The Grover Wright Scholarship Fund & The Rev. Carole A. Burns Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Grover Wright was associate director of the Division for Professional Leadership, LCA. He was a strong leader in the church, encouraging Asians, African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans to be pastors and lay leaders in the church. In 1989 the Rev. Vicki Watkins and the Rev. Christine Thompson conceived the scholarship and brought the idea to the choir members where it was adopted and established as the ministry project of the choir and as our way to praise God and support people of color in fulfilling their calling. In 1995 Mr. Wright was able to travel to Chicago to attend the concert which honored his legacy. He passed away on February 3, 1997, and is missed by many.

The Rev. Carole A. Burns, a member of the LSTC Gospel Choir from its beginning in 1988, was the first female to ever preach and teach at a Diocesan assembly during the choir’s 1997 tour in Tanzania, East Africa. Rev. Burns was born into eternity on December 27, 2001. In honor of her life and gifts, President James Kenneth Echols and the LSTC Gospel Choir established the Rev. Carole A. Burns Memorial Scholarship Fund as another ministry project of the choir. This scholarship supports African American women studying for ministry.

Donations to these scholarships and the LSTC Gospel Choir are tax deductible.