

The Carolyn Hartley Christian Educator Refresh and Renewal Scholarship

The Carolyn Hartley Christian Educator Refresh and Renewal Scholarship provides funds for a limited number of two-night stays (meals included), for up to two individuals at Olmsted Manor, Ludlow, PA.

The primary beneficiaries for this scholarship should be: Deacons and paid or volunteer staff working directly in Christian education in local United Methodist churches. Alternates would include Elders in the local church; individuals working directly in Christian education at the district or conference level; and professors or staff in Christian education at United Methodist educational institutions, in that order. Applications for the scholarship are to be submitted to the Director of Olmsted Manor who will evaluate the applications and award the scholarships striving to ensure parity among districts and other appropriate organizations.

The scholarship fund shall be managed by the United Methodist Foundation of Western Pennsylvania or its successor organizations. Any funds not used during a given year may be used to promote the scholarship (pay for printing of scholarship specific materials etc.) or will be reinvested in the scholarship principal at the end of the year.

Carolyn June Hartley (1931–2020) spent her life's work supporting the ministry of Christian education in the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. A graduate of Southern Methodist University, she earned a Master of Arts in Religious Education at Scarritt College in Nashville, TN in 1954. Carolyn served as Director of Christian Education of the First United Methodist Church in Sharon, PA from 1955-1957. From 1958–1959 she was Conference Director of Children's Work for the former Erie Conference of the Methodist Church. She later served as Director of Christian Education of the First United Methodist Church of Franklin, PA from 1981-1985. In addition, for nearly five decades, she worked in many volunteer capacities at the First United Methodist Church in Clarion, PA. Carolyn was consecrated a Diaconal Minister in the United Methodist Church in 1983. She served as a member of the Western Pennsylvania Conference Board of Education from 1973-1976.

Carolyn was a devoted supporter of the Olmsted Manor Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA. For more than a decade (1974-1985), she served on the Olmsted Manor Board of Managers, including a term as vice chair, and was instrumental in overseeing the construction of the Groves Lodge and in the expansion of the Center's ministries. The Hartley family has established this scholarship in Carolyn's memory to refresh and rejuvenate those involved in ministries of Christian Education.

