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Here is a sampling of current rates and benefits for a single life gift annuity created with \$10,000 cash:

| Age | Payout Rate | Annual Income | Tax-free Portion | Charitable Deduction | Effective Return Rate * |
|-----|-------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 60 | 5.7% | \$ 570 | \$308 | \$2,541 | 7.4% |
| 65 | 6.0% | \$ 600 | \$345 | \$3,086 | 8.0% |
| 70 | 6.5% | \$ 650 | \$401 | \$3,571 | 9.0% |
| 75 | 7.1% | \$ 710 | \$469 | \$4,134 | 10.1% |
| 80 | 8.0% | \$ 800 | \$560 | \$4,677 | 11.7% |
| 85 | 9.5% | \$ 950 | \$712 | \$5,082 | 14.3% |
| 90 | 11.3% | \$1,130 | \$880 | \$5,600 | 17.5% |

* This rate represents an equivalent, fully taxable yield in the 28% bracket calculated with the Applicable Federal Rate for February 2008. Actual numbers may be slightly different, depending on federal discount rates at the time of the annuity's creation.

Note: These rates are recommended by the American Council on Gift Annuities. Rates for a two-life gift annuity are lower and are available upon request.



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MEET YOUR FOUNDATION BOARD

Serving as a director for the N.M. Conference Methodist Foundation is a learning experience for **Max Myers**.

Asked why he initially desired to serve on the Foundation Board, Max said one of his goals was to "learn about the Foundation, its history and its mission."

Part of that goal to learn and participate in its mission is among Max's personal accomplishments during his time with the board. He chairs the *Methodists Serving Methodists* Loan Fund.

"It was Sanford's idea and a great one," Max notes.

Since joining the board, Max and his wife, Linda, have renewed an old friendship.

"John Headrick, (one of) our new board members, was a good friend of Linda and me before we were married," Max said. "He sold us our first house in Albuquerque."

It's great to get to have him on the Board and to get reacquainted." A native resident of Santa Fe, N.M., Max is a member of St. John's United Methodist Church of Santa Fe.

Max brings the Board his experience and talents as Executive Vice President with New Mexico Bank and Trust.

He also is father to his and Linda's three sons: Reese, a sophomore at Texas A&M, Blake, a freshman at St. John's in Annapolis, and Eric, a junior at St. Michael's High School.

In his free time, Max enjoys E-Bay, a good game of squash or golf and skiing.

His less ordinary hobby is Survivorman, a reality television pro-



Max Myers
Board Member
since February

gram broadcast in Canada on Outdoor Life Network. Survivorman's host survives for seven days in various remote locales with little or no food, water, or equipment other than the clothes on his back, a pair of cases for his camera equipment, his "trusty" harmonica, a multi-tool and a satellite phone for use in an emergency.

If board members are ever stranded at a retreat in a remote place, look to Max for leadership and rescue!

Planning for the Future

Foundation President **Nancy VanDevender**, left, brainstormed with board members **Max Myers**, middle, and **John Headrick**, right. Foundation officers, board members and staff joined for a November weekend retreat in Santa Fe. Facilitator

Martha Benn of De la Porte & Associates, standing, guided participants through development of short- and long-term goals and consideration of how to expand services to UM churches and institutions in the Conference.



Memorial Gift Reclaimed Through Good Stewardship

"God has left the building. There is dust now. Weeds."

Albuquerque Tribune reporter Joline Gutierrez Krueger wrote that sentiment after she toured the closing Lovelace Medical Center on Gibson Boulevard in Albuquerque for her June 2007 article. The chapel, including requisite stained glass, is gone, she said.

But God surely remembered a stained glass panel in the old chapel placed there in memory of the short life of Robert Grossman Jr.

The panel with a red cross, various shades of blue and embraced by a wood frame now rests safely in the offices of the N.M. Conference in Albuquerque. Tall and narrow, the panel is in a place where it can be appreciated: the conference room where staff and visitors can enjoy viewing its graceful lines.

The panel bears two brass plaques. One notes the artwork was created to memorialize the boy's life from 1952 to 1955. A second plaque notes that the panel was set in the original chapel of "Bataan Memorial Hospital."

While Lovelace was vacating the historic set of buildings comprising the medical complex, the stained glass panel was offered to the N.M. Conference as the entity that previously owned and operated the facility.

As of Dec. 31, 2007, the value of the fund was more than \$4 million. Since the initial deposit of the \$2 million was made in 1970, \$4.9 million has been distributed to the Conference for its work and \$2.6 million has supported the ministries of the Foundation.

When Bataan hospital was sold to Lovelace Foundation, the asset was placed for investment management with the Foundation and annual distribution began to support the Foundation ministry.

The Foundation manages accounts for 219 churches and 151 funds for institutions and 89 active gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts and pooled life income funds valuing more than \$40 million.

In 1969 after the sale of the Methodist hospital, the word Methodist was dropped from facility name. Bataan also was dropped and the center became known simply as Lovelace Medical Center. These days, few people might remember the hospital's Methodist beginnings. The medical center and chapel that housed the stained glass pane is more widely recognized as the place where NASA's Mercury astronauts were medically screened, thanks to the movie, "The Right Stuff."



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Notes from the
Executive Director
Sanford Coon

**DISCERNING GIFTS
OF THE SPIRIT**



When Paul addressed his new Christian friends in Rome, Corinth, and Ephesus,* he urged them to be aware of the diversity of what he called "gifts of the spirit" and the importance of them in the life of their respective faith communities. Paul's lists were different for the three communities, because he knew that each one had distinct characteristics, strengths, and needs. To Paul, those divinely given spiritual gifts were given for the common good, not for the individual personality.

