

God's abundant giving

God's Abundant Giving through the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation

Total assets	\$21,216,379
Distributed to churches, ministries and individuals	\$488,091
Investment Earnings -2016	\$610,683.68

\$1M Lilly Grant awarded
A \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. will help pastors develop stronger financial literacy skills, reduce or eliminate personal debt, and become equipped to foster generosity within congregations. **The Dakotas Foundation has acquired a \$500,000 gift to meet the matching funds requirement for the grant.**

Connectional giving
United Methodists in the Dakotas gave over **\$1.8M**

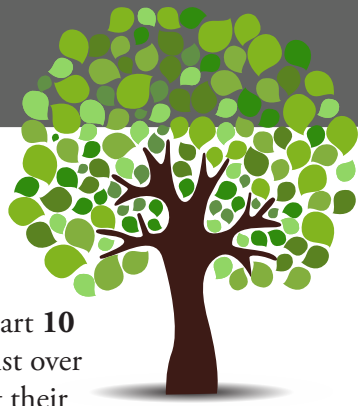
to life-changing mission and ministry around the world.

Top recipients of connectional giving from churches 2016:

Thrive: \$205,131.87 (\$884,445.12 from all sources)
UMCOR: \$142,005.80
Solar Oven Partners: \$99,670.38
Miracle Offering: \$48,862.49
Global Health: \$46,659.93
Heifer Project: \$44,296.84
Tree of Life: \$42,036.46

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The Thrive campaign will enable the conference to: start **10** new faith communities, assist over **112** churches in revitalizing their ministries and develop leaders for the future.



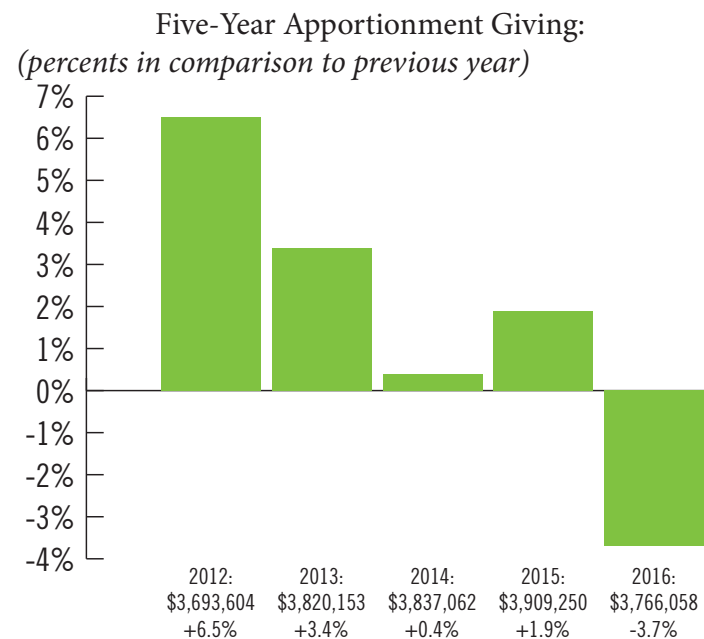
In 2018, over **\$220,000** of Thrive funds will be spent on establishing new churches (**\$155k**), coming alongside existing churches to enter a new era of growth (**\$32k**), and raising up and developing leaders (**\$33k**).



Total Amount Pledged	\$3.6 M
Total Collected*	\$1.2M

*as of May 1, 2017

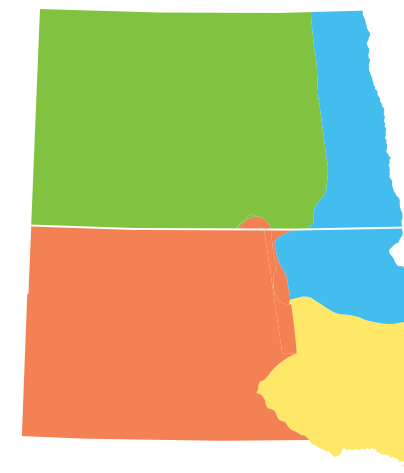
Apportioned giving
In 2016, the Dakotas Conference saw the first decrease in total apportioned giving.



Dakotas Conference
The United Methodist Church
Grow. Reach. Heal.

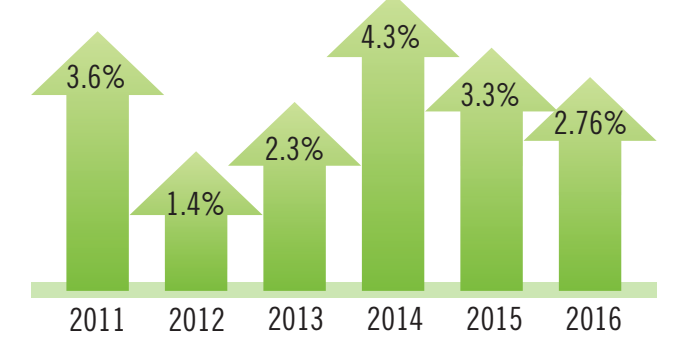
2016-2017 Missional Report

Who we are



36,000
United Methodists in
250
congregations

1 of 6 United Methodist Conferences in the United States that is growing. The conference has experienced six continuous years of growth in worship attendance.



