



Engage^{mi}

The new mission
engagement
program for
the Michigan
Conference



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Engage^{mi} Overview

Engage^{mi} is the new mission engagement program for the Michigan Conference.

Engage^{mi} challenges Michigan Conference congregations to comprehensive missional learning, giving, and action with the goal of encouraging congregations to shift from transactional “ministry to” models to relational “ministry with” vulnerable people and communities.

The Engage^{mi} program consists of three focus areas: Learn, Give, Act. In this book, you will find descriptions of each of these areas. Congregations who meet the requirements in all three areas will be recognized as “Engage^{mi} Congregations.”

The Engage^{mi} program begins January 1, 2019. You can find more information about the program online at www.michiganumc.org. Additional resources will be available by February 1, 2019. To become an Engage^{mi} Congregation, please submit your Engage^{mi} Learn, Give, and Act Annual Reports by January 7, 2020.

If you have questions, please contact The Rev. Paul Perez, Associate Director for Mission and Ministry at pperez@michiganumc.org or (810) 347-6363.

“Ministry With”

Foundational Concept for Engage^{mi}

“Ministry with” is the foundational concept for the **Engage^{mi}** program. Based on The United Methodist Church’s “Ministry with the Poor” Area of Focus, “ministry with” is grounded in Jesus’ practice of ministry, and our Wesleyan heritage. It is an invitation to move from models of “ministry to” into models of “ministry with.”

“Ministry to” is defined as mission and ministry programs that merely “give to” or “do for” people. These programs can be highly efficient in distributing materials and resources to address immediate basic needs of food, water, clothing, and shelter. However, they can also create a hierarchy of “givers” over “receivers,” foster systems and relationships of dependency, and treat “givers” as saviors having all the resources and answers and the “receivers” as objects of charity and problems to be fixed.

In contrast, “ministry with” seeks not only to meet immediate needs, but, also, to foster mutual relationships where all participants are met with dignity, engaged in shared leadership, and growing together in God’s love. It is a challenge for all of us to prioritize people over programs, relationships over resources, and development of long-term solutions over quick fixes.

The **Engage^{mi}** mission and ministry projects, here in Michigan and around the world, are all seeking to respond to this invitation. The goal of **Engage^{mi}** is to encourage your congregation to partner with these projects and to meet the challenge of being in “ministry with” people in your congregation and your local community.





Steps to Becoming an “Engage^{mi} Congregation”

LEARN

Congregation engages in at least one learning experience that:

- deepens understanding of “ministry with”
- listens to people directly affected by the issues you are seeking to address
- increases understanding of root causes of systemic injustice

GIVE

Congregation engages in comprehensive missional and connectional giving by meeting the requirements of the following steps:

- **Step 1: 100% of Michigan Conference Ministry Shares**
 - Give 100% of Michigan Conference Ministry Shares
- **Step 2: Michigan**
 - Give to at least one Conference Christ Centered Mission & Ministry Project
 - Give to at least one District Christ Centered Mission & Ministry Project
- **Step 3: National**
 - Give to at least one U.S. General Advance Project, Red Bird Mission General Advance Project, or qualifying Special Sunday

LEARN GIVE ACT



• Step 4: International

- Give to at least one Mission Personnel Related General Advance Project, International General Advance Project, or qualifying Special Sunday
- Give to at least one Haiti General Advance Project
- Give to at least one Liberia Advance Project

• Step 5: Mission Personnel

- Give to at least one Mission Personnel

• Step 6: United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

- Give to at least one UMCOR Disaster Response Project, UMCOR Project or UMCOR Special Sunday

ACT

Congregation engages in at least one long-term, sustainable action that:

- intentionally honors the sacred dignity and intrinsic worth of every person who participates in the missions and ministries of your congregation
- builds relationships with a local, national, or international project
- addresses root causes of systemic injustice.



LEARN

goal:

Congregation engages in at least one learning experience that

- 1) deepens understanding of "ministry with,"
- 2) listens to and learns from the real lives of vulnerable, different people and communities than theirs, and/or
- 3) increases understanding of root causes of systemic injustice.

