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The United Methodist Foundation of Michigan has earned a 2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency from Candid (formerly GuideStar). The designation is only awarded to charities illustrating the highest level of responsible fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. As the largest source of information about philanthropy globally, Candid is recognized internationally for providing the most comprehensive data and insights about nonprofits and the social sector. Candid aligns with a social sector capable of tackling the critical challenges and opportunities of our time. The Foundation is thrilled to be among this cohort of organizations which seek to make a difference in people's lives. Building for this future, Candid is the premier source for non-profit organizations to attain recognition for their nonprofit business best practices.

Being awarded the Platinum Seal is a major testament to the transparency of the Foundation. This highest achievable rating places the Foundation in the top 0.1% of charities nationally in terms of transparency. The Platinum Seal indicates that the Foundation shares clear and important information about their goals, strategies, capabilities, achievements, and progress indicators. As a result, potential investors and contributors alike can easily find in-depth financial information about this ministry to help them make informed decisions when considering a value-aligned investment or a planned gift. Church leaders and generous individuals can be confident that their investments and contributions will help the Foundation come alongside the local church, strengthen Methodist ministry throughout Michigan, and deeply touch people's lives.

Rev. Dr. David S. Bell, President and Executive Director, exclaimed, "We are incredibly proud and humbled to receive the Platinum Seal of Transparency from Candid. The Foundation is blessed with a very supportive board of directors and a dedicated staff. We are committed to continuing to be transparent and accountable to our entire community of investors and contributors."

This exceptional designation sets the Foundation apart and demonstrates their trustworthiness to the public. Moreover, completing the rigor required to be recognized at this level indicates that the Foundation far exceeds nonprofit industry standards.

Check out the [United Methodist Foundation of Michigan's Candid profile](#).

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