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August 25, 2026

Rev. Dr. David M. Tokpah
President
United Methodist University
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Dear Rev. Dr. Tokpah,

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EXTRACTIVE SECTOR.

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Given the above, the United Methodist University is expected to argue that the Central Government should take full charge of implementing the funds instead of extractive companies and affected communities/counties.



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Dear Rev. Dr. Attah,

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