1) Deepens understanding of "ministry with"

For example:

- o Lead a book study from the list of **Engage^{mi}** resources
- o Congregational members (a team of three or more) attend an **Engage^{mi}** learning experience and share learning with congregation:
 - Volunteers in Mission Training
 - Emergency Response Team training by Conference Disaster Response Committee
 - United Methodist Women Mission

2) Listens to the people directly affected by the issues you are seeking to address

For example:

- o Congregational members (a team of three or more) host or attend a presentation by staff and/or participants of a Conference or District Christ Centered Mission and Ministry Project

Contact a Conference or District Christ Centered Mission and Ministry Project to arrange:

- o Congregational members host or attend a presentation by a Conference supported Missionary

Contact your District Secretary of Global Ministries for more information:

- o Congregational members (a team of three or more) engage in conversation with local community members and/or leaders about issues affecting the community

3) Increases understanding of root causes of systemic injustice

For example:

- o Lead a book study from the list of **Engage^{mi}** resources
- o Congregational members (a team of three or more) attend an **Engage^{mi}** learning experience and share learning with congregation:
 - Keep Making Peace
 - United Methodist Women Mission

To become an **Engage^{mi}** congregation, please engage in at least one "LEARN" event or experience during 2019. Resources for how the "LEARN" focus area will be available at michiganumc.org by February 1, 2019.



GIVE

STEP 1: 100% of Michigan Conference Ministry Shares

Ministry Shares is a method of giving that proportionally allocates the church-wide budget to conferences and local churches.

Each year the Michigan Conference Council on Finance and Administration assigns, based on a formula, a Ministry Share amount to each local church.

Through the Ministry Shares covenant, the people of the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church connect together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Ministry Shares provide an opportunity to do together what no one person, church, mission and ministry project, district, or annual conference could do alone. It is an opportunity to multiply and share God's gifts in the world.

Ministry Shares support the Michigan Conference Program and Administration Budgets. They also support United Methodist mission and ministry around the world through the following General Church funds: Africa University Fund, Black College Fund, Episcopal Fund, General Administration Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, World Service Fund, and Youth Service Fund.

To become an Engage^{mi} Congregation, your local church must give 100% of its assigned Michigan Conference Ministry Shares. For more information about Ministry Shares, visit michiganumc.org.

STEP 2: Michigan

Give to at least one of the following
Conference Christ Centered Mission
& Ministry Projects:

CHRIST CENTERED MISSION & MINISTRY GIFT

CCMM# 3037

A general gift may be given in lieu of selecting a specific project. Funds given will be used to build capacity and sustainability of Conference Christ Centered Mission & Ministry projects in the Michigan Annual Conference.

ADRIAN COLLEGE PRE-SEMINARY PROGRAM

CCMM#3002

The Major Cole Pre-Seminary Association program has been in existence for almost 100 years. It is built around academic study of philosophy/religion and a vocational discernment group. Dr. Christopher P. Momany is the advisor and "hands-on" leader.

ASBURY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CCMM#3003

Asbury is the light and hands of Christ burning bright on Flint's Eastside, a neighborhood devastated by toxic water, violence, poverty, and hopelessness. The Asbury Farm is providing lead-mitigating produce. Asbury's Neighborhood Connect Ministry is providing water resources including filters to residents unable to drive to our Help Center which offers food and health services. God is on the move in Flint.

BALDWIN CENTER

CCMM# 3036

Their mission is to feed, clothe, educate and empower the men, women and children of the Pontiac community. They offer more than 25 programs that meet basic needs, give assistance in a crisis, provide education and enrichment opportunities, and serve as a safety net. Among these services are soup kitchen, clothes closet, holiday store & baskets, laundry, after school program, summer enrichment camp, hygiene items, etc. They are connecting and training partner agencies to increase client empowerment through 'Innovative Frameworks'.

CASS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES

CCMM#3005

Cass Community Social Services offers programs to people living in areas of concentrated poverty in Detroit. The four program areas are: food, health/mental health care, housing and employment.

CLARK RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, INC.

CCMM#3038

Philanthropy is a major component of many services provided to their residents and supported through the generous gifts of donors. The Clark Foundation gives opportunities to support the mission of Clark, primarily through gifts to Benevolent Care which provides financial support to those residents who, through no fault of their own, have depleted their financial resources. Other services include the Montessori program, Music Therapy, and many life enrichment activities.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES PROGRAM

(at Grand Rapids: Trinity United Methodist Church)

CCMM#3006

Our mission is to coordinate an after-school program with a local elementary school by providing community accessible trainings/workshops, building community partnerships with local organizations, and creating special projects that bring together church and community.

CONFERENCE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & DISASTER RESPONSE

CCMM#3007

Provides training, and encourages persons to respond for early recovery and reconstruction after a disaster. They provide a caring, Christian presence after a disaster and with UMCOR provide a training curriculum to assist the local church in preparing for emergencies and during various

phases of disaster. Provides a caring, Christian presence after an event. With UMCOR - provides a training curriculum to assist the Local Church in preparing for emergencies and during various phases of a disaster.

FLINT RECOVERY

CCMM#3046

A program supporting the stabilization and restoration of Flint through programs focused on lead-mitigating nutrition, violence prevention, educational empowerment, and family continuity.

