

## **JAMES L. BELIN BOARD OF TRUST**

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the James L. Belin Board of Trustees is to ensure that ministry will take place as directed by the intent of the James L. Belin Trust and that all property of the James L. Belin estate, both real and personal, be directed and appropriated for the benefit of missions.

### **Key moments from the previous year:**

The James L. Belin Board of Trustees met June 30, September 7, November 10, and March 7 following last year's Annual Conference. The meetings took place in person and via Zoom. The funds in the Belin Trust experienced a bear market in 2023. The goal was to focus on the long-term and stay the course in spite of market volatility. \$22,000 was given to Epworth Children's Home and \$10,000 to the SC UM Foundation, among funds distributed to local churches. The 2023 audit was completed by the Brittingham Group without any concerns. In order to prevent embezzlement, the three officers of the Belin Board will be the signatories on checks distributed. All District Superintendents may encourage their churches to apply for funds from the James L. Belin Board of Trust.

### **Objectives for the coming year:**

One of the hopes moving forward is to be able to see success stories of churches who have received funding from the James L. Belin Board of Trust. As stewards of God's money, to see how the funds are used is a hope of the Belin Board. The Board will continue to meet quarterly by person or Zoom in 2024.

### **Action(s) required from the 2024 Annual Conference:**

### **If you take away nothing from this report, know this:**

The James L. Belin Board of Trust works to ensure that ministry will take place as directed by the intent of the James L. Belin Trust and that all property of the James L. Belin estate, both real and personal, be directed and appropriated for the benefit of missions. If you would like to apply for a grant from the James L. Belin Board of Trust, please contact your District Office.

### **Narrative:**

Respectfully submitted:

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**Class of 2024:** Kelly Cannon, Colin Crick (Treasurer), Rev. Edward McCutcheon

**Class of 2025:** Rev. Kevin Lindley, Rev. Meredith Dark (Secretary),  
Dr. Johnathan Munn

**Class of 2026:** Rev. Charlie Thomas (Chair), Rev. Dr. J. Derrick Cattenhead,  
Ray Taylor

**Class of 2027:** Rev. Deborah Patterson, Danielle DuBose, Dale Faulkner

**Ex-Officio:** Rev. Steve Brown, Rev. Bill McCown