Remembering the Resurrection Foundation in your estate planning supports vital ministry that is a part of the kingdom vision God has called us to. You’ve made the church an important part of your life. The Foundation ensures it is a part of your legacy.
This past year, I was honored to be elected as president of The Resurrection Foundation Board. I want to thank Steve Harmon for being the interim president between Reed Nixon and myself.

The Resurrection Foundation has impacted the ministry and mission of Church of the Resurrection in many ways over the past year. Inside this report you will learn about a few of our seminary scholarship recipients, a new truck we helped to purchase for Missions and the establishment of a prison ministry fund. More than 100 people attended our recent estate planning seminar. We welcomed our new Executive Director Debi Nixon and new board members Debbie Dellinger, Michele Janson, Dave Rock and Heather Smith.

My wife Laura and I became members of Church of the Resurrection 23 years ago. In the church we have found a deeper commitment to our faith, multiple opportunities and ways to serve others, and the blessings of a small group. Our volunteer service has brought great fulfillment to us and we have met wonderful people in the process.

The Resurrection Foundation provides a way for all of us to leave a legacy that ensures the future success of our church’s ministry and mission. Laura and I want to make a difference during our lifetime, and our gift to the Foundation continues those efforts after we have passed. I hope you will join us on this legacy journey. Debi Nixon, the Foundation Executive Director, would love to meet with you to explore how you can be a part of realizing the vision God has given to you for the future of our church.

Lewis Gregory
President, Board of Directors of the Resurrection Foundation
The Generosity of John Wesley Society Members at Work

In 2018 due to JWS Members who have generously made gifts to the Foundation, we were able to grant $565,298 to be used in mission and ministry. That’s impact!

Memorial Gifts to the Foundation

Have you considered inviting people to make a gift directed to the Resurrection Foundation upon the death of a loved one? This is exactly what one of our congregational care ministers, Darlene Bard, did in memory of her husband John. John had a particular interest in helping women become pastors, like Bailey and Karissa who are featured in this report. In his estate planning, John designated the Resurrection Foundation as beneficiary of his life insurance. To honor John, family, friends and colleagues also directed memorial gifts to the Resurrection Foundation.

Grants

Thanks to a grant from the Resurrection Foundation, the church now has a new truck to use in fulfilling its wide range of ministries. The new vehicle replaced a box truck that was more than 15 years old. This truck was critically needed to support many vital ministries such as: Hunger Stoppers, Backpacks for Hunger, Flourish Furnishings, Geeks 4 God, Clothing Ministry, Beds Ministry and more. Two upgrades from the retired truck include a heavy-duty lift and a back-up camera which makes backing into loading docks safer and easier. In addition, the truck is dock high, which greatly simplifies loading and unloading for our dedicated volunteers.

It is estimated that the truck will travel more than 35,000 miles locally in ministry each year, primarily full of backpacks with food delivered to 1,800 students weekly at our partner schools. This is your generosity at work in helping fulfill the church’s Vision 2030 of Bridging the Opportunity Gap.
Bailey was awarded the Thuma Scholarship and a grant from the Seminary Endowment while attending Saint Paul School of Theology. She graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in May 2018. She currently serves as pastor at Crossroads United Methodist Church in Lansing and was recently ordained as a Provisional Elder. Bailey joined Church of the Resurrection in 2006 and credits her small group with helping her discern the call to ministry. She also feels the examples of pastoral leadership, preaching styles, and congregational care she witnessed at Resurrection will forever impact her future ministry.

Nick received a scholarship from the New Generation Fund. He attended Saint Paul School of Theology and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in May 2019. The scholarship was essential to him being able to complete his program of study. Nick currently ministers to youth grades 6-12 at Resurrection Leawood as the rezlife worship leader. He finds joy in helping students become worship leaders themselves as they help their peers encounter God.

Karissa received the Resurrection Fellowship made possible by the Hennig Family Scholarship Fund which covers tuition, fees and books for her three years in seminary. She describes the award as “an immense blessing” as she starts her second year in the fall. Karissa is grateful for the opportunities the Church of the Resurrection is providing for her to rotate through different roles to help prepare her for ministry. Karissa feels working at the church while pursuing her degree is extremely helpful in processing and applying what she is learning in the classroom.

There is a growing need for additional Resurrection Fellows. To learn more and discover how to be a part of helping to fund a Fellow through the Foundation, please contact Debi Nixon.
Prison Ministry Fund

Due to an unexpected financial blessing, Carolyne Lehr experienced the opportunity to become a philanthropist. After considering options, she decided there was no better place to invest than in the ministry and mission of her church in a way that would have impact into the future. Someone very close to Carolyne went to prison many years ago. When released, he described how important the ministry of Christians was during his incarceration and the abysmal lack of resources to help prisoners upon their release.

Carolyne met with staff in Resurrection’s prison ministry who described dreams for building ministry to help prisoners preparing for release, and she was sold. Carolyne’s generous gift started the Resurrection Foundation’s Prison Ministry Fund, to which others can now contribute, too. Carolyne’s dream is that through this fund, prisoners will have a fresh start after their release. What dream can you help make a reality through your gift to the Resurrection Foundation?

Additional Grants in 2018 included

Lakemary Center, B.E. Smith Center, Resurrection Pre-Retirement Seminar Grant, Undergraduate Grants and Congregational Care Grants for Children in Need.
Thank you for a great year and for remembering the church in your estate planning! Through your generosity, the church across all our campuses is able to expand transformational impact.

Your legacy gift to the Resurrection Foundation is a meaningful witness to your faith and inspiration to family and friends as it is used for life-changing ministry. For additional information or to update your donor declaration, please contact Debi Nixon, Resurrection Foundation Executive Director, at 913-544-0709 or Linda Roser, Resurrection Associate Director, at 913-232-4168.

To see full versions of the highlighted stories and additional stories of impact, visit the Resurrection Foundation website at cor.org/foundation.

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### Foundation Assets as of December 31, 2018 (audited)

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2018 Distributions: 565,298

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### 2019 Plans

- **Estate and Pre-Retirement Seminars**
- **Quarterly Email Communication with John Wesley Society Members**
- **Review of Foundation By-Laws**

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