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GRATITUDE REPORT

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A REFLECTION FROM THE PRESIDENT



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This *Gratitude Report* offers a review of the *many ways* your gifts have made an impact at this good seminary.

Dear Faithful Friend of United,

It is a privilege to address you in this *Gratitude Report*. United has much to celebrate, and you are a generous participant in the seminary's flourishing. We give thanks that you continue to widen your heart as you remember United in your giving.

When the Apostle Paul passes the offering plate in Corinth (2 Corinthians 9:1–8), he wants them to learn a spirituality of generosity. It is a transformative spiritual practice for the giver as well as those who receive gifts. In this instance, he is seeking to garner relief money for suffering persons in Jerusalem.

Actually, Paul pulls out all the stops to pry open their pocketbooks, which he can get away with as an Apostle. (I only wish I had such authority!) He appeals to their spiritual pride, reminding them that they have excelled in the other gifts of the Spirit. Next, he uses shame. He reminds the Corinthians that the Macedonians have given a big offering, and they are poor folks themselves. They would look awfully bad if they gave a stingy offering.

Then he turns to their self-interest, using a farming illustration: if you sow sparingly, you will reap sparingly. If you sow bountifully, you will reap bountifully. In another approach, he appeals to their trust, assuring them that God will take care of them. He notes that giving is an act of devotion. Finally, his best and truest appeal is gratitude, and that's the approach I hope to take.

The well-known aphorism comes from this chapter: "God loves a cheerful giver." The Greek word we translate as "cheerful" is *hilaron*, the origin of the English word "hilarious." You get my drift: Hilarious givers try to figure out how much we can give rather than how little.

I trust that you find deep joy in giving to United. This *Gratitude Report* offers a review of the many ways your gifts have made an impact at this good seminary. And, in our time, a seminary like United is needed more than ever

Gratefully,

Molly T. Marshall

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President





STUDENT RYAN CAGLE'S MINISTRY LEADS THROUGH SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION & ECO-JUSTICE

Student Ryan Cagle, who grew up in what he describes as the “backwoods of Alabama and the foothills of Appalachia,” is pursuing both an MDiv in Social Transformation and an MA in Eco-Justice. For the past three years, he has also been the driving force behind a social justice ministry in Parrish, Alabama, called Jubilee House Community. It is a big lift, but Ryan finds that his academic work at United is complementing his home ministry.

“Seminary has always been a dream for me—something I always wanted to do,” Ryan shares. He’s been involved in ministry since he was 18 and supplemented his ministry with extensive reading. When he decided to pursue seminary, there were no local options. United, however, seemed like a good fit. “The theology and the place and the diversity that is here and embodied in the community,” Ryan explains, was what he needed.

Social transformation was an obvious choice since Ryan was already engaged in community organizing and social justice work. Still, much of his ministry in Alabama deals with “ecologically oriented” issues, so he wanted to explore that side too. Fortunately, Rev. Dr. Justin Sabia-Tanis, associate professor of Christian Ethics and Social Transformation supported by the McVay Endowment, allowed Ryan to create a self-directed study in Land, Food, Faith, and Justice. Once United added the MA in Eco-Justice, Ryan couldn’t resist adding that degree.



Ryan asserts he cannot “quantify the number of ways that what I’m learning [at United] is actively helping me refine the actual on-the-ground work that I’m doing.” His academic work, Ryan says, is enhancing how he relates, leads, and ministers to others, how they approach decision-making, and how they effectuate eco-justice for those in their community.

With no state funding, Jubilee House Community operates a 24/7 food pantry, a free store for non-perishable items, a community garden, and Alabama’s first, second, and third free 24/7 Narcan® (naloxone) distribution sites (part of their harm reduction efforts). It’s an amazing, heart-filled, and transformational ministry.

“I love United,” Ryan avows. “It’s been one of the most life-affirming and vocation-affirming places I’ve ever been and experienced in my entire life.”



