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THIS INITIATIVE!**

**ARE YOU WILLING TO BE INVOLVED
IN SUPPORTING STUDENTS?**

This program is open to students enrolled in a wide variety of Methodist-related educational programs in many African countries, from Angola to Zimbabwe. For more information on schools, colleges, theological seminaries, and universities related to the United Methodist Church in Africa, visit www.gbhem.org.

**ONE LIFE AT A TIME CHANGED
WITH THE GIFT OF EDUCATION**

The beneficiaries of the Benjamin and Nancy Oliphint Scholarship Fund are boys and girls, youth and young adults from different African contexts, many of them orphaned or affected by recent civil wars and epidemics in the continent. With courage and initiative, they work hard to complete their high school, initiate their journey in higher education, and serve their churches and communities. Scholarships are offered in partnership with institutions such as Africa University and Kenya Methodist University, which guarantee access to education, individualized support, and accountability. The Benjamin and Nancy Oliphint Scholarship Fund encourages prayerful support by donors willing to invest in new leaders for Africa.

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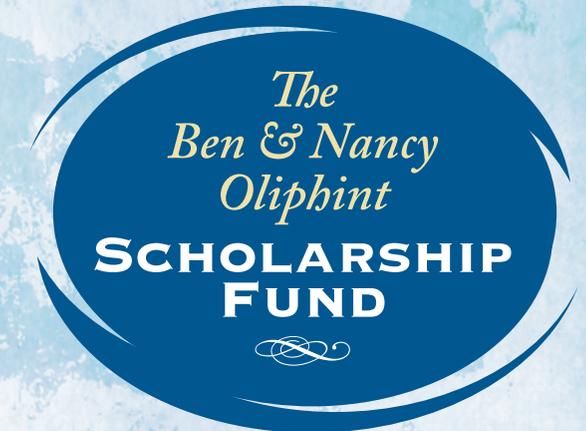
The Methodist Global Education Fund for Leadership Development (MGEFLD) is an initiative of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. It connects schools, colleges, theological seminaries, and universities worldwide to the United Methodist Church and promotes global educational ministry and leadership development in five global regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and North America. The MGEFLD supports people, institutions, and associations that contribute to Methodist-related education around the world. Through GBHEM, we connect people, resources, and institutions with transparency, accountability, and the assurance that your contributions go directly to the scholarship beneficiaries.

The 2012 General Conference of the United Methodist Church approved the continuing resolution to support the Methodist Global Education Fund for Leadership Development (World Service Gift #05-06-04) of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM). The Ben and Nancy Oliphint Scholarship Fund is part of this initiative.

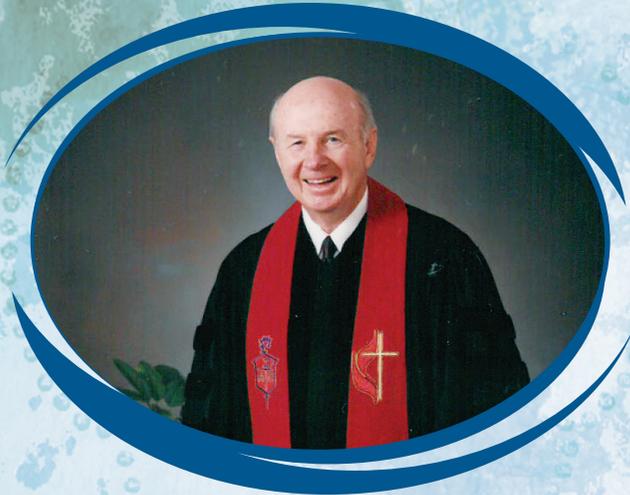


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**CHANGING LIVES
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**THE OLIPHINT FAMILY HAS A
LONG HISTORY OF COMMITMENT
TO EDUCATION IN AFRICA.
YOU CAN JOIN US AND
SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE.**



Benjamin Oliphint was born on May 28, 1924, in Hemphill, Texas. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1946 from Southern Methodist University in Dallas and his master of divinity degree from Duke University Divinity School in Durham, N.C. He received a master of sacred theology degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York and was ordained a Deacon in 1947, Elder in 1949, and earned a doctorate from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland in 1951.

He began his ministry by serving churches in the Louisiana Area. He was pastor of St. Luke's Church in New Orleans from 1947 to 1949, followed by an appointment as associate pastor at First Church in Alexandria from 1951 to 1952. He married Nancy Kelley in 1952 and during the following two decades, he was pastor at St. Paul's, Monroe; First Church, Alexandria; and University Church, Baton Rouge. In 1972, he transferred to the North Texas Conference and became pastor of First United Methodist Church in Dallas, where he served until 1980.

The Benjamin and Nancy Oliphint Scholarship Fund was created on August 25, 2007 by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in memory of Bishop Benjamin Oliphint, who died in July, 2007. The scholarship name was changed to include his wife, Nancy Kelley Oliphint, following her death in February, 2009. The scholarship seeks to continue their legacy of outstanding contributions in the fulfillment of the education mission of The United Methodist Church. They believed that education is the vehicle to transform people, society and the world, and were especially committed to the cause of education in Africa.

**APPLICATIONS AND MORE
INFORMATION ON AVAILABLE
OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE FOUND
AT WWW.GBHEM.ORG**

Ben and Nancy Oliphint helped many students in Africa through prayers, contacts, visits and continuing communication with students and their families, providing an important form of support as a reflection of their faith in Christ. You are invited to help continue this legacy of giving through your contributions to the Ben and Nancy Oliphint Scholarship Fund. Please send contributions to:

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Bishop Oliphint was a delegate and leader in five South Central Jurisdictional Conferences, seven General Conferences of the United Methodist Church, and five assemblies of the World Methodist Council. He was elected bishop in 1980 and assigned to the Kansas Area. He served in Kansas between 1980 and 1984, and then led the Houston Area from 1984 until his retirement in 1992.

During his tenure as an active bishop, Bishop Oliphint was a director of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns (1980-1988), serving as president for four years. He also served as president of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (1988-1992) and was instrumental in the founding of Africa University in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe. After retiring, he served for ten years as president of the Texas United Methodist College Association.