



## **What Is The John Wesley Society?**

The Board of Directors of the California-Nevada United Methodist Foundation established the John Wesley Society to honor United Methodists in the California-Nevada Annual Conference who have remembered their United Methodist church or any United Methodist ministry by naming it in a planned gift. Planned gifts may be current or deferred, and include: bequests through a will, trusts, charitable gift annuities, life insurance policies, pension plans, IRAs, securities, real estate, cash and/or other assets. Gifts may be made to an endowment or to a current ministry.

The John Wesley Society is not about us. It is about supporting the work of God through enduring gifts to United Methodist ministries, and sharing the joy of participating in God's transforming work.

The society is named after John Wesley because Wesley lived his life as a steward of the gospel; in his ministry priorities, in his use of time, and in his use of money. He demonstrated what it meant to "gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can;" in a way that led to overflowing generosity to the poor and advocacy on their behalf.

The John Wesley Society makes no distinctions about the amount of a planned gift. Anyone who has made a planned gift to a United Methodist ministry is eligible for membership. Likewise, the intent of the society is to honor all persons, whether they have made their gift through the Foundation or through any other organization.

Any member of a United Methodist local church or agency is invited to create a John Wesley Society chapter with their unique name and traditions. The Foundation provides a John Wesley Society lapel pin and a certificate, signed by the Bishop for the donor. Simply contact the Foundation Services Coordinator, Angela Slaton with the names of the recipients. Then a presentation can be made during a worship service or other appropriate event.

An example of a JWS booklet can be found on our Foundation website ([www.canvumf.org](http://www.canvumf.org) under *John Wesley Society*). If you have any questions about the John Wesley Society, please don't hesitate to contact us toll free at 888-789-7374 or by e-mail: [umf@canvumf.org](mailto:umf@canvumf.org) for more information.