FRESH AIRE SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER

CCMM#3008

FASCC provides a unique form of psychological and spiritual assistance. Counselors help clients recognize and address the dynamics underlying their stress. They provide affordable, quality, short and long-term counseling, life coaching, education, and consultation to help individuals and families experience healing, growth, and wholeness of mind, body, and spirit.

CIRCLES GRAND RAPIDS

CCMM#3009

Circles GR is a Chapter of Circles USA, whose mission is to inspire and equip persons from every economic class to permanently reduce poverty. We connect people across socioeconomic lines in long-term friendships that offer collaborative guidance for families working to exit poverty while raising the "poverty IQ" of the middle- to upper-income allies who accompany them. Circles provides ongoing training and support for cross-class relationships of mutual growth focused on the goals of those working to exit poverty, and transforming the lives of individuals, organizations, and communities.

GOD'S COUNTRY COOPERATIVE PARISH

CCMM#3044

God's Country Cooperative Parish (GCCP) is comprised of seven churches spread over 250 square miles in the eastern part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The seven churches

combine their resources, share their faith, and actively work to bring self-esteem, hope and the love of God to all throughout the Parish. GCCP hosts mission teams in the summer to do home repairs and improvements in our communities and coordinates food and clothing distribution.

HISPANIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – MICHIGAN

CCMM#3010

HYLA – Michigan, a part of the national HYLA program, identifies, recruits, and facilitates the leadership development of high school while taking into consideration their specific context.

HOLTON COMMUNITY CENTER

CCMM#3011

HCC is an environmental rural ministry. HCC is highly organized ministry which supplies basic needs, programs, and referrals to clients in an isolated, rural area of Muskegon County. It links area churches together in creating relationships with clients that build self-sufficiency and draws them closer to Christ.

JOY SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CCMM#3012

Joy-Southfield has developed a strategy to systematically promote health equity, including access to healthy food, safe recreational facilities, education, housing, community safety, and the workforce.

JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS – MICHIGAN

CCMM#3013

JFON – MI is a faith-driven ministry that welcomes immigrants and refugees into churches and communities by providing free legal services to immigrants who cannot afford a private attorney. It is also committed to providing education to the immigrant community and the community at large and advocacy for fair and humane laws and policies.

LIBERIA MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP

CCMM#3014

The Liberia Ministry Partnership works to support and extend the covenant relationship between the people of the Michigan Annual Conference and the Liberia Annual Conference.

MAPLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER OF HOPE

CCMM#3015

MVCCH is a UMC related agency that feeds the hungry and clothes the needy in Nashville, Vermontville and Woodland, MI. A weekly box of food is given to those who meet IRS Poverty Guidelines. The Free Store provides clothing and housewares. Hope for Babies provides diapers and wipes. Nurse Services provides blood pressure checks and listens to those with health concerns. Hope for Education provides life skills classes to help these people break free from the cycle of poverty.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

CCMM#3016

MCHS provide individualized treatment, care, advocacy, and permanency to children and families impacted by childhood trauma. Through our residential, transitional living, foster care, and adoption programs, as well as our educational and clinical services, we provide for and advocate on behalf of victims of child abuse and neglect.

MICHIGAN AREA UNITED METHODIST CAMPING

CCMM#3017

MAUMC is an ongoing support for camp scholarships, capital improvements, and direct gifts to nine camp sites.

MICHIGAN-HAITI COVENANT PARTNERSHIP

CCMM#3035

The Michigan-Haiti Covenant Partnership works to support and extend the covenant relationship between the people of the Michigan Annual Conference and the people of the Methodist Church of Haiti.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY WESLEY CAMPUS MINISTRIES

CCMM# 3040

MSU Wesley Campus Ministries is a Christian Community of young adults that loves without exception, serves without judgment and rejoices without restraint. Students engage a mission field of young adults from Michigan State University, Lansing Community College and Greater Lansing. Raising principled leaders for the church and for the world is at the core of our mission. They do this by establishing a diverse and trusting faith community where students can stretch and grow in the knowledge and love of God via disciplined practice and intentional Christian Community.

MISSION FOR AREA PEOPLE

CCMM#3018

A non-profit, faith-based agency, MAP is dedicated to serving the poor and underserved residents of Muskegon County. It serves as the collaborative, coordinating agency between local partner churches and other community agencies and churches, to provide effective coordinated help to the disadvantaged through its food/clothing pantries, rent & utility assistance, Community small "c" medical & dental fund, and transportation assistance.

MISSION INTERN PROGRAM

CCMM#3039

The Mission Intern Program, a ministry of the Michigan Annual Conference, encourages young adults to explore servant ministry for a summer. Interns work to provide summer programming for children and youth in rural and urban areas.

