



M. Scott Gilpin

Executive Director for Fund Development

Scott joined Discipleship Ministries (formally, the General Board of Discipleship) of the United Methodist Church in October, 2011 as its primary fundraiser and advancement officer. Scott leads those philanthropic endeavors to fund mission expansion while providing direction on mission clarification, strategic planning, volunteer support, constituent relations and stewardship.

Scott has served over forty educational and social service organizations in Great Britain, Africa and the United States. Previous positions held include Assistant to the President of Centenary College, Interim Vice President of Development for Carver College, CEO of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and Foundation, Vice President of Development for Methodist Homes Corporation and Program Director for Allied Irish Bank of Dublin's international not-for-profit consulting division, Community Counselling Service.

Professional memberships include the Association of Fundraising Professionals (Scott co-founded the North Louisiana Chapter of AFP), Partnership for Philanthropic Planning, National Association of United Methodist Foundations, and Greenleaf Center for Servant-Leadership.

Among his community commitments, he has served on the boards of the United Methodist Global Health Initiative and its Imagine No Malaria Campaign, Wesley-Rankin Community Center of West Dallas, University of Alabama Medical School Comprehensive Center for Healthy Aging, Greater Birmingham Humane Society, Sumatanga United Methodist Camp and Conference Center, Loyola College Preparatory School, Louisiana Military Affairs Council, and Family Counseling and Children's Services. He co-founded a ministry in Kenya that provides jobs through the production of hand-tied flies for trout and salmon fishing that are marketed around the world.

An alumnus of Allen Military Academy, Texas A&M and Oklahoma State, Scott is a graduate of the Williamsburg Development Institute and a teacher and presenter for professional educational seminars and symposiums around the world.

Scott, son of a United Methodist minister, was reared in Texas and lives in Birmingham, Alabama and Nashville, Tennessee. He is married to Susan, a contributing editor for Time/Warner publications including *People* and *People Country*, a long-serving editor of *Southern Living Magazine*, and a *Southern Living* television personality.

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