



2023 Annual Report



FROM THE INTERIM PRESIDENT

The United Methodist Foundation of the Virginia Annual Conference had a good year both financially and ministerially in 2023. Total assets grew by 11.5%, and we leveraged those assets to generate 21 grants to our churches. We expanded our support of the connection by adding 24 new investors. We value our long-term relationships as well as our newly formed ones.

A Decade of Success

Ten years ago, the Foundation evaluated the needs of our churches within the Annual Conference. We created and began to lend money to our churches through the Virginia United Methodist Development Company and expanded investment support staff to be in greater connection with our churches. That initiative has borne much fruit and has created opportunities for the Foundation to expand its support of our churches' ministries.

Over the past 10 years, Foundation assets have grown 240% from \$44.8 million to over \$152 million at the end of 2023. We began to offer donor-advised funds, and we worked to educate both our churches and our clergy on financial stewardship. All of this work has positioned the Foundation to be a major resource to the ministries of our local churches.

Supporting the United Methodist Churches in Virginia

As the United Methodist Church has moved past a period of disaffiliation and begins to refocus on its core mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, the Foundation is also refocusing on serving the needs of our churches as they live into that mission.

We are constantly working to help our churches be effective stewards of their resources through both our investing and lending activities. The Foundation provides socially responsible investment pools in accordance with the United Methodist principles. Mortgages and construction loans are offered at competitive rates and are funded by United Methodist churches and individuals, which benefits both the investors and the borrower.

We are also in the process of expanding our grant program to provide new avenues of financial support to the ministries across the Annual Conference. It is our continued goal to support the needs of our churches and their ministries.

By David Domnisse

Conference Treasurer & Interim President of the Foundation

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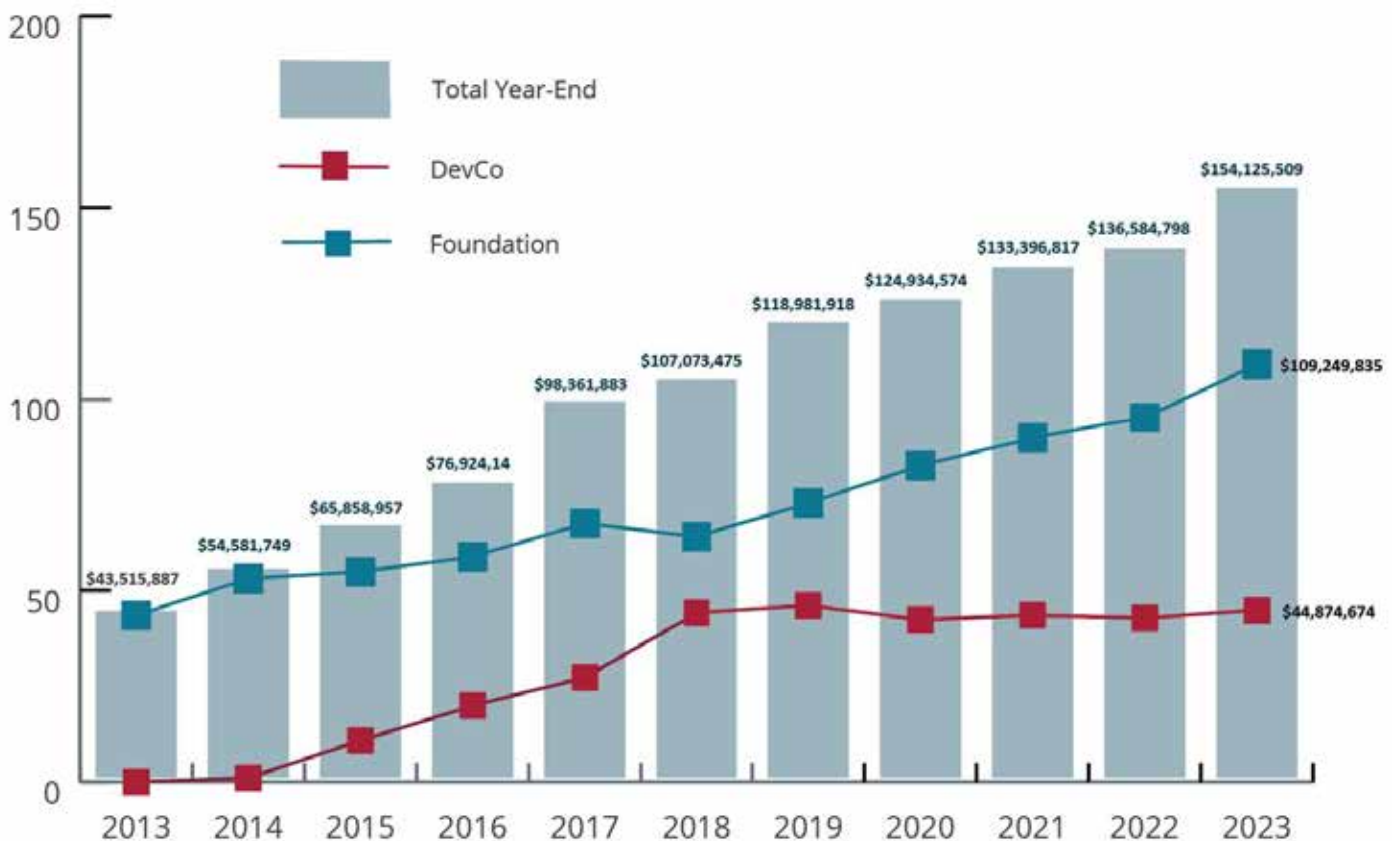
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FOUNDATION & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY 2013-2023 GROWTH IN ASSETS