MOTOR CITY WESLEY

CCMM#3019

MCW engages and invests in student-led missional communities exploring their Christian faith through action and innovation around Detroit.

MOTOWN MISSION

CCMM#3020

Motown Mission is an urban work mission destination in Detroit, MI for Christian youth, college, and adult groups interested in economic disaster recovery work in the name of Jesus Christ.

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FUND

CCMM#3033

The New Church Development Fund is used to fund start-up costs for new faith communities. We will utilize a variety of models in creating new faith communities. To provide "Bold and Effective Leaders," the conference will recruit, assess, and train pastors and lay leaders to start new faith communities.

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE FUND

CCMM#3034

The New Worship Service fund will assist local churches determine what kind of worship services are needed to reach their mission field and provide start-up money to launch a new service to reach new people.

THE NOAH PROJECT

CCMM#3028

The NOAH Project (Networking, Organizing, and Advocating for the Homeless) empowers low income and homeless Detroiters to achieve stability by serving as the first step on the journey to self-sufficiency.

NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

CCMM#3021

North End Community Ministry is an interfaith, shared ministry whose mission is to provide practical assistance and educational opportunities to equip people with necessary skills and to improve their quality of life for those we serve on the NE side of Grand Rapids, MI.

PATHFINDERS OF MUSKEGON

CCMM#3022

The goal of Pathfinders is to join youth from different cultures, religious affiliations, and schools to sing songs of inspiration and hope to encourage the discouraged and to inspire the believers. The choir is made of youth ages 7 to 21 of all race and genders; the youth perform at events throughout the greater Muskegon area.

PA WA TING – NATIVE AMERICAN ELDERS PROGRAM

CCMM#3023

Pa Wa Ting is an outreach program to Native American Elders and their families. It provides meals, health screenings, information & referral, pastoral care, counseling, social connection, volunteer opportunities, transportation & Community Service opportunities through the court system.

REDFORD BRIGHTMOOR INITIATIVE

CCMM#3024

The Redford Brightmoor Initiative is a nonprofit organization in service to the neighborhoods of Brightmoor (Detroit) and Redford, Michigan. They are committed to resident engagement and providing basic amenities.

SAGANING NATIVE AMERICAN CENTER (SNAC)

CCMM#3025

The Committee on Native American Ministries provides non-food items, including personal hygiene products, paper products, and cleaning supplies to those in need who present to the Saganing Native American Center. A critical aspect of our mission involves maintenance of the aging building and upkeep of the adjoining cemetery and grounds.

SPIRIT JOURNEY

CCMM#3041

Spirit Journey is a ministry that empowers Native American youth ages 8-14 to reach their God given potential by currently offering summer programming. This includes Basketball Camp, 3 Gus Mack 3 on 30 basketball tournaments in Ludington, Belding, Sault Ste. Marie, Day trips around the Grand Traverse Region, Writing Camp at Pictured Rocks, Weeklong overnight camp at Northport Indian Methodist Campground in Northport, MI and a weekend trip to Cedar Point for our junior counselors.

SOUTH END COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRIES (SECOM) RESOURCE CENTER

CCMM#3026

SECOM is a Key Resource Center for our low-income Neighbors who live between Interstate 131 and Patterson Avenue and Hall and 28th Streets in Grand Rapids. They offer support in three primary areas – Little Steps at SECOM Preschool, our Healthy Food Pantry and Nutrition Education programming, and Empowerment programming.

SOUTH LANSING MINISTRIES

CCMM#3027

SLM has been a community service Community Service organization since 2004. Affiliated with 62 ACC UMC, we have a food pantry, a personal needs closet, and referral services.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES PEACE CENTER & GALLERY

CCMM#3001

The Swords Into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery, located at Detroit: Central UMC, is Southeast Michigan's unique location for peace and justice related art exhibits as well as a location for a number of peace-related events. The Gallery also has a gift shop featuring books, cards and artwork that can be purchased.

UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY HOUSE

CCMM#3029

UMCH has been a venerable, trusted resource in Grand Rapids, providing expansive services for everyone from infants to senior citizens in a warm, inclusive, multi-cultural atmosphere since 1902. UMCH programs are divided into four core focus areas: Child Development, Youth Development, Adult Programs, and Senior Programs.

UNITED METHODIST RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES (UMRC) FOUNDATION

CCMM#3030

UMRC encompasses Michigan's most diverse housing options and services to seniors of all income levels. The UMRC Foundation was created in 1998 to help keep our faithful founders' promise of Benevolent Care for residents who have outlived their resources.

