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## **Osborn Estate to Provide Student Scholarships**

Meadville Lombard Theological School announces that a recent estate bequest will provide scholarships to help the school in its work to educate and support UU ministries. The recent death of Janet Osborn, the widow of the Rev. David Osborn, BD '52 DD'77, has put into motion the establishment of the **David and Janet Osborn Scholarship Program**.

Rev. Osborn, a former Board of Trustees chair, and Mrs. Osborn were long-time supporters of the school and maintained the confidence that Meadville Lombard is Unitarian Universalism's best opportunity to shape the future. The Osborns bequeathed their entire estate to the School. According to the executor of their estate, this program is likely to be initially funded at a sum of more than 2 million dollars.

Rev. Dr. Lee Barker, President of Meadville Lombard, knew the Osborns for many years and says he is both saddened by their deaths and humbled by their act of generosity. "I am grateful for this gift and take my vow to be a good steward of this great theological school," Barker said.

The Osborn scholarships will allow Meadville to continue attracting a growing body of promising UU ministers and to provide the essential academic preparation and practical skills they will need to successfully serve and grow UU congregations.

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