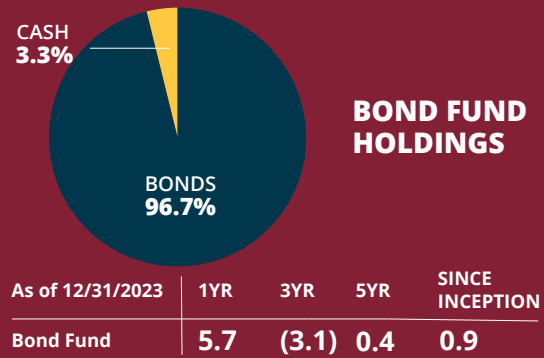
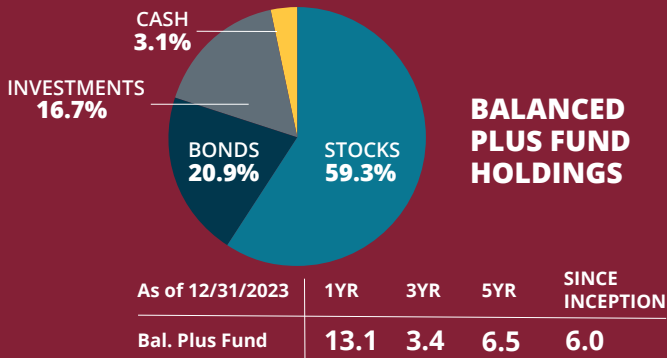
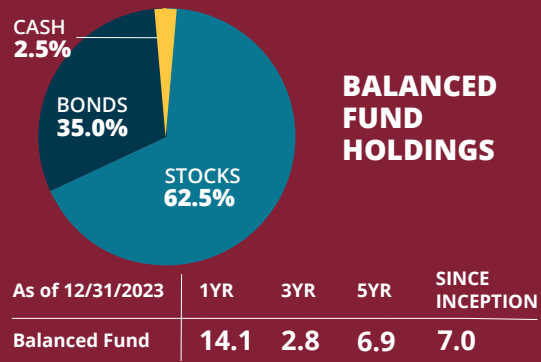


INVESTMENT FUNDS as of 12/31/23

The Foundation offers four investment funds

In keeping with the investment guidelines of the United Methodist Church, the Foundation's investment committee seeks to be socially responsible in how it invests the funds we oversee, reflecting the ethical standards of the Church. The United Methodist Church's Book of Discipline provides a guideline to avoid investments that "support racial

discrimination, violation of human rights, sweatshop or forced labor, gambling, or the production of nuclear armament, alcoholic beverages or tobacco, or companies dealing in pornography." The Foundation's policy is to avoid direct investments in such companies.



SUMMARY OF FOUNDATION ACCOUNTS

Current Foundation Accounts	Number	Year-End Amount
Agencies	25	\$3,202,295
Churches	455	\$68,237,449
Endowments	92	\$9,387,746
Districts	28	\$22,514,392
Virginia United Methodist Conference	2	\$2,022,938
Foundation-Controlled Funds	15	\$1,194,138
Total	617	\$106,558,958



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The Development Company, LLC, is a registered offering with the Commonwealth of Virginia. Although investments are not FDIC-insured, they are safeguarded through strict investment and lending policies, strong board leadership and competent staff.

IN 2023, **THE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY** REALIZED SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN INVESTMENTS AND LOANS.

\$42,997,887

Deposits

37

No. of Loans

\$44,874,675

Assets

\$36,430,522

Outstanding
Loans



GRANTS

The Foundation awarded a total of \$64,875 in 2023 grant funding to 21 organizations. Since the program was launched in 2015, we've distributed a cumulative total of more than \$450,000 to ministries throughout the Virginia Conference (VAUMC). A total of 61 applications were submitted for the 2023 grants cycle, but not every request for funding could be honored. Funds were disbursed in the first quarter of 2024.

