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### **BMCR Pushes Toward Self-Sustainability with BMCR Sunday, February 4, 2018**

**Nashville, TN, February 2018** - Black Methodists for Church Renewal, an organization that advocates for the unique needs of African American members in The United Methodist Church, has worked to empower its constituency for 51 years. To further its legacy, the organization is promoting BMCR Sunday on February 4<sup>th</sup> as a way to raise funds on the local level.

To achieve fiscal self-sustainability, BMCR has raised more than \$60,000 in 2017 through various gifts from individuals, local churches, and annual conferences.

“The work of BMCR remains vital to the work of the Church. On BMCR Sunday we are reminded that ‘Our time under God is now.’ That motto, first uttered by Dr. Ernest Smith, speaks to our need to continue to mobilize laity and clergy to address the issues of equity and justice,” said Josefa Bethea Wall, Harry Hoosier Member of BMCR and Director of Development for BMCR/MARCHA.

Local churches like Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee will be spotlighting the leaders of the Tennessee Chapter of BMCR and its connection to the national organization.

Financial support throughout the year will ensure that BMCR continues to build on its rich legacy of commitment to leadership development, advocacy, and inclusiveness. The goal for 2017 is \$125,000.

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