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⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. ¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.

I Corinthians 3:6-10

This past year has been a year of abundant growth in the ministry of higher education. All around the state, we have observed and participated in the growth of God's kingdom in the hearts and lives of college students. On behalf of the four college presidents and the campus ministers, I thank the S.C. United Methodists for continued support. You have been fellow workers with us, planting seeds in young people, and nurturing faith to maturity. We thank you for all the ways you have furthered kingdom growth by:

- paying apportionments for Campus Ministry, Spartanburg Methodist, and the Senior College Scholarship Fund
- sending the names of your college students to the campus ministers
- providing meals at a Wesley Foundation
- praying for the campus ministers, faculty, staff, students
- making a donation to a Wesley Foundation mission trip
- serving on a college Board of Trustees
- serving on a Wesley Foundation Board
- donating time and talents to a project on campus

The seeds of faith have continued to grow abundantly in our four colleges and in our Wesley Foundations at USC, Claflin/State, Winthrop, Charleston, and Clemson. Full reports from each campus minister follow, and you will see the growth in these stories. For 2007, we envision expanding the Francis Marion Campus Minister to a full-time position. Rev. Michael Turner has laid the foundation for this expansion, and has been instrumental in growing Wesley at Francis Marion University. Central UMC in Florence is partnering with the BHECM to fund and support a full-time associate pastor who will also be the Wesley director at FMU. Your support of increased apportionments is needed to make this dream a reality. Once we have this in place, our next vision is to expand the Furman Campus Minister to full-time. The Wesley at Furman continues to thrive and grow, and a full-time staff person is needed.

In addition to celebrating the growth of our Wesley Foundations, we also celebrate the exciting achievements at Wofford College, Columbia College, Claflin University, and Spartanburg Methodist College. In these hallowed walls, students engage in challenging learning experiences that help them grow spiritually, emotionally, intellectually and physically. John Wesley viewed education as a means of evangelism, and we are making and nurturing disciples. Please take time to read each report and give thanks to God for the ministry of higher education in SC.

Respectfully submitted,

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