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Black Disciples Endowment Fund 40 Years of Service to National Convocation Congregations

During the 2024 Biennial Session held in Greensboro, NC, the Black Disciples Endowment Fund (BDEF) celebrated a significant milestone: a ruby anniversary. BDEF has experienced forty years of visionary leadership to provide resources to Black Disciples through a granting process. BDEF was also privileged to be the recipient of one of the offerings during the evening worship. During 2024, there have been additional named funds that have started to continue this legacy of empowering the Black constituency. The BDEF trustees are grateful for the generous contributions that have been made by individuals and congregations to achieve such a significant milestone. We thank each of you for supporting BDEF!

Over the years, BDEF has provided funding for a variety of ministries such as outreach, leadership development, new church ministry, transformation and revitalization efforts, youth and young adults, and other initiatives that impact the viability of our Black constituency. BDEF also provides resources for the School of Faith and Life, which is the educational track offered during the Biennial session of the National Convocation. In addition, the BDEF trustees oversee distributions from the Merchant Family Fund, designated for clergy education.

The next granting cycle will begin on June 1, 2025. Grant applications with stated deadlines and criteria will be available online through the National Convocation website. The BDEF trustees welcome the opportunity to partner with those entities and individuals who seek to improve the quality of ministry of Black Disciples.