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## Mission Moment

Life of our clergy is not any less demanding than our laity. The varied voices that vie for their attention number as many as the ones in our lives. We call upon our clergy to be a guiding light in the midst of our lives and to help us navigated through our storms of life.

This is the call to life in ministry, yet it is a call that cannot be fulfilled alone. Our clergy need support as they strive to set their minds on things of the Spirit. One of the ways The United Methodist Church does this is by training, equipping and education. This is why The United Methodist Church has the *Ministerial Education Fund* as one of its seven apportioned funds.

This fund supports the education of our deacons and elders in The United Methodist Church. A portion of our giving remains at a local level for continuing education and scholarships. The remainder goes toward current expenses at the 13 United Methodist seminaries in the United States.

Inspire us to give and support the training and education needed of our deacons and elders, as they choose to pour themselves out for us.