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Long before COVID was the cause of many church closings, most denominations had recorded historic numbers of pastoral vacancies. One issue impacting these vacancies, seminary graduates have debilitating debt. Regrettably, student loan debt impacts career decisions.

As a result, many seminary graduates, cannot afford to serve as pastors of local congregations. Many Church's salary structures do not allow the graduates to pay their student loan debts.

One way to address this issue is create a robust endowed scholarship fund. A scholarship endowment will eliminate most student loan debts and as a result many churches will be able to call seminary educated clergy to serve as pastors.

Morehouse School of Religion Dean Dr. Joseph Evans has first-hand experience of the benefit of an endowed scholarship fund:

"Without scholarships, my seminary education would have been more than I could afford. Monetary gifts from donors made my seminary education possible. It was then that I decided, I would commit my life to making this appeal: Please devote your monetary gifts toward an endowed scholarship fund. This will support our seminarian's theological education and permit many of them to follow their passion which is serving the local church. Your noble gifts help to affirm our preacher's noble calling."



Joseph Evans, Ph.D., Dean
Morehouse School of Religion

Ways to Give

Your financial commitment is important for the initiatives supported by the Scholarship Fund.

Morehouse School of Religion has partnered with *American Baptist Foundation (ABF)* to provide creative “planned giving” options. In addition to cash gifts, we strongly encourage other ways to give, and embrace:

- Gifts through Wills and Bequests
- Gifts of Stock
- Life Insurance designations
- Real Estate and Other Property

Life Income agreements, such as Charitable Trusts and Gift Annuities, are also available. These provide steady income to donors while assuring a long-term benefit to the church. Together, we can find the best gift plan to benefit you, your loved ones and our community.

In Appreciation

As our way of saying thank you, supporters of this endowment will be included in the *Morehouse Legacy Society*. If you desire that your gift be anonymous, please let us know.