



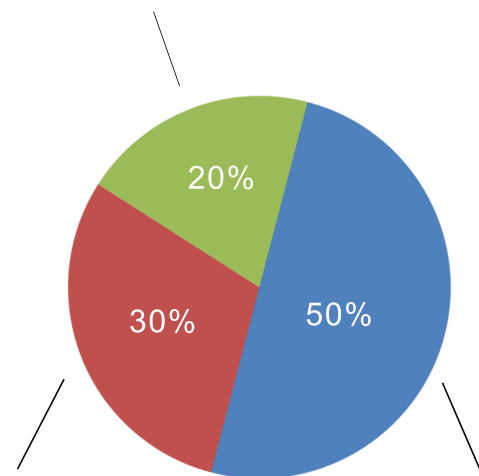
## Helen and Richard Brown made a generous gift in the 1990s to establish the Helen and Richard Brown Endowment for Pastoral Scholarship.

The Brown Endowment, designated to support pastoral ministry in the UCC, has, since its inception, provided over \$ 5 million in funding for scholarships and continuing education, supporting the ministries of more than 5,000 women and men.

United Church Funds is honored to serve as trustee for the Brown Endowment, managing both investment of the endowed funds and allocation of over \$300,000 each year for individual scholarships and sponsorships to UCC conferences, seminaries and global partners.

We share Richard and Helen Brown's commitment to the future of the UCC and are proud to help ensure funding for pastoral education.

Support for persons preparing for ministry in the UCC's Global/Overseas Partner Churches



Support for ongoing nurture of those engaged in authorized ministry in the UCC.

Support for Members in Discernment



# The Brown Endowment

Supporting Pastoral Education





## MEMBERS IN DISCERNMENT

Half of the funds available from the Brown Endowment are for Members in Discernment (MID) — women and men preparing for authorized ministry in the UCC — and seeking scholarship assistance to support a course of study. Potential Brown Scholars must have official MID status with a Committee on Ministry, demonstrate at least a year of active membership in a local UCC church, and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applicants with strong leadership skills and involvement beyond their local church will be given strong preference.

The Brown Endowment also supports MIDs attending regional theological education programs. Conferences and associations may also apply for seed money to create model or pilot training programs and ministries.

Please note that doctoral candidates (D.Min., D.Div., STD, Ph.D., etc.) are not eligible for a Brown Scholarship.

## ONGOING NURTURE OF PASTORS

Nearly one-third of the funds available from the Brown Endowment are dedicated to provide funding for special continuing education events for pastors, especially those designed to enhance ministry in the UCC and strengthen the bonds of mutual support among clergy.

Any UCC-related organization may apply for grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 to support events involving five or more UCC authorized ministers.

## INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

The UCC's Wider Church Ministries uses its allocation from the Brown Endowment to support individual seminarians in global and overseas partner churches who are preparing for ministries in those churches. In addition, each UCC seminary receives an annual allocation to support an enrolled international seminarian.

Interested in becoming a Brown Scholar? To learn more about the Brown Endowment, eligibility requirements and application procedures, visit [ucfunds.org/brown-scholarship](http://ucfunds.org/brown-scholarship), or email [brown@ucfunds.org](mailto:brown@ucfunds.org).