

## ENDOWMENT #3

### JACK SEVILLE LICENSED MINISTRY ENDOWMENT FUND

- 1). The Jack Seville Licensed Ministry Endowment Fund was established in 2000 to honor the Rev. Jack Seville who served as Conference Minister from 1990 to 2000. During his tenure as Conference Minister, he initiated training and use of licensed ministers to provide needed ministerial services to local churches within the conference.

White the Northern Plains Conference has been blessed with lay ministry through most of its history, Rev. Seville envisioned that the future of the United Church of Christ in the Northern Plains would be strengthened and secured by effective programs of lay ministry.

Rev. Seville saw the possibilities of training and empowering lay persons to do ministry to assist local churches in times of ministerial need, to strengthen the leadership of lay persons in local churches and within the conference and to build a community of ministry within the conference. He reminded us that “God does not call the equipped, but equips those who are called.” The purpose of this endowment is to help equip those who are called to licensed ministry.

At General Synod 24, licensed ministry was opened to become a pathway to ordination. Income from this endowment may be used to assist licensed ministers in securing educational opportunities and meeting other requirements in their path to ordination.

The Jack Seville Licensed Ministry Endowment Fund shall be used to provide scholarships, resources, training, and continuing education for licensed ministers, and to strengthen licensed ministry programs within the conference. The Church and Ministry Committee (shall have initial responsibility for recommending the use of these funds). Shall have the responsibility for the allocation and expenditure of the endowment income in support of licensed ministry.

When scholarships are awarded by the Church and Ministry Committee, they will be known as the Roland Richter Memorial Scholarship for Licensed ministry, in memory and recognition of this pioneer in lay ministry within the Northern Plains Conference. Richter served the Sioux Parish and the Emmanuel United Church of Christ of Hankinson. As part of his pastorate within the Sioux parish, he organized and trained local members to serve as lay preachers and worship leaders to ensure that each of the five Churches of that parish were served each Sunday. Richter brought dedication, integrity, and recognition to the possibilities of licensed ministry within the Northern Plains Conference.

