“The Spirit of . . . God is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted, and God has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted.”

Isaiah 61:1a, An Inclusive-Language Lectionary
The Ministerial Education Fund Apportionment

The Ministerial Education Fund is the basic financial source for preparing and educating clergy leadership for The United Methodist Church.

A portion of money goes to the schools based on the number of full-time United Methodist faculty and senior administrators within. Funds received by the 13 United Methodist schools of theology relate more directly to the number of students in Master of Divinity programs who are registered candidates for ordained ministry, and how many graduates have been ordained in The United Methodist Church.

Forty percent of the fund reserved for theological schools is divided, based on the number of United Methodist students enrolled in candidacy for ordination and the number of graduates ordained after completing seminary. Twenty-five percent is distributed among the seminaries for basic support.

The remainder is divided as follows:

• 3.5 percent, based on the number of United Methodist faculty and senior administrators;
• 3.5 percent, based on gender and ethnic inclusiveness of faculty, administrators and students; and
• 3 percent for grants to be used in programs of spiritual formation, continuing education and other theological education initiatives.

• 25 percent of the receipts remain in annual conferences to assist candidates for ministry, to support continuing education for pastors and clergy recruitment and to provide financial aid for students.

“I feel prepared for the practical, intellectual and spiritual demands of life in ministry. This is truly a place of education and transformation, full of people who support, challenge and care for one another.”
Kate Hurst Floyd, Candler School of Theology

“I’m six weeks into this appointment, and see my major role there as helping to restructure and revitalize the church. Before that, I served at Sulphur Grove UMC in Huber Heights, OH, where I launched a satellite campus.
Kimberly Armentrout, United Theological Seminary

“I am currently the Senior Pastor of the Spartanburg Parish in South Carolina. It is my belief that God has brought me to this place in my life and The United Methodist Church along with Gammon Theological Seminary has provided constant encouragement and assistance with scholarships to remain in school.”
Christopher Lee Thompson, Gammon Theological Seminary