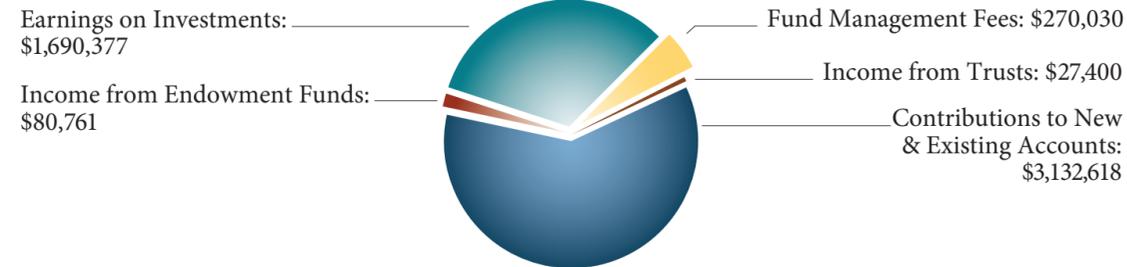
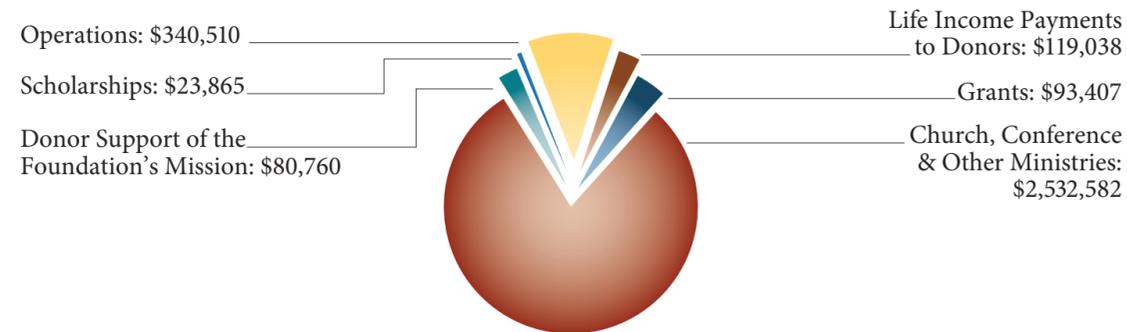


2014 Financial Information*

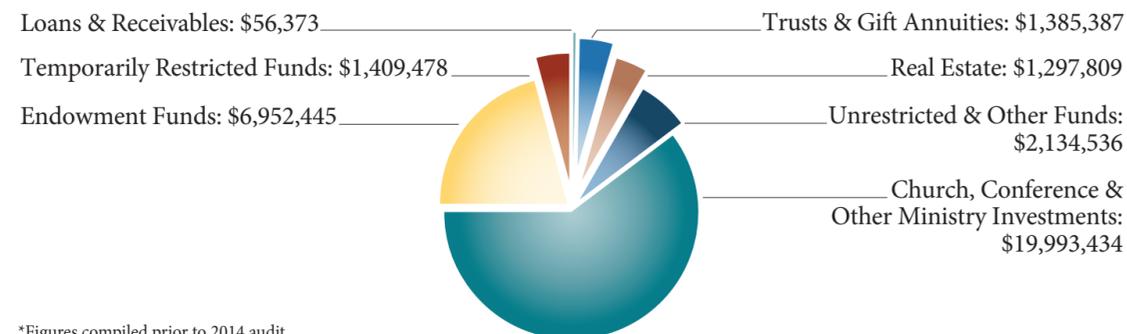
Contributions/Earnings for 2014: \$5,201,186



Funds Distributed for 2014: \$3,190,162



Assets Held by the Foundation on 12/31/2014: \$33,229,462



*Figures compiled prior to 2014 audit

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation is to support the ministries of the local church and the Great Plains United Methodist Conference through the development of gifts and the stewardship of resources entrusted to the Foundation in support of God's work.

2014 Board of Directors

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2014 Annual Report



Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. | Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. | Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. | Let it shine. | Let it shine. | Let it shine!

Nebraska United Methodist Foundation's Impact

One of the definitions of "a beacon of light" is "someone or something that guides or gives hope to others." At the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation, we continue to discuss issues of purpose and identity and to concentrate on being a "beacon of light" for our churches and donors. We must be financially strong so we will have the resources to live out our purpose to help congregations live out theirs. Thanks to your support, the Foundation continues to build on years of financial stability and integrity. In 2014, our assets grew to \$33.2 million, up from \$31.7 million at the end of 2013.

