Following the Civil War, the former Methodist Episcopal Church organized the Freedmen’s Aid Society to help educate African Americans who could not read or write. In 1972, The United Methodist Church established the Black College Fund to provide reliable support for UM-related historically Black colleges and offer a chance to everyone with a dream and a commitment to excel – regardless of race, class, gender, or ethnic heritage. Many of these students, often the first in their family to go to college, would fall through the cracks and never earn a college degree though they have the intellectual capacity to do so. The United Methodist Church supports the largest number of fully accredited historically Black colleges and universities in the United States.

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