Creating a culture of call



Calling all youth:



2016 Elisha 6 interns

"You don't know what the job entails until you are in it."
—Beth Hult, Brookings First UMC

Dakoyouth 2016
"300 youth, 38 churches, On fire for the Lord!"



10 Dakotas Conference churches received
\$70,200
of funding to engage young adults.

Camp and Retreat Ministry

2016 campers
1,639
\$7,904
for 47 camperships



Creating a culture of call

Calling all youth (continued):

Youth ministry cohort

10 churches equipped for effective youth ministry :

- Bowman
- Hettinger
- Huron First
- Miller
- Rapid City Canyon Lake
- Sioux Falls Sunnycrest
- Winner
- Washburn
- Watertown First
- Yankton

"It (the youth ministry cohort) has brought my pastor, volunteers and I together to talk about and discuss our goals."

-Erin Woods, youth coordinator Canyon Lake UMC



All people are called:

United Methodists throughout the Dakotas accepted God's call to a new thing in their local churches by engaging in discernment retreats and advanced courses.

Lay Training by the Numbers:

Number in Attendance

68

Number of Retreats and Advanced Courses Offered

10



Called to serve the Lord:

The Dakotas Conference is caring for 20 students who are in seminary on their journey to becoming an ordained elder or deacon.

376

clergy across the conference engaged in

4,368

hours of coaching and training this past year.



Multiplying disciples

The Conference is on target to start

10

new faith communities in the next four years and revitalize

112

churches in the next seven years.



Multiplying cohort begins

12 congregations are being equipped to start a new worship experience that reaches out to new disciples.



New Church Starts

Feasibility: Years 1-2

- Box Elder—The Bridge Campus (Sioux Falls, SD)
- Salem Unite (Salem, ND)
- Spirit Lake (Sheyenne, ND)

Viability: Years 2-5

- Embrace Downtown campus (Sioux Falls, SD)
- First African (Fargo, ND)
- ReNew (Kenmare, ND)

Sustainability: Years 5-7

- Embrace Tea campus (Tea, SD)
- Embrace online
- Encounter (Watertown, SD)
- Fusion (Mitchell, SD)

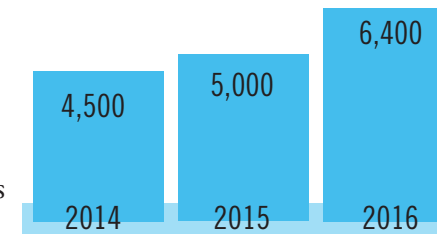


30 churches are multiplying disciples through MCCI and Journey Renewal.

These churches are implementing 183 new ideas and initiatives to reach new people for Jesus through effective, impactful ministry in the 21st century.

Connecting with neighbors

The number of United Methodists in the Dakotas connecting with neighbors continues to grow:



Local churches reach out to their community

Over 150 children go shopping at the Velva UMC for Christmas gifts for family and friends. A child does not leave the church without their shopping list completed, from items that have been donated by local businesses and gifts wrapped. The funds raised, about \$3,000, are donated back to the community.

Waffles bring new faces to worship and people to Jesus at Rapid City Canyon Lake UMC. The casual, Saturday morning worship service is open to anyone who would like to come. "It is messy, crazy service. We reach people we would not otherwise reach."

-Pastor Holly Sortland



Breakthrough Ministry Grants are given to encourage churches to try something new to enhance the missional impact, outreach and connection with their communities. Churches and projects received grants totaling

\$12,500 impacting over 2,000 lives.



Connectional impact

Churches around the conference hold

events to promote mission

ministries and raise money for ministries that address food insecurity. In the past 10 years, the Hunger Ministries Task Force distributed

\$853,424.

Dakotas Conference is home to missions that reach across North and South Dakota and the world.

Bakken Oil Rush Ministry (Watford City, ND)—helped over 2,500 families with over 32,000 items.

Out in Faith (Williston, ND)—served 3258 meals this year and averaged 60-80 persons in worship each week.



Solar Oven Partners— have now surpassed 10,000 ovens distributed to trained users.

Spirit Lake Ministry Center (Spirit Lake Nation, ND)—distributed more than \$12,000 in food items, meeting the needs of more than 600 people per month and provided Shoebox Christmas Gifts for 6,589 children.



Tree of Life (Rosebud Sioux, Mission, SD)—served 36,950 hot meals, and gave over 36,790 boxes of food. The Thrift Store had 14,530 patrons this year.