WESLEY AT CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

CCMM# 3042

Wesley@CMU is an open, authentic community building disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. A wide variety of weekly and special events builds community among Christians, those of other faiths, and those with no faith, drawing people in to Christian worship and study. Intentional leadership development for Christians helps incoming freshmen become effective leaders of the program and in the church before graduation. Their Leadership Residence houses up to 8 students in an intentional Christian community.



WESLEY FELLOWSHIP AT GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

CCMM#3031

The Listening Post, is a twice weekly offering of non-judgmental, compassionate listening for any student, faculty or staff who wishes to talk. Our monthly Engage With: Retreats are 24 hours focused on service, learning, and theological reflection about a timely social justice concern.

WESLEY FOUNDATION OF FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

CCMM#3032

Ferris Wesley House is a campus ministry that ministers to the Ferris State University campus and community. They build strong leaders by involving students in leadership through the campus ministry, in local churches and on campus.

WESLEY FOUNDATION OF KALAMAZOO

CCMM# 3043

Wesley of Kalamazoo is the United Methodist campus ministry serving Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo College, and Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Wesley welcomes all persons through a variety of invitational and hospitable events and ministries, affirms all person through the reconciling and anti-racism practices, equips all persons through discipleship, acts of mercy and works of justice, challenges all persons through leadership development based on grace and mutual accountability. Wesley houses nine

WESLEY FOUNDATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

CCMM#3047

The Wesley Foundation at the University of Michigan is a United Methodist Campus Ministry providing varied opportunities and programs for all students and other campus-related persons. We are a pluralistic community academically, theologically, and by age and interest. All students from nearby universities such as University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, Concordia University, and Washtenaw Community College are welcome. We are also a community of persons committed to caring, sharing, serving, learning, and growing with each other regardless of ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital or economic status, disability, or other human differences. Our common bond is God's love shown through Jesus Christ. Our emphases include concern for the social implications of the gospel in the world and personal growth as Christians.

DISTRICT CCMM PROJECTS

District CCMM Projects are in the process of being determined. As projects are named, they will be posted on the "Mission" section of the District websites. <https://michiganumc.org/directory/districts/>..

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STEP 3: National

Give to at least one of the following U.S. General Advance Projects, Red Bird Mission General Advance Projects or qualifying Special Sunday

U.S General Advance Projects

HOMELESSNESS IN THE U.S.

#982358

Providing start-up assistance for new and innovative church-based ministries to homeless people

MCCURDY MINISTRIES

#581479

Sharing educational ministries to help students and families in Española, New Mexico succeed in school and in life

NATIONAL JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS (NJFON)

#901285

Creating a welcoming community by providing immigration legal services, education and advocacy



SPECIAL SUNDAYS

Human Relations Day,
January 20, 2019

Peace with Justice Sunday,
June 16, 2019

Native American Ministries
Sunday, May 5, 2019

United Methodist Student
Day, November 24, 2019

SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW

#801600

Salvaging fresh produce to reduce hunger and improve health of people in greatest need across the US

YOUNG ADULT MISSION SERVICE PROGRAMS

#13105Z

Supports young adult missionaries, i.e. Global Mission Fellows, of the UMC around the world

Red Bird Mission General Advance Projects

HENDERSON SETTLEMENT

#773365

Essential services to people in rural Appalachia

RED BIRD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

#773728

Education for K-12 in a Christian environment in rural Appalachia

RED BIRD CLINIC COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

#773724

Providing health programs for low-income underinsured and uninsured people in remote mountain areas

RED BIRD MISSION

#773726

Creating opportunities for better lives through Christ-centered service in the Red Bird Missionary Conference

For more information about U.S. General Advance Projects and Red Bird Mission General Advance Projects, visit umcmmission.org.

For more information about Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church, visit umcsgiving.org.



STEP 4: International

Give to at least one of the following Mission Personnel Related General Advance Projects, International General Advance Projects, or qualifying Special Sunday:

Mission Personnel Related General Advance Projects

CAMEROON MISSION INITIATIVE

#00344A

Preaching and interacting with other existing churches and alleviate human suffering. Related Mission Personnel: Mbwizu Ndjungu & Nkemba Ndjungu

EURASIA IN MISSION TOGETHER – RUSSIA & BELARUS

#11510A

Funding pastors' salaries and church ministries, and establishing new churches. Related Mission Personnel: Hyo-Won Park

MUJILA FALLS AGRICULTURAL CENTER

#15016A

Addressing hunger and poverty with sustainable agriculture and leadership training in Zambia, Africa. Related Mission Personnel: Paul Webster