CYRETA ODUNIYI-HOWARD (’19) MINISTERS THROUGH COUNSELING & RELATIONSHIPS

“Since I was a teenager,” Rev. Cyreta Oduniyi reflects, “I always...said I would love to be a youth pastor.” So it made sense that she earned an MDiv in pastoral care and counseling. While at United, Cyreta was excited to learn more about womanist and Black liberation theology from faculty who had learned from some of the pioneers in those fields. This connection, she asserts, “brought [theology] into a different light for me and brought it to life.”

Since earning her MDiv, Cyreta has held several positions at Liberty Community Church in North Minneapolis and founded a consulting business. Currently, she serves as the program director at Liberty’s Northside Healing Space and as an associate pastor for youth development at Liberty.

The Northside Healing Space program that Cyreta directs intends to reduce Minnesota’s disproportionately high rate of infant and maternal mortality within Black communities and its unhealthy relationship with health care. “We are caring and walking with families who are pregnant, in delivery, or postpartum,” she explains, and connecting families with “trusted providers”—doulas, midwives, other birth workers, lactation consultants, elders, and others—who use culturally sensitive “rituals and traditions that help wrap around the family.”

Since 2016, when she founded I Am Youthwork, Cyreta has also been offering extra support to “those who work with children and youth,” including youth pastors. “Youthwork, she shares, “is how to walk with children and families on their spiritual journey in today’s context.”



Recently, Cyreta re-enrolled at United to begin work on her DMin! Why come back? There are too few “women who represent what I look like, where I live, and the way my family looks” who are conducting meaningful research about her community, she admits. In addition, she couldn’t ignore all the nudges she received from United, Liberty, and God. With a laugh in her voice, Cyreta tells the story of all the ways she tried not to return to school. Still, she confesses, “God was like, ‘Girl, shut up!’”

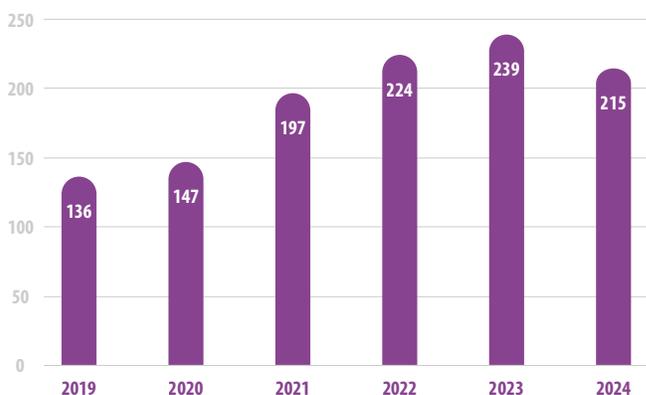
And she is happy to be back. For Cyreta, returning to United feels both like a homecoming and the start of a new adventure. We are truly excited to see what she will do next to support the common good.

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215 DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

With 215 degree-seeking students and 11 non-degree-seeking students in the Fall of 2024, United is celebrating nearly 68 percent growth in enrollment since the fall of 2014. We credit this expansion to leading-edge programs, extraordinary faculty, and our commitment to social justice, interreligious engagement, and the arts.



55 DOCTOR OF MINISTRY STUDENTS

With five concentrations in addition to a directed study offering, United's DMin program prepares leaders, teachers, and ministers with a specialized, concentrated education needed in today's diverse and multifaith world.

50 GRADUATES IN THE CLASS OF '24

United celebrated 50 graduates moving forward into their vocations. This was the largest graduating class in 39 years and the second largest in United's history.

11 CERTIFICATE STUDENTS

Since 2022, United has launched three certificate programs in spiritual direction, theological studies, and applied ethics and justice. Non-degree-seeking students can acquire education and experience in a subject of particular interest or professional relevance without enrolling in a full program.

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HONORING MANY VOICES UNITED FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

In continuation of the theme for our 60th anniversary year, we emphasized Many Voices United for Justice and Peace. Dozens of alums, friends, and trustees responded to the call, naming those whose voices have inspired them; those who have affirmed and supported their vocation; and those who have been transformative in their lives. We give thanks for each donor and, in particular, the many voices throughout United's 62-year history who have made possible this essential work. See the full list of those honored and remembered on page six.

446 TOTAL DONORS

United celebrates the 446 donors who have made 1,619 gifts throughout FY24. Each gift makes possible transformative theological education for current students and generations of students to come.