It's easy for us to read his lists as ancient and restricted to those particular settings and cultures. Sometimes our mental constructs deem them as interesting but irrelevant to our times. For instance, some restrict miracles to an ancient time and gullible populace. Yet others in our day and time experience what they recognize as divine presence day after day, hour after hour, experience after experience.

We tend to expect our pastors to have recognized some element of divine calling. Paul's mention of those with gifts of ministry is acceptable, even though it is often confined to those who are recognized as clergy. It's certainly enjoyable to have those with the spiritual gift of compassion around us, and usually we welcome the evidence of that gift in and through their cheerfulness which Paul says is the living evidence of that spiritual gift.

Then there is the spiritual gift of giving, and the evidence of that gift is expressed in generosity. Again, it's easy for us to assign that gift to others, particularly if we perceive that they have lots of money, or talents, or other unique capacity. But remember the widow who brought two paltry coins to the temple and deposited them in the offering receptacle. Generosity was the expression of her complete trust that God would provide all that she needed. Do we dare claim that relationship for ourselves through our generosity?

It seems to me that Paul did not intend his lists to be exhaustive. They were illustrative of the engagement that God has with us. No one is exempt from the gifts of grace from God. May we be open to and receptive of those amazing gifts of the Spirit, just as Paul hoped his readers of long ago would be.

*For your meditation, find Paul's writings in Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, and Ephesians 4:7, 11-13.



Molly Emkes has served as the Foundation's executive assistant since 1997, managing financial records.

Molly Emkes: Face Behind Foundation Financial Records

Molly Emkes has kept her eagle eyes on the investment records for the N.M. Conference Methodist Foundation Inc. since she joined the foundation staff of one in 1997.

Along with an executive director, Molly served churches, institutions and agencies using the Foundation's services that help grow funding for the future.

Molly is the most tenured staff member in an organization that has grown to include a director of Communications and Outreach and a new Communications Assistant. Staff is headed by an Executive Director Sanford Coon.

Molly also is a charter member of St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Albuquerque, where she also has served on most boards and committees, taught Sunday school and is the treasurer. She and her husband of 37 years, George, have a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Karen, in Virginia. Molly is a grandmother of two, Andrew and Ryan, and Auntie Molly to Campbell, Kira and Caitlyn.

Family and church aside, Molly's passion is soccer, and she enjoys quilting and hiking. Molly's friend, Sherry

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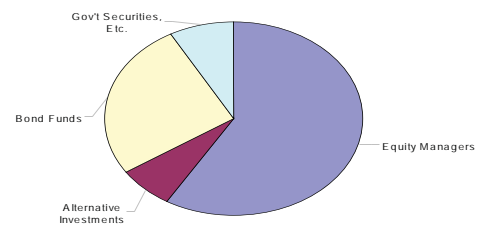
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- Establishing Endowment Funds
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Perdreauville with The Button Hole in Kansas, recently presented Molly with a handmade quilt as a tribute for her contribution to the Kansas organization, Donate Life America, which the Button Hole supports.



ASSET ALLOCATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007

| INVESTMENTS | AMOUNT | PERCENT |
|--|---------------------|-------------|
| Equity Managers | \$23,580,808 | 59% |
| Alternative Investments | \$ 2,785,646 | 7% |
| Bond Funds | \$10,677,615 | 26% |
| Gov't Securities, Cash, Loans Receivables & Accruals | \$ 3,257,061 | 8% |
| TOTAL FUND VALUE 12/31/07 | \$40,301,130 | 100% |

GROWTH OF THE FOUNDATION 1982-2007

| YEAR | 31 Dec Unit Value | Annual Return | Total Average Return Since 1982 | Total Assets Under Management |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1982 | -- | 15.81% | 15.81% | -- |
| 1983 | -- | 12.96% | 14.39% | -- |
| 1984 | 10.00 | 10.88% | 13.22% | 2,231,504 |
| 1985 | 11.22 | 12.19% | 12.96% | 2,579,415 |
| 1986 | 11.94 | 6.39% | 11.65% | 2,870,533 |
| 1987 | 11.83 | -0.93% | 9.55% | 2,930,491 |
| 1988 | 12.63 | 6.81% | 9.16% | 3,147,168 |
| 1989 | 15.22 | 20.52% | 10.58% | 3,677,872 |
| 1990 | 15.34 | 0.77% | 9.49% | 3,777,323 |
| 1991 | 20.73 | 35.10% | 12.05% | 5,430,145 |
| 1992 | 22.22 | 7.21% | 11.61% | 6,982,838 |
| 1993 | 23.88 | 7.47% | 11.27% | 8,473,748 |
| 1994 | 23.78 | -0.42% | 10.37% | 9,066,429 |
| 1995 | 29.80 | 25.33% | 11.44% | 10,552,671 |
| 1996 | 35.57 | 19.36% | 11.96% | 12,824,165 |
| 1997 | 42.20 | 18.63% | 12.38% | 15,872,893 |
| 1998 | 47.97 | 13.67% | 12.46% | 18,350,116 |
| 1999 | 56.10 | 16.95% | 12.71% | 22,094,570 |
| 2000 | 55.26 | -1.5% | 11.96% | 22,396,962 |
| 2001 | 53.32 | -3.52% | 11.18% | 27,194,525 |
| 2002 | 48.41 | -9.20% | 10.21% | 25,360,197 |
| 2003 | 58.63 | 21.11% | 10.71% | 31,458,026 |
| 2004 | 63.54 | 8.38% | 10.61% | 33,520,267 |
| 2005 | 67.34 | 5.98% | 10.41% | 33,818,171 |
| 2006 | 74.15 | 10.11% | 10.40% | 37,427,790 |
| 2007 | 80.66 | 8.78% | 10.34% | \$40,846,043 |

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