NEW LIFE CENTER ZAMBIA

#21550

Ministering through projects such as PET handicap bike, educational classes and community health in Zambia, Africa. Related Mission Personnel: Delbert Groves & Sandra Groves

International General Advance Projects

AMNITY PRINTING PRESS – BIBLES AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

#11422A

Providing free ethnic minority language Bibles for ethnic minority Christians

BABYFOLD AT OLD MUTARE FAIRFIELD CHILDREN'S HOME

#11713T

Caring for abandoned children by providing love, clothing, food and education

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS & TOOLS PROGRAM

#982810

Providing congregations the resources to support disaster response and rights-based community development projects in communities around the world

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE CROP HUNGER WALK

#982380

Providing assistance for hungry people

FOOD RESOURCES BANK

#982493

Alleviating world hunger by supporting smallholder agricultural programs

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL: LIVING GIFTS

#98253

Working with communities to end hunger and poverty

LORD'S MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

#14420T

Providing children with stability by meeting their needs physically, socially and spiritually in Zambia.

MULUNGWISHI THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

#05773A

Developing and educating national clergy persons in Democratic Republic of the Congo

PAPA'S MINISTRIES

#3021286

Equipping local church with leadership development and mission training for sustainable outreach

SOLAR OVEN PROJECT

#418812

Empowering people to use solar energy to meet their cooking needs

WORLD HUNGER AND POVERTY

#982920

Empowering families and communities to create self-help and sustainable solutions to food insecurity

For more information about General Advance Projects, visit umcmission.org.

Give to at least one of the following Haiti General Advance Projects in support of the Michigan Conference Covenant with the Haiti District of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas:

Special Sunday

World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2018. For more information about Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church, visit umcgiving.org.

Haiti General Advance Projects:

GRACE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL & PEDIATRIC CLINIC

#418520

Caring for and creating hope for children and families suffering from TB, HIV/AIDS, chronic illness

HAITI CHILDREN PROJECT

#3020507

Providing a Christian home to homeless children



HAITI HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

#418790

Providing hot meals three times per week to over 22,000 students

HAITIAN ARTISANS FOR PEACE INTERNATIONAL

#3020490

Transforming Haiti through the empowerment and advocacy of women

BRIGHTER FUTURE CHILDREN RESCUE CENTER

#3020790

Helping ex-child soldiers, prostitutes, rural teen mothers and poor children build better lives

GANTA UNITED METHODIST HOSPITAL

#15080N

Providing quality and affordable healthcare in the rural north of Liberia

GANTA UNITED METHODIST MISSION STATION PROGRAM SUPPORT

#14369T

Educating the community on agriculture sustainability

OPERATION CLASSROOM – LIBERIA

#3020494

Improving secondary education through partnership with The United Methodist Church in Liberia

PASTOR AND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT SALARY SUPPORT

#15124A

Improving substandard living conditions and preventing a shortage of pastors by supplementing income.

WATER FOR LIFE

#3020811

Constructing wells to provide clean water and toilets to improve the living standards in communities

Give to at least one of the following Liberia General Advance Projects in support of the Michigan Conference Covenant with the Liberia Conference of The United Methodist Church:

Liberia General Advance Projects:

BISHOP JUDITH CRAIG CHILDREN VILLAGE

#11820A

Providing basic needs, education, counseling and healthcare to orphaned children

STEP 5: Give to Mission Personnel

Give to at least one of the following Mission Personnel:

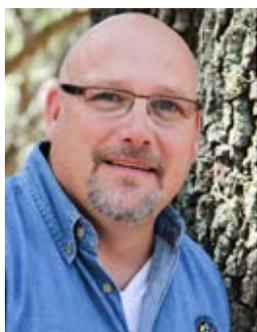
MISSION PERSONNEL WITHIN THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE



SONYA LUNA

ADVANCE # 3019618

Sonya Luna is a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving through the National Plan for Hispanic and Latino Ministries (NPHLM) in the Detroit Annual Conference. Native to Michigan, Sonya earned her Bachelor of Arts from Kalamazoo College. She worked as Latino Ministries Coordinator for Ypsilanti First United Methodist Church, her home church, and as a foreign language teacher for the Maple Academy in Oaxaca, Mexico. She began working in the Detroit Annual Conference in her current position in January 2008, and has recently expanded responsibilities as Detroit Conference Director and Michigan Area Director for Hispanic and Latino Ministries.



RANDY HILDEBRANT

ADVANCE #982961

CHURCH & COMMUNITY WORKER

God's Country Cooperative Parish, Newberry, MI

Randy Hildebrant is a Church and Community Worker and assigned to God's Country Cooperative Parish in the Detroit Annual Conference . Randy has served as a Church and Community worker for 13 years, serving the Rural Revitalization Project of the Elkhorn Valley District in the Nebraska Conference and the Jubilee Project, an Appalachian ministry based in Sneedville, Tennessee in the Holston Annual Conference. He has a strong commitment to rural ministry and a commitment to bring self-esteem, hope and faith to all God's children throughout the vast parish.



