



**MINNESOTA UNITED
METHODIST BUILDERS**
Together in Mission

December 1, 2020

Dear Builders,

On November 1st of 1888, the Methodist Episcopal Missionary and Church Extension Society of Minneapolis was officially organized and raised over \$1,000 to build Minnehaha Methodist Church. Over the ensuing 133 years the Society and its successors have made hundreds of loans and grants to build and repair churches in our area. This work has been carried on by the Minnesota United Methodist Builders. However, over the last several years it has become clear that our model for this mission is not using the assets from previous generations and your contributions as responsible stewards. Our administrative expenses have risen to consume an ever increasing portion of your gifts.

After serious deliberations and prayers, the Board of the Builders voted last month to merge our mission and assets with the Minnesota United Methodist Foundation effective December 1, 2020. We believe this will allow the vital ministry of building and repairing churches to continue and to expand into new ministries. Our dreams of continuing this important mission will carry on through the Foundation with your support and prayers.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the leader of this organization, but I have only been able to do so with the help of my fellow board members, field directors, conference staff and most of all our members. We have all been blessed to see the fruits of our work and your generosity manifested in the projects in our churches.

I want to close by offering our thanks to you as we approach the time of our church calendar when we received the greatest gift of love at Christmas. It is our hope that the work and love of this organization will continue grow in this new union.

Yours in Mission,

Phil Griffin
President