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A growing number of churches are utilizing the CBFNC Mission Resource Plan (MRP) as a way to support CBF missions and ministries (state, national and global) as well as cherished North Carolina Baptist ministries. A significant portion of North Carolina MRP contributions support higher education. Most persons are aware of the portion of these funds that are distributed to divinity school students, primarily to the four theology schools in North Carolina (Campbell, Duke, Gardner-Webb and Wake). Read Rick Jordan's article in this issue of *The Gathering* explaining the impact of these contributions.

However, many folks may not be aware of how the "Higher Education" portion of MRP funds are used by our colleges and universities. In the basic version of the MRP, two percent of undesignated contributions are distributed to each of the seven historic North Carolina Baptist colleges. An additional two percent of these contributions are divided among the schools based on their undergraduate full-time enrollment. Therefore, sixteen percent of undesignated MRP contributions are distributed for "higher education." (An additional fourteen percent is distributed for theological education.)

The following responses from each of the seven institutions explain how they are utilizing the funds given by churches through the CBFNC Mission Resource Plan.



Campbell University

Buies Creek, NC
www.campbell.edu

"Funds received from CBFNC's Mission Resource Plan are placed in the University's Institutional Scholarship Fund. These funds are used to attract and

reward bright and winsome students."

*John Roberson, Vice-President for
Marketing and Planning*



Chowan University

Murfreesboro, NC
www.chowan.edu

"Chowan University would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to CBF North Carolina for the gifts received from the Mission Resource Plan. It is because of generous contributions of North Carolina CBF Churches that Chowan is able to broaden the scope of our ministry to include those who are often overlooked or forgotten. The money received from the MRP is used in our Chowan Christian Service Association Scholarship program to assist students preparing for full-time Christian vocational ministry. Your gifts to this scholarship help in the recruiting of students called to ministry. This association has and is helping over 20 students with their education."

*Ron McSwain, Director of
Church Relations*



Gardner-Webb University

Boiling Springs, NC
www.gardner-webb.edu

"CBF of North Carolina's support of Gardner-Webb through the Mission Resource Plan directly supports theological education by providing funding for student scholarships. In keeping with the stated intent of this funding we seek to direct these funds to students with a current or possible future ministry within the CBF family, and do that primarily through our School of Divinity."

*Steve Varley, Vice-President for
Development*



MARS HILL COLLEGE

Mars Hill College

Mars Hill, NC
www.mhc.edu

"Mars Hill College is most grateful for the gifts coming through the CBFNC Mission Resource Plan. These gifts serve as a revenue source to help fund institutional student financial aid. This resource helps make a positive difference for many students and will do more so as this giving plan grows."

Dan Lunsford, President



Meredith College

Raleigh, NC
www.meredith.edu

"Meredith College is thankful for the support of the CBFNC Mission Resource Fund. We have directed the gifts from this fund to the financial aid needs of several North Carolina Baptist students. The funds have made an impact on the student recipients, all of whom are need based. Thank you CBFNC for your concern for these young women and their efforts to earn a college degree, and thank you for your faith in the Meredith College community."

Sam Carothers, Campus Minister



Wake Forest University

Winston-Salem, NC
www.wfu.edu

"Wake Forest University wishes to thank CBFNC for its ongoing support of the William Louis Poteat Scholarship through the Mission Resource Plan. This scholarship honors and strengthens Wake Forest's traditional relationship with its Baptist heritage and the state of North Carolina.

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