EMILY BURNS

ADVANCE # 3022426

GLOBAL MISSION FELLOW/US-2

Sunnyside UMC in Kalamazoo, MI

Emily Burns is a Global Mission Fellow with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, engaged in a two-year term of service with the Michigan Annual Conference. She was commissioned in August 2018.

Emily is from Ohio and a member of the Community Methodist Church in Circleville, a congregation of the West Ohio Annual Conference. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. She has worked as a peer mentor at Ohio Wesleyan and a servant leader intern at Freedom Schools of the Church for All People in Columbus.

"My call to mission has not been dramatic; it has become a 'gut feeling' or a sense of the natural next step. It feels more like a thread that has been woven through my classes, jobs, and relationships that has led me toward and into a life of mission."



JINNIA SIIRONEN

ADVANCE #3022429

GLOBAL MISSION FELLOW/US-2

NOAH Project in Detroit, MI

Jinnia Siironen is a Global Mission Fellow with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, engaged in a two-year term of service with the Michigan Annual Conference. She was commissioned in August 2018.

Jinnia is from Franklinville, North Carolina, where she is a member of Grays Chapel United Methodist Church in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. She holds a degree in culinary arts from Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, North Carolina and has worked as a cook and in summer camping programs.

A call to mission service came to Jinnia in a "small and quiet voice," and she is excited to see how God will use her in the future.



ASTI WHITE

ADVANCE # 3022366

GLOBAL MISSION FELLOW/US-2

Wesley Foundation of Kalamazoo, MI

Asti Nicholas White is a Global Mission Fellow with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, engaged in a two-year term of service with the Michigan Annual Conference. He was commissioned in August 2018.

Asti is from Grayson, Georgia, and is a member of the Trinity on the Hill United Methodist Church in LaGrange, Georgia, in the North Georgia Annual Conference. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in nonprofit leadership from LaGrange College where he also traveled to the Philippines and El Salvador for service and sustainability efforts. He has served in several annual conference youth and young adult leadership programs.

His call to mission emerged along with an expanding awareness of world issues and needs that affect daily lives, such as injustice, homelessness, inadequate health care, racial tensions and poverty. "Justice, mercy and love, he says, "are all important, and, as I see the rise of injustice, I have a responsibility to uproot it."

GLOBAL MISSION FELLOWS/US-2S



LYNDA SYLVAIN

ADVANCE #3022358

Lynda Sylvain is a Global Mission Fellow with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, engaged in a two-year term of service. She was commissioned in August 2017. Lynda is from the Florida Annual Conference in the United States where she is a member of the Canal Point United Methodist Church in Canal Point. She is a certified nursing assistant and is also certified in CPR and medical interpretation. She has worked for the Glades Initiatives, a community-based health and education program. Lynda describes her faith journey as "unbroken and unshakable." She says, "I have been through some tribulations that only God was able to get me out of. I have also received some wonderful gifts from him." She finds that doing mission work is where her heart is most happy, and Lynda has decided to enthusiastically embrace the Global Mission Fellow experience. "I have cleared my mind...I'll go wherever God sends me, with no complaints."



GRACE E. OKERSON

ADVANCE #3022329

Grace E. Okerson is a Global Mission Fellow with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, engaged in a two-year term of service. She was commissioned in August 2017. Grace was born in Haiti, but is a local of Miramar, Florida, where she is a member of the Miramar United Methodist Church in the Florida Annual Conference. She began her studies at Broward College and earned a Bachelor's degree in Social Science from the University of Central Florida in Orlando. She has worked in the food industry and as a camp counselor at Warren W. Willis United Methodist Camp, where she was both camper and counselor, played a major role in her formative years. "There I experienced a personal God for the first time. My summer spent as a counselor helped to shape my love for Christ and my life for mission." She also found challenge and opportunity by participating in mission trips and becoming an advocate for the United Methodist Church's Imagine No Malaria campaign. United Methodist Women, of which she has been a member since her early childhood, has also had a formative influence on her on her through successive summer schools of Christian Mission (now Mission U). Through UMW connections, Grace attended the 2016 General Conference in Portland, Oregon, and there met former Global Mission Fellows whose stories led her to explore options for mission service, leading to her which led to her becoming a Global Mission Fellow.

