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Please Remember Africa University in Your Will Give Now

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### 100% Support for AUF is Vital

At the end of September, Annual Conference giving to the Africa University Fund (AUF) stood at 51%.

The overall asking is \$2,358,000 and traditionally, most of the funds are remitted at year's end. However, a number of annual conferences have already sent in more than two thirds the funds needed for them to reach a 100% investment.

"Africa University (AU) really relies on the strong support of the local church," said James Salley, the university's associate vice chancellor for institutional advancement. "These gifts help us to provide crucial learning resources and pay for lecturers and utilities. To fulfill and grow our mission, we need all 59 annual conferences to invest 100% of their asking to the AUF."

In 2012, 27 annual conferences reached that 100% goal and the Wisconsin Conference led the way.

"People in Wisconsin like to see their money go to worthy causes," says

Lisa King, the conference treasurer. "They recognize that Africa University is an inspirational example of what we can achieve together in the United Methodist Church. Africa University provides the education needed so that Africans can go back to their nations and provide leadership and a positive impact throughout their lifetimes."

In 2011, local churches in the Wisconsin Conference invested 151% to the AUF. Last year, the conference pushed its giving even higher, to 169% and helped the North Central Jurisdiction to reach 100% in overall giving to the AUF for the first time.

#### How Can You Help AU?

- Pray for the university.
- Get your church to set a 100% apportionments goal.
- Make a second-mile gift to support scholarships.
- Establish an AU Sunday at your church.
- Consider including AU in your estate plans.



### Two UM Colleges Grow Interaction with Africa U

Paine College and Martin Methodist College are expanding their links with AU. Officials at both UM colleges note that growing interaction between their students and faculty and their counterparts at AU is natural given the shared institutional roots and missions.

Three students—from left to right: **Chimwemwe Mwase** and **Maya Stephens**, both sophomores from Paine College in Augusta, GA; and **Lacy Denny**, a senior from Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, TN—spent the Fall semester at Africa University. They'll return to the USA in December and complete their undergraduate studies at their home institutions.

### Visit Inspires Teenager to Raise Scholarship Funds

Fairness is really important to 15-year-old Georgie Wood. On a visit to Africa University in March, she learned that when they're confronted with financial hardships, African families often decide to send boys to college, rather than girls.

"I saw first-hand how appreciative the students are of the opportunity to go to school and that it can truly make a huge difference in their lives," said Georgie. "It really inspired and moved me."

Touched by how thankful the students she encountered were, an idea was born. When she got home to Ridgefield, Connecticut, Georgie Wood launched an effort to raise funds for a scholarship. Her goal is around \$24,000—\$6,000 a year for four years—enough to help a female student to enroll and complete a degree at Africa University.



A Zimbabwean girl at the Fairfield Children's Home welcomes Georgie Wood during her March visit..

On her 15th birthday in May, Georgie asked her family and friends for scholarship donations in lieu of gifts. With her parents support, she has already raised about \$2,400. This effort "to empower women in Africa" is now the centerpiece of Georgie's Girl Scout Gold Award project.



*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." —Romans 15:13*



**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR** from the Students, Alumni, Chancellor, Board of Directors, Vice Chancellor, Faculty, Administrators, and Support Staff of Africa University.

Many **BACKGROUNDS**  
**PATHS**  
**LANGUAGES** and **DREAMS.**  
One **MISSION: Hope.**

## You Can Help Us Serve the Next Generation

*"When planning for one year, plant corn; for ten years, plant trees; for one hundred years, educate your children." - Old Chinese proverb*

This past March, Africa University celebrated twenty years of transforming and liberating ministry on the African continent.

In twenty short years, the university has graduated about 5,000 young men and women who are effectuating change in their communities, their nations, and on their continent. Our graduates are found in responsible positions in every sector of society: religion, agriculture, education, finance, government, health care, and manufacturing.

You can help us serve the next generation of young people who are yearning for a first-rate university education when you



*Dr. Chomingwen D. Pond*

remember to include Africa University in your estate plans as Dr. Chomingwen D. Pond has done.

Dr. Pond is a retired clergymember of the Wisconsin Annual Conference. When asked why she made a bequest to Africa

University in her will, Dr. Pond replied, "Having taught at Africa University for three years shortly after its opening and having kept current with its development and with the work of some alumni since then, I know something of its challenges and successes as a pan-African university and the on-going need for funds to fulfill its mission of educating African leadership for a 21st century global community."

Please visit the planned giving website at <http://www.africau.plannedgiving.org/> to discover the many ways to support Africa University with a planned gift.

For more information about the planned giving program, please call or write our Director of Planned Giving, Elaine Jenkins, Africa University Development Office, P. O. Box 340007, Nashville, TN, 37203-0007, 615/340-7428 (telephone), 615/340-7290 (fax), [ejenkins@gbhem.org](mailto:ejenkins@gbhem.org) (email address).

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## GIVE and DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

### UMC #GIVING TUESDAY

Open doors and nurture church and community leaders as they train at Africa University (AU). Contribute through "The Advance", the United Methodist Church's channel for voluntary, designated, second mile giving and honor the true spirit of Advent.

Gifts to **Advance #3021028** provide scholarship funds that allow students with limited financial resources to attend Africa University.

**Advance #3020619** fills the gap in dire circumstances, providing basic essentials such as meals and toiletries to needy students who are studying at the university.

100% of your gift will go to Africa University and best of all, it will be **matched\*** dollar for dollar. This opportunity is for **one day only** and restricted to online giving.

Visit <http://www.umcmmission.org/Give-to-Mission/The-Advance> for more information.



## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

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