The Hannah Project

is named for Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel, who handed her child into ministry. Her story is found in I 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.

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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.

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. Or you may email about sponsoring (prayer or financially) a seminary student in Mozambique (Carol Kreamer, 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 $50 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.