August 21, 2018

New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ
Attention: The Reverend Dr. Charles Buck, Transitional Conference Minister
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Dear Friends:

Global Ministries is pleased to provide this update letter to you regarding the ongoing gift of the **Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe**, which you established as a permanent fund of Wider Church Ministries in 2008. The distributions from the **Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe** are disbursed by the Global Ministries Africa Office and are used in their entirety to provide support for students identified by the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe who are studying for the ministry.

As of March 31, 2018, the market value of the **Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe** was $18,813.12. Distributions generated from the **Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe** in year 2017 totaled $221.65. Additional gifts may be made to the principal of the **Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe** at any time by check written to Wider Church Ministries, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115, with the designation "Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe" indicated on the check or accompanying note.

In 2017, the Africa office made one disbursement from the **Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe** to support the education of two United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe students - Admire Makware and Rudo Thabethe.

The **Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe** is invested within the Wider Church Ministries Pooled Fund at United Church Funds. This Pooled Fund acts as a mutual fund with each of the individual funds earning income relative to the total amount in the Pooled Fund. Income is distributed based on actual income earned.
Wider Church Ministries/Global Ministries is happy to sign an amendment to the original permanent fund agreement in order to increase available fund distributions each year. The enclosed draft of an amendment states a straight 4% distribution on a rolling average of five years of market value calculations for fund distributions. Since the corpus of the Fund normally grows at a rate higher than 4% annually, this new payout policy will allow the principal endowment fund to continue growing, while at the same time it will allocate increased distribution amounts to be used for the Fund’s designated purpose.

Please let me know if you wish to talk further about this fund distribution policy, as it is new information for you. If you wish, you are welcome to sign both originals enclosed of an amendment to the permanent fund agreement and mail them to me. We here will add our signatures and an original will be mailed back to you for your records. If you wish for additional names/positions to be listed for signatures for the New Hampshire Conference, please send me those names/positions, and I will be happy to reprint the amendment originals with those names/positions included. For your information, I enclose a photocopy of the original permanent fund agreement.

Global Ministries is very grateful for the permanent resource and gift that the Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe represents for ministries in Zimbabwe.

Sincerely,

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Hope you are doing well, Charles!
With gratitude for lives well lived and ministry well served, the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ hereby acknowledges with Wider Church Ministries/Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ the establishment of the

Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe

The official name of the Fund will be **Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe** (the "Fund"). It is established at the request of the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ. The Fund is established 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 establishing amount of the Fund is $11,500.00 with the principal amount being held by Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ whose main office is located in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. The principal amount of the **Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe** will be invested and distributions will become available for disbursement according to the terms of this document and consistent with the practices and policies of Wider Church Ministries.

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 Wider Church Ministries/Global Ministries partner church, the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe, with income on an ongoing basis to provide scholarship support for students studying for the ministry. One-hundred percent of the distributions from the **Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe** will be disbursed to the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe annually for the use specified. Wider Church Ministries/Global Ministries and the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ shall receive regular reports transmitted through the Africa Office.

The first priority for the use of distributions from the **Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe** is to provide support for UCCZ students studying for the ministry at the United Theological College in Zimbabwe. If this is not viable, the distributions will be used by the UCCZ to
support their ministerial students studying in other institutions of theological education in Africa. In the event that the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe ceases to exist as an institution, or if there no longer exists a partnership between the UCCZ and Wider Church Ministries/Global Ministries, and there is no successor entity recognized by Wider Church Ministries/Global Ministries, the distributions of the Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe will be used to provide support for students studying for the ministry in Zimbabwe or other countries of Africa as determined by the Area Executive for Africa of Global Ministries. If this use is not viable, the distributions will be used in support of ministries of Wider Church Ministries, according to the decision of the Executive Minister of Wider Church Ministries.

Contributions may be made to the principal of this Fund at any time. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, it is acknowledged that the Board of Directors of Wider Church Ministries shall have final authority over the management, the investment and distribution of earnings or assets of this Fund.

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February 2008
Date
Amendment to
Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe

The Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe Agreement, as executed in 2008, is amended such that paragraph four is replaced as follows:

The establishing amount of the Fund is $11,500.00 with the principal amount being held by Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ whose main office is located in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. The principal of the Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe will be invested according to the practices and policies of Wider Church Ministries. Annual income distributions will be made using a 4% draw of the rolling average market value of the fund of five years according to the practices and policies of Wider Church Ministries.

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