

# The Hannah Project

is named for Hannah,  
the mother of the prophet Samuel,  
who handed her child into ministry.  
Her story is found in 1 Samuel 1:1-2, 10.

We come from local churches  
that can offer our people  
into the wider ministry of the church.

The Continuing need  
for ordained elders and deacons  
to lead the churches  
calls for each local church  
to be responsible  
for helping people  
to hear the invitation  
to become ministers  
of the Christian faith.

Each congregation  
is challenged to participate  
in the program  
of ministerial recruitment  
and nurture.



For more information on the Hannah Project

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With the  
Call Culture Commission

Ministry as vocation  
in the  
Missouri  
Annual Conference

*"How are they to call on one in whom they  
have not believed?  
And how are they to believe in one  
of whom they have never heard?  
And how are they to hear  
without someone to proclaim God?  
How are they to proclaim God  
unless they are sent?"*

*Romans 10:14-15*



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Congregations that complete the five standards for recruitment and nurture listed here will be recognized at the 2012 session of the Missouri Annual Conference.

**The deadline for applications is May 1, 2012. Application found on conference website (Center for Pastoral Excellence)**

## **1. Celebrate Ministry Sunday**

Build a worship service around the call to the ordained ministry. Invite youth and other members to respond to the invitation to consider the ordained ministry. Resources for the worship service may be found on the conference web page or by calling the Center for Pastoral Excellence. Visit our website at [www.thecalltoministry.org](http://www.thecalltoministry.org).

## **2. Name Congregational "Call Connector"**

Send person(s) interested in fostering "culture of the call" within your congregation to regional training to receive ministerial recruitment information. (The first workshop is at Annual Conference 2011.) They then share opportunities in Christian ministry with students. Local recruiters should make resources available to youth, confirmation classes, and others considering the call to ministry. List "call connector" with the Center for Pastoral Excellence.

## **3. Sponsor a Seminary Student\***

Sponsor at least one seminary student from the Missouri Conference. Sponsorship includes activities such as prayer, sending greeting cards for birthdays and holidays, "care packages" during finals, etc. Names are available from the Center for Pastoral Excellence and Jenny Gragg at [jgragg@moumethodist.org](mailto:jgragg@moumethodist.org). Or you may email about sponsoring (prayer or financially) a seminary student in Mozambique (Carol Kreamer, [cpkreamer@hughes.net](mailto:cpkreamer@hughes.net).)

## **4. Sponsor Exploration of Ministry Event/Student**

Send or sponsor a student to an Exploration of ministry event. The cost of sponsorship includes the registration fee \$150 to be sent to Missouri Conference Center for Pastoral Excellence, Exploration Attn: Jenny Gragg, 3601 Amron Ct., Columbia MO 65202.

## **5. Support Seminary Scholarships**

Support the Ministerial Education Fund (MEF) apportionment for the conference.

\* Does your church have its own seminary scholarship at the Missouri United Methodist Foundation? Do you/would you contribute to the Missouri United Methodist Foundation Seminary Scholars Grant? Contact David Atkins at 573-875-4595.