166 DONORS MADE THEIR LARGEST-EVER GIFTS

United is grateful for the 166 donors who made their largest-ever gift in FY24, an 11-year high.

RE-ENGAGED DONORS

In FY24, United celebrated the second highest number of re-engaged donors out of the last seven fiscal years.

SOPHIA CHAIR

In February 2024, United was thrilled to announce the establishment of the Sophia Chair in Religious and Theological Studies. Realized through a generous donation by Dr. Mary Farrell Bednarowski, Professor Emerita of Religious Studies (1976–2004), and her husband, Keith Bednarowski (pictured together with President Molly T. Marshall and Dr. Demian Wheeler at right), the Sophia Chair makes possible a tenure-track, endowed faculty position.

On September 26, 2024, more than 150 members of the United community gathered for Fall Convocation to honor an auspicious occasion. Friends and alums, students, faculty, staff, and trustees celebrated the generosity of Mary and Keith as Demian was formally installed as United's

Sophia Associate Professor in Religious and Theological Studies.

On deciding to name the chair Sophia, Mary reflects, "I like to think of Sophia as the patron (Molly prefers 'guiding') spirit of asking both new and old, profound, life-giving questions. I like to think of her as the inspiring spirit of the theological and religious imagination." In his remarks during the installation ceremony, Demian emphasized Mary's multivalent legacy, noting that "Sophia conjures the feminine spirit of the Divine" and "points to the long and ongoing legacy of women's religious thought at United."

For all who joined us, for Demian, and for the generosity of Mary Farrell Bednarowski and Keith Bednarowski, we give thanks.



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We give gratitude for the lives of those who are of blessed memory; their names are marked with an asterisk (). We have made every attempt to provide accurate information in these lists. If you see something that is in error or that has been omitted, please contact Andrew Fox at afox@unitedseminary.edu or 651-255-6110.*

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Introduced in April 2024, The President's Circle of the Joshua Society honors those who have given more than \$1,000,000 to United. These donors have sustained the school through their generosity and have helped shape its horizon of flourishing. Each name is bold, indicating they are the first inductees as of June 30, 2024.

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**Katherine Austin Mahle ('78) and
 Stephen Mahle**
Kita McVay ('96, '09)
Mary and M.D. (Pete)* McVay
Tad and Cindy Piper

JOSHUA SOCIETY

Joshua Society members are exceptional friends and alums who have given cumulative gifts of \$50,000 or more. Members are recognized at an annual luncheon, where new members receive a cast bronze, quarter-size replica of Herman Schwagereit's "Joshua" sculpture. The original "Joshua" was presented to United in 1966 in memory of Karl J. Ernst, professor of Hebrew and exegetical theology (1926–1954) at Mission House Seminary, a forerunner of United. Joshua members will always be honored for the lasting impact their gifts had on the seminary. Bold names denote new inductees as of June 30, 2024.

Alfred* and Dorothee* Aeppli
 Fred C.* and
 Katherine B.* Andersen
 David and Jeanne Anderson
 Douglas* and Carole Baker
 Mary Farrell Bednarowski and
 Keith Bednarowski
 Allen C.* and Phyllis Blume
 Margaret and William Bracken
 Priscilla* ('83) and Jack* Braun
 Thomas ('74) and
 Marilyn Breckenridge
 Edward* and Virginia* Brooks
 Hildegard Bunge*
 Marion Bunge*
 Edna Mae Carlson* ('80)
 Thomas* ('94) and
 Nancy Caswell
 Howard Conn*
 Susan J. and Richard Crockett
**Kenneth V. ('81) and
 Barbara Kershner Daniel**
 Carol Daniels
 Maxine B. Davison*
 Bruce* and Ruth* Dayton
 Wallace* and Mary Lee* Dayton
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 Lois Mary Dunlap*
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 Carolyn Pressler
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 John Hannaford*
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 Philip* and Margaret* Harder
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 Carolyn ('99) and
 Peter Hendrixson
 Mary (Patsy) Herbert* ('15) and
 Skip Davis
 Hella Mears Hueg*
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 Huenemann ('36)
 A.D.* and Mary* Hulings
 Dayton* and Ruth Hultgren
 Ruth and John Huss
 Andrea D. Johnson ('17, '23) and
 David Fry
 Lucy Rosenberry Jones and
 Jim Johnson
 Art* and Martha* Kaemmer
 Carl* and Janet Kuhrmeyer
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 and Stephen Mahle
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 McMillan* ('78, '89)
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 James Wm Johnson
 Mary and M.D. (Pete)* McVay
 Meg Mercury ('23)
 Thor Mickelson and
 Cindi Beth Johnson
 Jonathan ('00) and
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 Margaret Z. Morris* ('79) and
 Arthur* L. Merrill
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 John* and Betty* Musser
 Christie ('80) and Win Neuger
 Richard and Nancy Nicholson
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 Keran Olm-Stoelting
 Bruce R. Ough
Vonda Pearson ('98)
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 Virginia* Piper

