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***Kristen Richardson-Frick Promoted to Associate Director***

Jan. 4, 2018 – Kristen Richardson-Frick has been named associate director of the Rural Church program area at The Duke Endowment.

Richardson-Frick, an ordained elder in the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, joined the Endowment in 2012 as a program officer. She previously served as a senior pastor at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Orangeburg, S.C., and at Wagener and Swansea United Methodist churches in Wagener and Swansea, S.C. She was an associate pastor at Grace United Methodist Church in North Augusta, S.C., and a University Chapel intern at Duke University. Richardson-Frick received a Master of Divinity degree from Duke and a bachelor’s degree from Wofford College.

A certified ministry coach, Richardson-Frick is a member of several academic, professional and community organizations. Her involvement with the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church has included chair of the Committee on Episcopacy and chair of the Orangeburg District Committee on Congregational Development.

The Duke Endowment’s Rural Church program area focuses on enhancing congregational vitality, deepening spiritual formation, and fostering community impact. Candidates for grants include United Methodist churches that serve rural North Carolina communities, the North Carolina and Western North Carolina conferences and districts of the United Methodist Church, and Duke University Divinity School.

Based in Charlotte, N.C., and established in 1924 by industrialist and philanthropist James B. Duke, The Duke Endowment is a private foundation that strengthens communities in North Carolina and South Carolina by nurturing children, promoting health, educating minds and enriching spirits. Since its founding, it has awarded more than \$3.6 billion in grants. The Endowment shares a name with Duke University and Duke Energy, but they are separate organizations.