

THE FOUNDATION LEDGER

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Lesson - Hard, Impressionable and Valuable

Zoom Calls, Remote Learning, Herd Immunity and Tela Health are only a few words that are now part of our daily vocabulary. Significant world events can change our vocabulary and can change the way we live. World War II brought us words that are popular to this day- Super Glue, Duct Tape, Tupperware, and Genocide. Super Glue, Duct Tape and Tupperware were all new ideas and materials that helped in the war efforts. The atrocities of killing people based upon their race or culture gave birth to the new word “genocide”- “geno” meaning race or tribe and “cide” meaning killing. The United Nations was formed in 1945 to prevent another conflict with such horrific consequences. Significant world events, like world wars change our vocabulary and our lives.

COVID 19 is a significant world event which has also changed our vocabulary and our lives. Even the word “COVID 19” is new, which stands for this **Coronavirus Disease** discovered in the latter part of 2019. Other words become a part of our daily lives like “Zoom Calls”, “Remote Learning”, “Herd Immunity” and “Tela Health”. I am familiar with Skyping on the computer. Now Zoom and Google Meet are the preferred ways to safely and conveniently meet. The Foundation’s last two Board of Directors Meetings were held via Zoom. Remote Learning, once reserved for home schooling children, is now preferred in some public schools, colleges and even seminaries. Finally, Tela Health, which is a new concept for me, makes it more convenient to see a doctor. Who would have guessed that the only way to see a doctor and get a prescription would be through a phone call?

For the South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, COVID 19 affected the way we do business, and we continue to evolve from our experiences. Visiting churches, donors and potential donors has been nonexistent. As I mentioned earlier, I would have never guessed that our previous two semi-annual Board Meetings would meet using Zoom. Our Board of Directors does a great job using the new technology. We missed the fellowship and face to face business discussions.

The South Carolina United Methodist Foundation used its time in COVID 19 isolation to build a new website at www.scumf.org. I hope that you will spend the time reviewing the website and provide feedback via email or other means of communication. We are excited that the website provides the opportunity for online donations to both our General Fund and to individual restricted endowments. The website will help us in continuing to shine God’s bright light on opportunities to contribute to charitable endowments and establish new endowments. Our hope is that as the website grows, it will serve as an important tool in highlighting opportunities to be good stewards in God’s mission through providing scholarships to seminarians, managing church assets, and funding a wide variety of missions and ministries.

Yes, even tragic events will continue, a time and place where God does God’s best work. I am in awe of how God continues to work through difficult situations. God empowers God’s People to do God’s work despite difficult times and our limitations.

I love the image of “light” and how John’s Gospel uses light to reveal God’s presence. My family moved to the rural area of Chapin, South Carolina. At night, it gets really dark. By myself, I could easily stumble in the darkness. The Good News is that a little light can light our way. The Good News is that even in the darkest times of our lives, God’s light never stops shining. The Good News is that God’s “light” is reflected, not only through our works, but also through us, continuously revealing God’s goodness in all things and giving God the Glory.

To all of you, thank you for all that you do. I am thankful for this Foundation and for God’s light that continues to shine on and through each of you and the ministries you empower. Never doubt God’s presence in all things. Whether it is a world war, or a pandemic, or a time of civil unrest, God never fails to show up, shining light in the darkness and shining grace and goodness on all of God’s people.

Faithfully, In Christ,

Robert M. Vincent, President

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