Harry C. Piper III
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 Dick* and Kit Schmoker
 Belle and Robert* Scott
 Judith N. ('90) and
 James* Scoville
 Mike and Laura* Shannon
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 Mark ('62) and Eleanor Steiner
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 Helen Wipplinger*
 Wilson and Gayle* Graham Yates
 James Quentin Young*

BOSSARD-WARD SOCIETY

The Bossard-Ward Society honors alums whose cumulative giving in all categories totals \$10,000 or more. This alum society commemorates two people who were instrumental in founding the seminaries that later merged to create United: Jakob Bossard—a founder, faculty member, and president of Mission House Seminary from 1875 to 1885—and Joseph Ward, a Congregational pastor who founded Yankton College which housed Yankton School of Theology. New Bossard-Ward recipients are honored during United Days. Bold names denote new inductees as of June 30, 2024.

Robert N. Alpers* ('58, '71)
 Sarah S. Amos ('88)
**Sheila
 Apland-Ottenbacher ('95)**

Theodore Bader ('51)
 Paul E. Baumer* ('60)
 Audrey Benjamin ('84)
 Frank Bennett ('10)

Priscilla Braun* ('83)
 Thomas Breckenridge ('74)
 David J. Brown ('55)
 Sam Buehrer ('88)

Lyn Burton ('06)
 Norma J. Burton* ('78)
Daniel Busch ('71)
 Edna Mae Carlson* ('80)

William E. Carlson* ('68)
 Thomas Caswell* ('94)
 Vernon Clausing* ('57)
 Sarah C. Conklin ('94)
 Dawn Carlson Conn ('97, '17)
 Molly Cox ('89)

Beverly Crow ('89)

Arlene Dahl* ('90)
 Kenneth V. Daniel ('81)
 Mark B. Dayton ('21)
 Karen Dungan ('85)
 Sue K. Ebbers ('78)
 Victor Engelmann* ('47)
 Frank Erdey* ('39)
 Cary Eustis ('06)
 Charles H. Eversman ('60)
 Jeanne Felder* ('82)
 Charles E. Fix* ('53, '72)
 Patricia Geadelmann ('04)
 Otto Gerber* ('35)
 Jon Gunnemann ('66)
 Sheila Gustafson ('77)
 Anne A. Hage* ('80)
 Henry F. Heinbuch* ('49)
 John M. Heini ('61)
 Carolyn Hendrixson ('99)
 Mary (Patsy) Herbert* ('15)

Glen Herrington-Hall ('82)
 Ruben Henry Huenemann* ('36)
 Norma Rae Hunt ('84) and
 Garth Schumacher ('00, '03)
 Marva Jean Hutchens ('80)
 Andrea D. Johnson ('17, '23)
 Bonnie Johnson ('90)
 Daniel Jonas ('63)
 Gary D. Kasten ('66)
 Judith Allen Kim ('89)
 Ernest Klautdt* ('43)
 Walter Koch ('63, '72)
 Rueben Koehler* ('47)
 Harold Koenig* ('57)

MaryAnne Korsch ('16)

Lynne Krehbiel-Breneman ('95)
 John Krueger ('63)
 Howard Kusler ('56)
 Charles Leck ('66)
 Raymond Ley* ('43)
 Robert Long ('59)

Elizabeth Macaulay ('99)

