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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan has been called “an empowerer of people; a tireless human-rights advocate; and a doer of the Word.” After years of service to local churches, leading global initiatives and various general boards of The United Methodist Church, he served as Claremont School of Theology’s Bishop-in-Residence, retiring in May. With his blessing, CST is establishing the **Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan Scholarship**.

I am writing to ask you to **consider contributing** to this important initiative, today.

Bishop Jordan has been a leader among leaders, yet remained grounded in his deep passion for lifting up others. For 15 years at CST, he empowered future pastors and through them he will continue to shape our future churches.

*“Bishop Jordan’s dedication to empowering CST, its students, staff, and faculty is priceless. He advised the Pan African Seminarians Association (PASA) with passion, care, and love, always making time to meet, talk story, and listen to the concerns of all students. He was the driving force in making certain CST had the best speakers and representatives for the MLK lectures, dinner, and activities. He also supported the Asian American Pacific Islander Council at all our events, attended CST’s student-led worship every Tuesday, and came to all school events in support of other student activities. I am eternally thankful to God for the time Bishop Jordan spent teaching, listening, and guiding me.” - Pastor Monalisa Lolohea, West Kauai UMC*

With your generous contribution, the **Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan Scholarship** will be awarded yearly to an African American student who intends to go into pastoral ministry. The minimum amount needed to endow the scholarship is \$50,000; our goal is \$150,000.

**Please prayerfully consider joining his family**, colleagues, churches, and friends in honoring Bishop Jordan and empowering future generations of students who will continue his legacy of bold pastoral ministry.

With blessings and gratitude,  
The Rev. Dr. Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan

CST President

**We will present this honor to Bishop Jordan at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Dinner and Lecture hosted by PASA on Tuesday, February 7, 2017.**

2017 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR  
CELEBRATION AND LECTURE

## Why your contribution to the Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan scholarship matters:

Based on the tuition rate for the 2016-17 academic year, the tuition cost alone for a Master of Divinity Degree will be **\$63,360** (based on 72 credit hours.)

There is a great need to provide scholarships to offset this tremendous burden for future generations of church pastors. Providing scholarship money is a gift to all who will seek a spiritual home in which to grow, learn, and love in the example of Jesus.

Student enrollment has increased over the last 3 years, including:

- The number of students preparing for pastoral ministry by pursuing a Master of Divinity
- The number of African American students pursuing a theological education at CST

Claremont School of Theology has also made theological education more accessible through our Hybrid/Online Master of Divinity degree. Students in this program can complete their Master of Divinity degree through a combination of online classes, intensive short-term courses on campus, and classes that combine intensive classroom sessions with online work.

## More Words of Thanks & Praise for Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan

*"Bishop Jordan's dedication to the Pan African students at CST is unparalleled. He tirelessly worked to help build a campus community that welcomed and embraced the academic and ministerial gifts and talents of Pan African students. It was both a privilege and honor to receive the wisdom and guidance Bishop Jordan provided to PASA."*

Toni Bond Leonard,  
Ph.D. Student

*"In addition to looking up to him as an African American leader and Bishop in the church, I experienced him as a friend, mentor, and colleague who always treated me as though I was valued and had something important to offer the church. His presence on campus was a real gift and his smile is contagious. Thanks for everything, Bishop."*

Rev. A.J. Bush, First UMC,  
Gillette, Wyoming

