

Wayne C. Barrett Steward Leader Award

The Wayne C. Barrett Steward Leader Award was established by action of the Board of Directors of the Foundation upon Dr. Barrett's retirement as President and Executive Director. The purpose of this award is to honor up to four United Methodist congregations across the Michigan Conference for their exemplary stewardship ministry and culture of generosity.

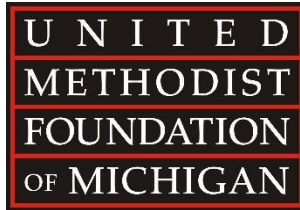
Qualified applicants must submit an application prior to March 15th of the year in which they are to be considered for the award. Applications are available online at www.umfmichigan.org. Award recipients must meet a number of eligibility requirements including:

- Have funds invested in the UMF Collective Investment Funds of Michigan LLC
- Have contributed 100% of its conference ministry shares for the previous year and be current in contributions for the present fiscal year
- Demonstrate a collaborative relationship between the pastor and laity in providing leadership in the area of financial stewardship
- Articulate a clearly defined mission and vision for the church
- Adhere to the financial procedures and protocol as defined in the *Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church, including but not limited to:
 - Socially responsible investing
 - Annual financial review
 - Cash management
 - IRS-compliant donor contribution statements
- Provide an advance indication of their intent for the awarded funds' usage
- Have not been a recipient of the Award in the past five (5) years

Award recipients shall be selected by the Awards Committee of the Foundation's Board of Directors and notified in early May. Awards will be presented by a member of the Foundation staff to local church leaders during a worship service or other appropriate occasion. Direct any questions to the Foundation office 888-451-1929 or info@umfmichigan.org.



About The Rev. Dr. Wayne C. Barrett: Wayne Barrett provided over 35 years of leadership for the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan. He served more than 1,000 congregations with programs and consultations in planned giving, capital funding, and stewardship development. A prolific author, Dr. Barrett wrote featured articles for leading church-related magazines and penned three best-selling stewardship books.



Wayne C. Barrett Steward Leader Award Grant Application

Up to a total of four (4) grants in the amount of \$2,500 each shall be awarded annually to congregations within the Michigan Area of The United Methodist Church. The award recipients shall demonstrate exceptional financial stewardship, embody of culture of generosity, and adhere to the financial procedures and protocol as defined in the *Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*. Please complete the following information and return by **MARCH 15, 2025** to:

Marian@UMFMichigan.org or mail to
United Methodist Foundation of Michigan
3347 Eagle Run Dr NE • Suite B • Grand Rapids, MI 49525

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| Church Name | |
| Address | |
| City/State/Zip | |
| Contact Person | Title |
| Phone | Email |
| District | |
| Average Worship Attendance | |
| _____ Less than 75 | _____ Between 75 and 150 |
| _____ Between 150 and 250 | _____ More than 250 |

We acknowledge that the church:

- Invests funds with the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan
- Contributed 100% of its conference ministry shares for the previous year and is current in contributions for the present fiscal year
- Adheres to the financial procedures and protocol as defined in the *Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*

_____ Yes

_____ No

Share ways in which the church demonstrates a collaborative relationship between the pastor and laity in providing leadership in the area of financial stewardship.

How has the church demonstrated exceptional financial stewardship over the past year?

How is the church striving to embody a culture of extravagant generosity?

State the church's mission and/or vision statements:

If selected, we will likely use the grant funds to:

How will this use of grant funds further the church's mission and vision?

Attach any additional information that might be helpful to the Awards Committee.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Print Name

Church Office/Position

Pastor's Signature

Date

Print Name

Pastor's Email Address

Application Deadline: March 15, 2025. You will receive an acknowledgement of submission. You should contact our office if you do not receive such verification. Grant recipients shall be notified in May.