- Appalachian Service Project, St. Luke's UMC - \$5,000
- Beach Bag Ministry, Baylake UMC – \$625
- Camp Do Good Art & Soul Program, Westover Hills UMC – \$5,000
- Care Portal, First UMC – \$1,000
- Children's Clothes Closet, Shenandoah River District of the VAUMC – \$5,000
- Grace Inside: State Prison Chaplaincy, Virginia Conference Connectional Ministries – \$2,000
- Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP), St. James & Glossbrenner UMC – \$1,250
- Homeless Students & Their Families, St. Mark's UMC – \$5,000
- Journey Village Transitional Living, Journey UMC – \$5,000
- Just Neighbors, Arlington District of the VAUMC – \$5,000
- Kaleidoscope, Bethlehem UMC – \$2,000
- Kids Soar, Trinity UMC – \$5,000
- Kingsway Prison & Family Outreach – \$2,000
- Neighborhood Parenting & Pizza Program, Southview UMC – \$1,000
- Clothing Ministry, Nelson UMC – \$1,500
- New Song Cares, New Song UMC – \$5,000
- Rising Hope Emergency Support Services, Rising Hope UMC – \$5,000
- Stories, Relationships, Faith, The Gathering at Washington Street UMC – \$1,500
- Heal Fund, United Methodist Family Services (UMFS) – \$1,000
- Wednesday Night Dinners, Monumental UMC – \$5,000
- Wings Ministry, South Hill UMC – \$1,000

GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR 2023 AWARD ALLOCATION BY DISTRICT

Coastal Virginia:	2
Living Waters:	3
Mission Rivers:	1
Mountain View:	3
Northern Virginia:	2
Shenandoah River:	2
Three Notch'd:	6
Valley Ridge:	2
Total:	21

\$457K

Total Amount Awarded
Since 2015

12

2023-24 Foundation Grants

9

2023-24 Micah Grants

0

2023-24 Hannah Grants

BAYLAKE UMC'S BEACH BAG MINISTRY COASTAL VIRGINIA DISTRICT

The mission of Baylake UMC's beach bag ministry is to provide food for the weekends for food-insecure children at Bayside Elementary School in Virginia Beach. For 13 years, Baylake UMC has packed and delivered between 75 and 100 bags every week during the school year for students to take home in their backpacks on Friday afternoons.

Many students receive free or reduced price breakfast and lunches at school, and the beach bags ensure they have breakfast, lunch and snacks on the weekend. Many of these students live in trailer parks, apartments, hotels or shared homes.

According to Jeff Waller, who manages the beach bag program, the grant from the Foundation is a "great help for us to continue supporting food-insecure children in our community on a weekly basis. Thank you so much!"



Baylake UMC

“ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or thirsty and give you something to drink?’ The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ ”

Matthew 25:37 & 40

TRINITY UMC'S KIDS SOAR VALLEY RIDGE DISTRICT

Kids Soar is a faith-based ministry whose focus is on empowering children and families in the Roanoke Valley to end the cycle of poverty through literacy education. One of the foundational keys to a child's successful future is the ability to read. The Kids Soar team believes every child should be able to read.

The vision of Kids Soar is for all God's children to have the opportunity to achieve their full potential. The Foundation's grant helped Kids Soar serve 90 children and their families, including youth and adult programs on topics such as financial management, mental health and child behavior. Each year, the children read 200 books themselves or are read to by an adult.



Kids Soar

“ Children whose parents have low literacy levels have a 72% chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves. They're more likely to get poor grades, display behavioral problems, have high absentee rates, repeat school years or drop out. ”

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of December 31, 2022 & 2023

ASSETS	2023	2022
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$6,687,508	\$3,374,949
Certificates of Deposit	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
INVESTMENTS		
Investor	\$102,941,531	\$92,416,061
Foundation	\$2,593,525	\$2,199,455
Total Investments	\$105,535,056	\$94,615,516
Loans Receivable, net	\$36,052,522	\$34,721,736
Other Assets	\$372,635	\$272,599
Total Assets		\$136,584,800

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Payables & Accruals	\$32,634	\$33,533
Cash equivalents payable to investors	\$1,377,916	\$1,4500
Investment funds payable to investors	\$102,941,531	\$92,416,061
Savings & investment certificates	\$42,997,594	\$39,872,504

NET ASSETS

Without Restrictions	\$3,885,802	\$3,306,779
With Restrictions	\$691,997	\$612,157
Total Net Assets	\$4,577,799	\$3,918,936

Independent Auditor: FORVIS