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Mission Moment

As young people are entering college, they ask themselves important questions: What will I pursue in life? Who will I become and what will I accomplish? These are questions of vocation as they identify the God-given gifts and skills they can use to accomplish God's work in the world.

The United Methodist Church has long been a supporter of education, going as far back as the 1800's when churches in the Methodist tradition began setting up schools for children. This tradition of supporting educations, particularly education that involves both a secular and spiritual emphasis, continues in church today. One of the ways that this is accomplished is through our apportionments, more specifically, through the gifts we give toward the Black College Fund.

The money received for the Black College Fund goes toward keeping 11 Historically Black Colleges and Universities strong by helping to support operating costs. Gifts help continue the legacy of equipping students, not only academically but also spiritually, while also mentoring them to live in ways where they are using their gifts and skills to serve their communities. Many of these schools were established shortly after the Civil War to educate freed slaves.

Today, these academic institutions are educating people of many different ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Plant within us a spirit of generosity that we may give that others may have the opportunity to discover their vocation, to further their education and be better servants of your Kingdom.