

# Developing Leaders Around the World

Providing global leadership formation and development for our global church, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) offers an array of programs, events and resources for United Methodist lay and clergy leaders. Fostering a culture of call and creating connections for leaders, our work supports the advancement and service of the church today and tomorrow.



**HIGHER EDUCATION & MINISTRY**

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**1,000+**

United Methodist-related institutions  
of education

United  
Methodist  
Clergy  
World Wide



**48,000+**

**CONNECT *ANew***

Evolving to meet the leadership needs of the Church.

Number of GBHEM  
Publishing books  
released in 2017—  
one in **four** languages

**10,000+**  
People reached through  
our publishing

**40+** Libraries impacted



Certified or Enrolled  
Candidates for  
Ordination in 2017



**2,150**



A total of **69** Grants  
to expand global  
theological  
education in 2017



**YCI\***

Grants given in 2017



**300+**

Young adults attended  
Exploration 2017 to help  
discern their call to ministry



**16,000+**

Students enrolled in 11 BCF\* Schools

**8,000**

Graduates from Africa University, who return home, impacting more than 31 African countries



**\$4  
MILLION**

Scholarships given to more than

**2,000**

United Methodist students in 2017

**EM360**

*Effective Ministry 360*

Launched in 2017, EM360 is an assessment tool to help pastors and congregations better meet the conference's and local church's mission and ministry goals



E-readers were distributed around the world in 2017

**2,500**

E-readers have been supplied since 2013



Lay persons who received specialized certifications



**50**



Annual Conference Teams attended the first Eight-Year Assessment Training



Low-interest loans to more than **350** United Methodist students in 2017

EIST\* grants to **15** organizations



**1,724**



Chaplains and pastoral counselors serve The United Methodist Church around the world in more than **25** ministry settings

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\*ABBREVIATIONS KEY: YCI Young Clergy Initiative, BCF The Black College Fund, EIST Ethnic In-Service Training, LEAD Leadership Education and Development



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