

AFRICA UNIVERSITY UBUNTU CENTER
Investing in the Future of Africa One Student at a Time
A Project of the Grand Rapids District

The goal for the Africa University Ubuntu Gathering Center is \$500,000. Our campaign is getting underway in the winter and spring of 2011 in the Grand Rapids District. While we will be asking each district church to take an offering on Sunday morning, we are challenging our larger churches to pledge to raising \$20,000 to fund one room in the retreat center. The room will be named for the church with a permanent marker in the Ubuntu Gathering Center and also with a plaque for the local church. Here is one systematic way of raising \$20,000. It does not include the special Sunday morning offering.

Contribution Total	Number of Pledges	Total Dollars
\$2,000	4	\$8,000
\$1,000	6	\$6,000
\$ 500	7	\$3,500
\$ 250	7	\$1,750
\$ 100	7	\$ 700
Other	-	\$ 400

In addition to the \$20,000 funding opportunity for a room in the Ubuntu Gathering Center, there are other funding and naming opportunities for individuals or churches.

\$250,000	Building Name
\$100,000 (2)	Individual Building Wings
\$100,000	Central Lounge
\$ 50,000	Reception Area
\$ 30,000 (2)	Tea rooms – kitchenettes
\$ 20,000 (16)	Individual rooms

Contributors will be provided with ongoing information regarding the construction of the Ubuntu Gathering Center, including photos and periodic reports as they are available, direct links to the student body so that their experiences can be shared in local churches, and other items of interest to keep everyone informed. Individual or local church pledges can be made over a 2 year period, but the greater the up-front amount the more we will be able to do.

The Grand Rapids District Africa University Initiative encourages church leadership to:

1. Pledge to raise at least \$20,000 over a 2 year period.
2. Set an offering date in the spring of 2011.
3. Send out a letter, commitment card, and privacy envelope before the offering. We will provide the letters, commitment cards, and privacy envelopes.
4. Holding a gathering where members of the Au Task Force could meet with potential major donors.

Thank you for your commitment to this justice ministry through The United Methodist Church. By pledging to the Africa University Ubuntu Gathering Center, you are contributing to the development of moral and ethical leadership throughout the continent of Africa.