Following the Civil War, the former Methodist Episcopal Church organized the Freedmen’s Aid Society to help educate African Americans.

In 1972, The United Methodist Church established the Black College Fund to provide reliable support for UM-related historically Black colleges and offer a chance to everyone with a dream and a commitment to excel – regardless of race, class, gender, or ethnic heritage. Many of these students, often the first in their family to go to college, will receive an education and become today’s leaders – continuing a rich tradition.

As a denomination, the United Methodist Church supports the largest number of fully accredited historically Black colleges and universities in the United States. This fund is managed through the Black College Fund Office connected to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

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Colleges supported by the Black College Fund are able to keep lower tuition rates?

The Black College Fund distributes 95% of all funds received equally to 11 Black colleges?

The Black College Fund has intern programs that enhance communication skills?

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Giving for this fund is made through your local church apportionments