



Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe

The Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe was established as a Wider Church Ministries endowment fund in 2008 at the request of the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ in honor of The Reverend Benjamin C. L. Crosby, a Conference Minister of the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ from 1991 through 2002. Reverend Crosby, along with others in New Hampshire, was responsible for the development of a global (Ukama) Partnership between the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ and the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe. He was deeply committed to the mission of the global church during his active ministry and he led the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ to walk with the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe as an expression of God's mission around the world.

The Ukama Partnership was established in 1996. Since its beginning the Ukama Partnership has brought dozens of congregations in New Hampshire and Zimbabwe into relationships of sharing, serving, and praying together. Delegations have traveled both directions. Hundreds of travelers have experienced new cultures and new ways of being church. Reverend Crosby traveled to Zimbabwe many times during his active ministry to bear witness to and promote the relationship and to celebrate the ways God has used it for the up-building of the global church.

With the establishment of the Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe, the New Hampshire Conference wishes to recognize the importance that the Ukama Partnership has had in its life and also wishes to leave a lasting gift to the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe in support of the development of new ministers now and for years to come.

The Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe provides an opportunity for donors, especially constituents of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), but not exclusively, to make contributions to a permanent fund that will provide Global Ministries partner church, the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe, with income on an ongoing basis to provide scholarship support for students from the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe who are studying at United Theological College in Harare.

Contribution envelopes may be found in your Annual Meeting packets and returned to the New Hampshire Conference United Church of Christ, 140 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, NH 03275. The Conference will ensure all contributions are forwarded to Wider Church Ministries and applied to the principal of this Fund.