

AFRICA UNIVERSITY REPORT

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. – Philippians 4:9 (NRSV)

Africa University greeted 2024 with bold faith and eager confidence because of the goodness of United Methodists who are faithful, generous, and enthusiastic about investing in transforming lives and communities.

Thank you, South Carolina United Methodists, for the deep commitment and extravagant generosity that has made 100 percent investment in the Africa University Fund (AUF) apportionment a tradition for your annual conference. Your unwavering engagement has helped Africa University to evolve into the cornerstone institution for The United Methodist Church's mission of disciple-making for transformational impact in Africa and beyond.

In 2023, sustained by the support of The United Methodist Church, Africa University:

- Provided more than \$2M in scholarships and financial aid grants to students who would otherwise fail to access higher education.
- Enrolled 2,219 young women and men from 26 African countries.
- Launched its second new academic unit in less than a year—the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences—with a first cohort of 279 students.
- Saw its alumni swell to more than 12,000 serving in 32 African countries, with the addition of 954 graduates in June.
- Developed new products, such as lozenges made from the indigenous *Zumbani* plant, and IT solutions to reduce food waste and make vital research findings more accessible to those who need the information.

As United Methodists fortify themselves for a vital and vibrant witness beyond the 2020 General Conference in 2024 and its outcomes, Africa University urges the members of the South Carolina Conference to:

- **Support Africa University's effort to secure General Conference approval of Report #4.**
- **Maintain your investment in the Africa University Fund at 100% of the 2016 budget level as outlined in the resolution that is before the General Conference.**
- **Help identify at least two (2) more churches (*keystone congregations*) in your conference that will commit to provide second mile gifts of \$6,500 each or \$13,000 in total for annual scholarships for two undergraduate students. (*This will help address any shortfall in giving to the fund.*)**

Africa University is grateful for your faithfulness. The students, faculty, staff, and alumni are inspired by your example and resolute in journeying alongside you in the work of inviting, equipping, and sending disciples of Jesus Christ into a hurting world. Well done, and thank you, United Methodists of the South Carolina Conference! Your generous support for the Africa University Fund apportionment ensures that Africa University can continue to nurture and deploy ethical and effective leaders whose daily efforts seed hope by increasing food security, overall health, good governance, abundance, and peace in their communities. Let us keep on doing this important work together and may the God of peace be with you!

James H. Salley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, Africa University and President/CEO of Africa University (Tennessee) Inc.