

We have been helped greatly by having the Conference (Foundation) support and recognition of membership in the John Wesley Society.

Since the Conference (Foundation) established the John Wesley Society and honored two members from the Novato UMC, we have taken every opportunity to tastefully use John Wesley Society honorees at any special NUMC Endowment Fund Celebration.

We will be inducting several new members into the Society as we begin our annual Endowment Emphasis in November. At that time, we are able to highlight planned giving by wills and bequests, and end-of-year giving.

We also note membership in the Society with a star on our Endowment Plaques.

We appreciate the support we have received from all of you at the Conference level.

Jack Rothe

Endowment Committee Chair,
Novato United Methodist Church

The John Wesley Society is featured once a year with articles in the "Cornerstone" [local church newsletter] and/or a luncheon honoring the members.

We will have a luncheon on April 30, ['06] with Mark Parsons speaking. We will recognize new members and old, as a way of lifting up the First UMC Endowment Program and planned giving opportunities. . . .

Rev. Bill E. Beck

Endowment Committee Chair,
Modesto First United Methodist Church

The Los Altos United Methodist Church has had a John Wesley Society for several years. Currently, there are 76 members of the JWS at LAUMC. We recognize members of the JWS in a variety of ways.

Members are inducted into the John Wesley Society when the Endowment Committee learns that someone has named LAUMC or any other Methodist agency as a beneficiary of a planned gift, or when someone has made a gift to the Endowment Fund. The formal induction is done at a dinner the Endowment Committee hosts for all members of the JWS at LAUMC. We have a recognition dinner every two years. At the dinner, new inductees are presented by the certificate signed by Bishop Shamana and presented with a John Wesley Society lapel pin.

Periodically, we place an article in the "Good News" [local church newsletter] about the John Wesley Society or have some item in the Sunday bulletin. We believe that the John Wesley Society has been beneficial in helping us to increase the amount in our Endowment Fund.

If you would like some other information about our JWS, please let me know.

Harvey Dixon

Endowment Committee Chair,
Los Altos United Methodist Church