

# CHURCH PARTNER AGREEMENT

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## **Madison Street United Methodist Church & Martin Methodist College**

The herein described partnership agreement is established between *Madison Street United Methodist Church*, Clarksville, Tennessee and Martin Methodist College, Pulaski, Tennessee, on August 16, 2006. The partnership shall operate under the following guidelines:

### ***Madison Street United Methodist Church shall participate in the following ways:***

1. Naming a *Martin Representative* for the congregation who will regularly disseminate information about the college and attend a meeting of the Martin Representatives at least annually.
2. Observing *Martin Methodist College Sunday* once a year, using the bulletin insert provided by the college and offering a Mission Minute in the worship service highlighting the College's connection with the Church and that particular congregation.
3. Establishing a permanent, endowed scholarship at MMC in the name of the congregation, in the amount of at least \$10,000. Earnings from the endowment will support a named scholarship that will be used first to assist members of the congregation who attend Martin. Details for "*Establishing and Administering an Endowed Scholarship*" are provided (see Page 3).
4. Providing a venue at least once a year for Martin students and others from MMC in Church Relations to be involved in the life of the congregation. Possibilities include performances by musical groups, praise teams, UMYF presentations, student preaching, speakers, or one of our SVIP interns.
5. Dedicating at least one UMYF meeting each year to an informational session about Martin Methodist College, using resources provided by the college, or by inviting a Martin representative to speak.
6. Encouraging prospective students to consider attending Martin Methodist College.
7. Encouraging youth to apply for the Church Leader Scholarships competition during their senior year in high school.
8. Supplying the *Director of Church Relations* at MMC with a list of high school students in the church's youth group.
9. Award a certificate to the church's scholarship recipient which MMC will provide.

**In turn, Martin Methodist College will support its Church Partners in the following ways:**

1. Continue its firm commitment to offer quality education in a church-related context to all students, with the potential for a special focus on church leadership development, either lay or clergy.
2. Increase the annual scholarship of \$2,000 for United Methodist students to \$3,000 for all full-time, residential MMC students who are active members (for at least one year) of **Church Partner** congregations. This scholarship is in addition to other financial aid for which the student may be eligible (including the church's endowed scholarship fund described in "*Establishing and Administering an Endowed Scholarship*").
3. Providing faculty, student, staff or trustee speakers as requested for *Martin Methodist College Sunday*.
4. Making available on an annual basis free bulletin inserts about the college and higher education issues for use in a service of worship.
5. Providing MMC literature and vocational counseling to interested students from **Church Partner** congregations.
6. Printing a roster of participating **Church Partners** each year in the Annual Report edition of *The Columns* magazine.
7. Include the names of all participating **Church Partners** in the College's annual report to the Tennessee Annual Conference for publication in the *Conference Journal*.
8. Provide the church with a certificate to recognize the church's scholarship recipient.
9. Providing oversight of the endowed scholarship fund established by the congregation as part of this agreement once the fund has reached the minimum amount of \$10,000.

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Church Representative

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College Representative

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Date