Katherine Austin Mahle ('78)
 Julie A. Mall ('85)
 Cheryl S. McKinley ('90)
 Mary Bigelow
 McMillan* ('78, '89)
 Kita McVay ('96, '09)

Philip C. Meili* ('65)
Meg Mercury ('23)
 Gary Miller* ('68)
 Jonathan Morgan ('00)
 Margaret Z. Morris* ('79)
 Mary Ann Murray ('76)
 Wilys Claire Nelson* ('79)
 Leslie Neugent ('12)
 Christie Neuger ('80)
 Steven Newcom ('80, '19)
 Paul H. Olm-Stoelting* ('46, '74)
 Dale D. Parson ('78)
 Norman Pavey ('69, '74, '84)
 Vonda Pearson ('98)

Jim Peck ('99)

Frank L. Picard ('02)
 Harry C. Piper, Jr.* ('74)
 Kathy Lunau Rahorst ('83)
 Gary B. Reiersen ('78, '86)
 Meredith Robinson* ('84)
 Nancy B. Rohde ('80)
 Jo Anne Rohricht ('82)
 John F. Roschen ('84)
 J.C. Rosenau* ('25)
 Joyce Rosene* ('73, '77)
 Mary Kay ('95) and
 Orville Sauter ('71)
 Ralph Saylor ('65)

Richard Scheerer ('66)
 Richard Schmitz* ('43)
 George Schowalter ('55)
 Marvin E. Schrolucke* ('57)
Wayne Schupbach ('66, '72)
 Judith N. Scoville ('90)
 Lyta G. Seddig ('82)
 Karen Smith Sellers ('76, '13)
 Pamela L. Serdar ('01)
 Milo Sheldon* ('65, '72)
 Anne D. Simpson ('92)
 Milton K. Staskal ('62)
 Mark Steiner ('62)
 Donald L. Stoebner* ('63, '72)
 W. Robert Strobel* ('50)
 Nancy Swanson ('93)
 Albert E. Teske* ('53)
 David Tillman ('14)
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 Kay Welsch ('89)
 Betty S. Wentworth ('86)
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LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

The Leadership Society honors friends whose cumulative giving in all categories totals \$10,000 or more. These transformational gifts reflect their commitment to United's work in congregational ministry, theology and the arts, social justice, and interreligious engagement in the classroom and the community. We honor and thank them for their generosity. We are grateful for their faithful commitment to the ongoing work of United as members of the Leadership Society. Bold names denote new inductees as of June 30, 2024.

Robert Albers
 David and Jeanne Anderson
 Lance* and Gail Barker
Kathryn Boyne
 Ann and David* Buran
 Bill and Charlotte Davnie
 Jack and Camie Eugster
 Eleazar and
 Josephine Fernandez
 Terry and David Gilbertstadt
 Phebe Haugen

Roger Heegaard and
 Cheryl Thomas
 Jeanne Hejduk
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LYDIA SOCIETY

The Lydia Society recognizes friends and alums of United who, as recurring donors, make a minimum monthly gift of \$50. Much like Lydia—a first century business entrepreneur, church planter, and chief philanthropist of the Philippian congregation—recurring donors provide sustaining gifts that support United in living out its mission to educate leaders for transformation. Bold names denote new inductees as of June 30, 2024.

David S. Anderson
 Jeanne Anderson
 Sheila Apland-Ottenbacher ('95)
 Samuel J. Buehrer ('88)

Terri A. Burnor ('15)
 Lyn J. Burton ('06)
 Kerry J. Campbell
 Jeff B. Childs ('83)

Jeanne Cotter
 DeWayne Davis
 William F. Davnie
 Bryan A. Demeritte ('05)

Dale Dobias ('89)
 Tami Glasbrenner
 Clare J. Gromoll ('14)
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* indicates those of blessed memory

Brenda ('86) and Stuart ('86) Barnes Jamieson

Andrea D. Johnson ('17, '23)
Cindi Beth Johnson
Sally H. Johnson ('95)
Barbara R. Kellett ('00, '06)
Dixie K. Knoebel ('17)
Molly Larsen
Kayla M. Larson ('10)