Let Your
Light So Shine
Before Men,
That They
May See Your
Good Works,
And Glorify
Your Father
Which Is
In Heaven

Matthew 5:16

Scholarships and Academic Support | Scholarship support ensures that students who feel called to be a pastor can pursue their academic dreams regardless of age or financial need.

Endowment Funds | Named Endowment Funds provide a wonderful opportunity to honor or memorialize individuals and families whose legacies can be perpetuated and shared for generations to come.

Designated Gifts for Special Ministry and Programs | Grateful donors may designate their gifts to specific areas, back to their churches or to the work of the Foundation.

"Gifts From The Heart" Endowment Fund | Grant allocations from our "Gifts From The Heart" Endowment Fund provides resources for missions, youth and camping, pastoral education and support, congregational development and greatest needs.

Investment Services | We partner with Nebraska churches, agencies and individuals to develop gifts and manage assets to provide maximum benefit for those whom we serve.

Support for Education | As a foundation, we provide fund development and endowment workshops as well as gift and estate planning seminars for church members and other interested parties.

Putting Their Light on a Lampstand

The Foundation has many resources to offer churches and ministries alike; however, we also strive to help United Methodist individuals put their own light on a lampstand. We hope you enjoy learning about some of the resources the Foundation has to offer you in helping your own light shine.

Tom & Lynn Ashby



Together with her husband, Tom, NUMF board member, Lynn Ashby created a fund with investment earnings designated to support

their own church. "When you are giving to the Foundation, you are giving twice. You help the Foundation and the Church," Lynn explains. "The Foundation is a great resource – comparable to a community foundation but focused on just the United Methodist churches, ministries and people in Nebraska. Ethical investing and good stewardship are high priorities for us, and we know we can rely on NUMF."

Their Light Shines on NUMF Donor-Advised Funds

These funds are great for donors who wish to take advantage of tax laws but are unsure how, to whom and in what amounts they want to direct their gifts. Donors choose which charities or ministries benefit from distributions while the fund grows.

Myrtle Williams



Myrtle was a loving, giving and ambitious woman, who impacted her community and church. After years of teaching, she became co-owner of a successful hatchery business.

From inspiring students to helping farmers load feed, her life was spent serving others. Her brother Don McPherson reflects, "She was so generous. It doesn't surprise me that she's still making an impact today." The notes Don receives from the Myrtle Williams Seminary Scholarship Fund recipients confirm that Myrtle's light is still shining just as much now as it did during her lifetime.

Her Light Shines on Scholarships

The NUMF Scholarship Program administers scholarships for seminary students who are members of a Nebraska UMC. Recipients are chosen by the Stewardship Committee and funds are distributed directly to the school.

J. Paul & Eleanor McIntosh



Paul and Eleanor of Norfolk, NE have devoted their lives to serving God, deciding at a young age that generosity is key. They have made many decisions together that have allowed them to put their light on a lampstand, and a big one at that, with Paul being named 2013 Nebraskan of the Year, largely due to their generosity.

"I enjoy making money, but if you don't give some of it away, you are missing half the fun," Paul says. The couple is an advocate of estate planning, bequests and other planned giving options that allow individuals to see their planned gift in action now. On the joys of seeing his light shine on others, Paul says, "If I'm lucky, I'll give my last dollar away the day before I die."

Their Light Shines on Planned Gifts

The Foundation offers many planned giving options. Charitable Gift Annuities, trusts, and bequests are just a few. Contact NUMF to discuss how you can leave a legacy for your church or favorite ministry or plan a gift where you can make distributions now.

Rev. Dr. Janice Japp & Dr. Edward Mantler Family

Pastor and NUMF board member, Janice and her family shine their light on the NUMF "Gifts from the Heart" Fund.



Janice says, "Our family wanted to be part of something beyond our local congregation

because ministry beyond those boundaries is so important. My son and daughter helped decide where we directed our gift. We thought supporting mission work would be exciting and also chose pastoral education. Pastors graduate without high income potential and have families to support. I remember lending a fellow seminary student \$20 because he was literally out of food. Each dollar is critical!"

Their Light Shines on the "Gifts from the Heart" Endowment Fund

Donations to this fund support youth ministries, Nebraska camps, mission work, pastoral education and help where it's needed most. Wise investments allow gifts to grow and support these ministries for generations to come. This fund allows you to shine your light in many different areas.