



## Faith-Based Financial Solutions for Investing, Lending, Training, and Planned Giving

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Certificate Terms	Rates
1-Year	1.00%
2-Year	1.15%
3-Year	1.30%
4-Year	1.50%

### GUMF Raises Certificate Rates on March 1, 2022

Effective March 1, 2022, Georgia Methodist churches, ministries, and members that invest a minimum of \$5,000 in 1-, 2-, 3-, or 4-year fixed-rate certificates through the Georgia United Methodist Foundation (GUMF) will earn higher interest rates.\* This rate change will apply to new certificates issued starting March 1. Please see new rates below. Your investment, which in turn provides funds for loans to Georgia-based churches and agencies, will help you save more while growing God's kingdom.

**1-Year = 1.00%**  
**2-Year = 1.15%**  
**3-Year = 1.30%**  
**4-Year = 1.50%**

GUMF changes offered rates from time to time to move in line with market conditions. To learn more about GUMF's Certificate Program, please visit [gumf.org/certificates](http://gumf.org/certificates) or contact Carol Johnston, GUMF associate vice president and controller, at [cjohnston@gumf.org](mailto:cjohnston@gumf.org) or Misty Kush, GUMF accounting assistant, at [mkush@gumf.org](mailto:mkush@gumf.org) or call 770-449-6726.

*\*A minimum deposit of \$5,000 is required. Rates as of March 2022. All rates are subject to change without notice. Call GUMF at 770-449-6726 for current rates. Certificates are not insured by the FDIC or any other government agency and are not obligations of or guaranteed by a bank. This ad constitutes neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation to buy the securities described. Offers are made only after receiving an [Offering Circular](#).*

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## A Reassuring Word From GUMF

In this brief video, Georgia United Methodist Foundation President and CEO Mathew A. Pinson and Regional Vice President Dr. Rick Lanford provide a word of reassurance to our partners about GUMF's ability to serve the entire Methodist family of Georgia.

Play the video [here](#).

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## 7 Strategies to Engage New Givers

By **Ann A. Michel**, co-editor of *Leading Ideas*

How can congregations invite new givers to begin their journey of generosity? Ann Michel of the Lewis Center staff outlines seven strategies more likely to connect with newer, younger givers.

Comprehensive research on giving patterns among American Christians has revealed that one in five gives nothing to church or other charities. This might seem shocking, but it's highly likely that the same pattern exists in your church. Congregations that study their own giving patterns typically discover that 20 to 30 percent of their members and participants are noncontributors.

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## United Methodist Higher Education Foundation Extends Scholarship Application Deadline

The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF) has extended its scholarship application deadline for the 2022-2023 academic year to March 15 after receiving several requests for more time to complete requirements during this challenging time.

Students who are members of The United Methodist Church and planning to attend a United-Methodist related school, college, university, or seminary full-time are eligible to apply. UMHEF awards scholarships within two main programs. The United Methodist Dollars for Scholars Program is a unique program that starts with a \$1,000 scholarship award from a student's local United Methodist church. UMHEF matches, raising the award to \$2,000. Participating United Methodist-related schools may also award, bringing the total to \$3,000. This award may also be matched for Georgia United Methodist students by the Georgia United Methodist Foundation (GUMF) for a possible total of up to \$4,000. Since 2011, GUMF has awarded 853 scholarships totaling \$726,700.

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### In Case You Missed It! Latest Video Resources

In case you missed it, here are the latest video resources available from the Georgia United Methodist Foundation.

[Cybersecurity Best Practices Webinar Recording](#)

[Why Your Church or Agency Should Choose GUMF for Your Loan](#)

[Our Purpose is Your Mission!](#)

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## Our Purpose is Your Mission!

The purpose of the Georgia United Methodist Foundation is to partner with congregations, organizations, and individuals in direct support of the ministries and mission of the church. In this way, we are a ministry partner as we seek to live out our mission to provide faith-based financial solutions for investing, lending, training, and planned giving. To learn more, please contact our team at 770-449-6726, 478-256-7130 (South Georgia), or [info@gumf.org](mailto:info@gumf.org) or visit [gumf.org](http://gumf.org).

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