Elena Larsen

David Long-Higgins ('88)
Cindy Macaulay
Elizabeth J. Macaulay ('99)

Julie A. Mall ('85)
Molly T. Marshall
John McDonald
Meg Mercury ('23)
Michelle S. Miller ('06) and Robert Kopp ('06)
Mary Ellen Nielsen ('80)
Mary O'Connell ('00)
Charles D. Owens ('13)
Dale D. Parson ('78)
Therese Pautz
Norm Pavey ('69, '74, '84)
Vonda K. Pearson ('98)

Ruth M. Phelps ('85)
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Kyle A. Roberts
Justin Sabia-Tanis
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Cindy Schriever
Sheryl A. Schwyhart ('20)
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Pam L. Serdar ('01)
Carol L. Shaffer ('92)

David K. Stibbe ('92)
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Nelson ('74) and Marilyn Stone ('87)
Ernest H. Strandberg ('67)
Jeff Swenson
Al ('70) and Ardie Thompson
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Anita VanderPloeg
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BARNABAS SOCIETY

The Barnabas Society honors and recognizes individuals who have included United in their estate plans or made other qualifying gift arrangements, such as income-return gifts and beneficiary designations, that express their philanthropic values while providing long-term stability for United's vital mission. Bold names denote new inductees as of June 30, 2024.

Anonymous
Nancy Arnison
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Lance* and Gail Barker
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Gene ('70) and Susan Bauer
Paul E. Baumer* ('60)
Mary Farrell Bednarowski and Keith Bednarowski
Audrey Benjamin ('84)
Thomas ('74) and Marilyn Breckenridge
Larry A. Bremer ('65)
Sandi Britton ('86)
Julie R. Brown
Hildegard Bunge*
Marion Bunge*
Ann Buran
Eric Burnard ('85) and Kay Quinney Burnard
Lyn Burton ('06)
Kerry Campbell
Dawn Carlson Conn ('97, '17) and James* Conn
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Jeffrey Childs ('83)
Jaki Cottingham-Zierdt ('14)
Samuel ('88) and Gail Crecelius
Arlene* ('90) and Mark Dahl
Kenneth V. ('81) and Barbara Kershner Daniel
Virginia Davis
Sue Ebbers ('78) and Carolyn Pressler
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Marilyn H. Evans* ('94)

Doug Federhart ('84) and Stuart Holland
Gregory ('73) and Susan Flint
Laura French ('87)
Robert ('14, '20) and Rebecca Galkiewicz
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Richard J. Gerber ('72, '75)
Julie Goranson ('14)
Charles and Barbara Green
Gail Griffin
Muriel Pool Hachfeld ('78) and Randall Hachfeld ('80)
Katherine L. Harding ('81)
John M. Heint ('61) and Diane L. Harvey
Glen Herrington-Hall ('82)
Andrea Johnson ('17, '23) and David Fry
Stanley C. Johnson*
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Bonnie Jones-Witthuhn ('80)
Nancy R. Kapp ('83)
William R. Kiesel
Judith Koepke*
Robert Kopp ('06) and Michelle Miller ('06)
MaryAnne ('16) and Charles Korsch
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John ('63) and Patricia Krueger
Robert Long* ('59)
Elizabeth Macaulay ('99) and Cooper Wigen

Julie A. Mall ('85)
Ann C. Manning*
Molly T. Marshall
Robert* and Polly McCrea
Helen McEvoy-Freese ('80)
Cheryl S. McKinley ('90)
Gary* and Elizabeth Miller
Nathan Miller ('79)
Virginia L. Mills
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Norma K. Mossman* ('82)
Mary Ann Murray ('76)
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Kathleen Remund ('06) and Diane Light ('14)
Meredith Robinson* ('84)
Nancy B. Rohde ('80)

Jo Anne Rohricht ('82)
Jack and Marty Rossman
Linda Sanderman* ('05)
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Mary Kay ('95) and Orville Sauter ('71)
Ralph ('65) and Linda Saylor
Earl Schwartz
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This list is current as of October 31, 2024.

