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Mission Moment

Orphaned at age 6, Claudine faced many challenges in her quest for education, including inadequate funding and the lack of parental encouragement. Despite these difficulties, Claudine completed high school. She had no proficiency in English when she received a scholarship and enrolled at Africa University.

In June 2019, the 26 year old from the Congo, was among 526 students from 22 African countries who composed the 2019 graduating class of the United Methodist University, which opened in 1992.

Claudine was awarded an honors degree in psychology during Africa University's 25th graduation ceremony.

She came to the university shy and withdrawn, but was quickly transformed into a "warrior woman". She believes that if more young women are given the chance, they can reach far, and she is determined to see that happen.

Speaking at Africa University's 25th graduation ceremony, vice chancellor encouraged the young adults "to build an Africa that we all want and deserve to live in. In doing so, do not neglect your dreams, keep your faith, affirm your dignity, be kind, caring and generous."

Thanks to United Methodist support of the **Africa University Fund**, we nurture education to these promising students that serve God with courage and conviction.

In addition.....

Let us remember... and participate... next Sunday, October 20th, in the **CROP Hunger Walk** held locally at the Bethany Bandstand. CROP Walks help end hunger by raising funds to support local food programs and the international anti-hunger work of **Church World Services**. Tens of thousands of CROP Hunger Walkers are committed to building a hunger-free world. Join the movement!!!