the U.S. South and Southwest. Today, 11 United Methodist-related colleges from that group, including some created by mergers with other institutions, continue to educate people from all backgrounds.



The 1972 General Conference established the Black College Fund apportionment, which provides a consistent and reliable way to support United Methodist-related historically black colleges.

Today The United Methodist Church proudly supports 11 historically black colleges and universities, more than any other religious denomination.

## THE BLACK COLLEGE FUND:

- *Offers special opportunities for students to learn the historic art of debate and create global awareness while studying abroad*
- *Maintains solid, challenging academic programs, strong faculties and well-equipped buildings*
- *Creates vibrant spiritual environments that encourage pride and self-esteem in the accomplishments of African Americans*
- *Provides the opportunity for students to interact with academic staffs that serve as strong cultural and spiritual mentors*
- *Prepares and educates people for the new global and technological world, never veering from an academic excellence based on the Christian perspective of community, service and social responsibility.*

Here's how to learn more or schedule a speaker!



### The Black College Fund

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# Leading the Way



## Connections

Almost everyone can name a favorite teacher or professor. After all, that person helped you overcome your fears, challenged and believed in you and celebrated and basked in your achievements.

The Black College Fund schools provide settings where generations of students have the same chance to connect with someone special. Top-caliber faculty, dedicated staff and administrators at these 11 historic campuses have welcomed the world's best and brightest students for more than 145 years. They intentionally blend nurture, great expectations and a commitment to service into every graduate.

## The Fund

### How do we support the Black College Fund?

When United Methodist congregations pay their 100-percent Black College Fund apportionment, they invest in the hopes and dreams of young people from around the world. From their humble beginning, these schools have been open, available and welcoming to all who yearn for learning and knowledge.

Since 1866, when Rust College in Holly Springs, Miss., was founded, until this day, the people called Methodists have given generously and faithfully to prepare leaders for a global church and world. The call to give goes out to each church in the United States, and through God's grace, the blessings continue.

The fund helps the schools keep tuition and fees competitive; supports strategic cancer and disease research in modern, excellent facilities; and produces a constant, reliable supply of teachers, primary-care physicians, nurses, engineers, pastors and community leaders who work to improve our world. Although the Black College Fund does not provide



scholarships, other assistance opportunities are available for United Methodist students.

### Maybe you can tell our story:

Look for Lina McCord ambassadors and interns anywhere United Methodists gather. This elite fleet of carefully chosen students continues to inspire audiences through interpretation and promotion of the amazing work happening around Black College Fund campuses.

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Approximately 16,000 students live, learn and lead within the 11 United Methodist-related historically black colleges and universities. The U.S. Department of Commerce and Labor estimates that more than one-quarter of African Americans in middle- and upper-management positions in U.S. corporations are graduates of historically Black colleges and universities, including the 11 schools supported by the United Methodist Black College Fund.

While the majority of the students are African American, expect to find rich diversity as students, faculty and staff from other racial and ethnic backgrounds embrace the learning opportunities and disciplines available in virtually every academic field.

Our alumni excel in every endeavor. Whether they are entertainers, bishops, musicians, college professors and presidents, general agency staff, legislators or community leaders, they lead proudly, honorably and with distinction.

Whether their names are historic and well known like Frank Yerby, Joseph Bethea, Ida Wells-Barnett, Ellis Marsalis, James Farmer or Ruth Simmons or visionary and new like Braque Talley, Robin Gray, Charlie Coleman, Juliana Maria da Silva or Joseph Jones, our graduates are a great investment.

Be part of this legacy, born in 1866, and today, more relational, relevant and responsive than ever. Support the United Methodist Black College Fund by remembering it in your estate plans, giving to your church and encouraging your congregation to pay 100 percent of its Black College Fund apportionment every year.