FINANCES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE TWIN CITIES' CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET FOR FY2024: JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS

Cash	\$388,000
Accounts Receivable	100,000
Gifts Receivable	785,000
Prepaid Expenses	147,000
Investments	12,692,000
Physical Assets	743,000
Lease-Related Use of Asset	3,882,000
Total Assets	\$18,737,000

The Seminary enjoys a great cash position going into FY2024–2025 with just under \$3,000,000 in liquid accounts and only \$187,000 in current obligations.

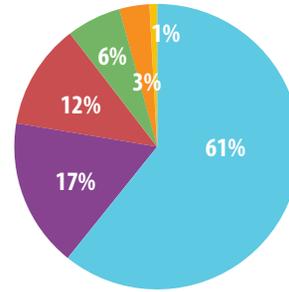
LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$58,000
Deferred Income	293,000
Accrued Expenses/Liabilities	574,000
Lease-Related Longterm Liability	3,707,000
Total Liabilities	\$4,632,000
Fund Balances	\$14,105,000
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$18,737,000

ENDOWMENT INVESTMENTS

Due to generous donations and favorable market conditions, United's endowment investments grew by more than \$1.25 million during FY2023–2024.

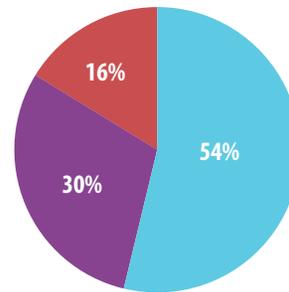
OPERATIONAL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES



REVENUE

Revenue from student tuition continues to grow year over year. United has remained consistent on the percentage of funds drawn from its endowment investments over the past few years.

Tuition	\$2,485,000
Gifts and Grants	690,000
Endowment Appropriations	488,000
Investment Income	252,000
Scholarship Support	140,000
Miscellaneous	35,000
Total Revenue	\$4,090,000



EXPENDITURES

The Seminary spends 54 percent of its funds on the direct student experience with another 16 percent on the technology and facilities that are associated with providing a central campus.

Student-Centered	\$2,387,000
Administration	1,332,000
Physical Plant and IT	721,000
Total Expenditures	\$4,440,000

FIVE-YEAR PLAN

The five-year plan includes a strategic and controlled growth of student tuition and donor giving along with a commitment to cost control.

The goal is to generate operating surpluses within these five years.



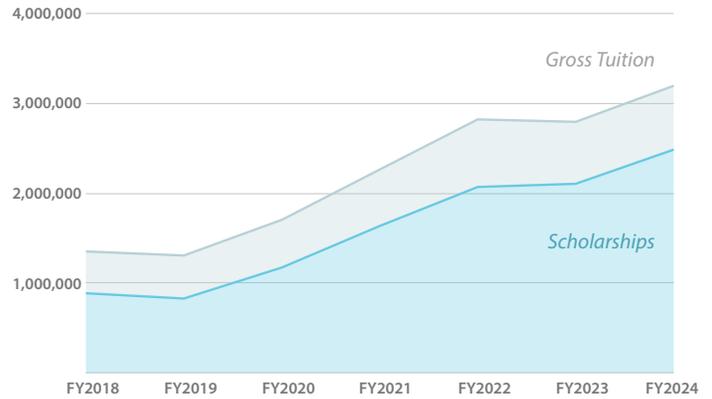
GRACE GUENTHER STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

Part of what drew me to the United community is that despite being a Christian seminary, the student body is religiously diverse. I am deeply grateful for the richness of this ecumenical and interfaith community.

There is much to learn about myself, the people around me, and the world we share, and it is through conversations in and beyond United's classrooms that this work is made possible.

STUDENT TUITION & SCHOLARSHIPS

Gross tuition in FY24 saw a growth of 16.7 percent over the past year with another 6.1 percent increase expected for FY25. The amount of scholarships have kept pace with the tuition increases, assuring that new and existing students continue to enjoy affordable programming.





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ABOUT OUR COVER ART

The cover art, "Embodiment," is created from an original watercolor done by artist Nancy Chinn in collaboration with her son, Jason Chinn, who is a photographer. Nancy's work was integral to the Re-Imagining Community. This piece, provided by the artist, evokes and honors Sophia, the feminine personification of wisdom.