MISSION PERSONNEL BEYOND THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE



DELBERT GROVES

ADVANCE #12150Z

and

SANDRA GROVES

ADVANCE #12151Z

Delbert and Sandy Groves are United Methodist missionaries with the General Board of Global Ministries based in Kitwe, Zambia since August 2000. They serve at the New Life Center which offers numerous outreach and training ministries within the Provisional Annual Conference of Zambia.



DAVID PAYE GUINKPA

ADVANCE # 15089Z

David Guinkpa is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving as the mission finance/auditor for Central Africa, based in Nairobi, Kenya. Mission finance auditors work with church leaders, mission partners and institutions, and Global Ministries personnel in ensuring that funds are distributed and utilized in appropriate ways. Commissioned as a missionary in 2007, Mr. Guinkpa formerly worked in mission finance in Uganda. His current region includes the Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, Tanzania, and Zambia. "As a Christian, my responsibility is to serve God, the church, and humanity," he says. "I am from a loving family that was very supportive of my work. I believe that 'God's time is the best.' We are all called to be servants and custodian of the Word of God."



PRINCESS JUSU

ADVANCE #13037Z

Princess M. Jusu is a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving in Monrovia, Liberia, as an instructor at the United Methodist Women's Leadership Training Center. "I am hopeful and prayerful that my service will be one that contributes to a more positive environment and will be productive for the women and children that I can assist while on assignment."



PIERRE DIAMBA MANYA

ADVANCE #15165Z

Pierre Diamba Many, MD, is a missionary with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries currently serving as coordinator of health and medical services of the Central Congo Episcopal Area in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). A gynecologist and surgeon, he has been in medical mission since 1984. "I perceive my work as a ministry," he says. "Physical healing was a key part of Jesus' ministry... So, when I treat people, or do surgery, it is God who helps to heal them. When they are healed, they thank God and sing songs of praise and become followers of Jesus Christ. It is a way of evangelization."



EMMANUEL UFONNA MEFOR

ADVANCE #13990Z

and

FLORENCE OGUGUA MEFOR

ADVANCE #13991Z

Dr. Emmanuel Ufonna Mefor, a medical doctor, and Florence Ogugua Mefor, a nurse and mid-wife, are missionaries with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church currently assigned to Mutambara, Zimbabwe.



MBWIZU NDJUNGU

ADVANCE #12909Z

and

NKEMBA NDJUNGU

ADVANCE #12910Z

Mbwizu and Nkemba Ndjungu are missionaries with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving with The United Methodist Church in Cameroon.

The Rev. Nkemba Ndjungu serves as Mission Superintendent of the Cameron Mission of the General Board of Global Ministries in order to develop ministries related to education and health care delivery services. Mrs. Mbwizu Ndjungu assists her husband in this work.



HELEN ROBERTS-EVANS

ADVANCE #3021129

Helen Roberts-Evans is a missionary of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, serving as director of the Department of General Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church in Liberia. Helen's work includes meeting needs in such areas as teacher training, scholarships, resources, new school construction, and school building renovation and repair. "I want to share the love of Christ with each child because I know that His love brings peace and gives strength to overcome life's challenges."



PAUL LEE WEBSTER

ADVANCE #11865Z

Rev. Paul L. Webster, commissioned in 1992, is a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving at the Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre in Kanyama, Zambia. The projects he develops and oversees serve the needs of the poor, rural people. "As a rural development specialist I am attacking the root causes of poverty, disease, and hopelessness through education and training in small animal husbandry, cattle and goat milking, animal traction, tree nurseries, fruit culture, gardening and fish culture at our research and demonstration station. The goal is for families who can provide balanced nutrition for themselves and an income from small scale, family-based production."



MARY RANDALL ZIGBUO

ADVANCE #10721Z

Mary Randall Zigbuo is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, serving as health project manager for the Liberia Episcopal Area. Mary works with the health board and the Liberian conference's department of connectional ministries in the areas of capacity building, financial management, and health care planning. Her special focus is on Ganta Hospital, which serves a population of 65,000 people as the only hospital in northeastern Liberia. Mary's strong background in counseling, education, coaching, and administration prepared her well for responding to a variety of need and services through the GBGM partnership organizations and worldwide church network.

ASIA



CHIN H. CHO

ADVANCE #3022047

Chin Cho is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as the coordinator of the United Methodist Mission in Mongolia, based in Ulaanbaatar. He was commissioned in June 2015. As the country coordinator, Chin oversees the several aspects of ministry, working with local Mongolian United Methodist leaders and other missionaries. He engages in the training of indigenous clergy, who study at the Mongolia Trinity Bible College, where he teaches Wesleyan studies.



DEBORAH DORNON

ADVANCE #1920Z

and

LESTER DORNON

ADVANCE #10919Z

Deborah Dornon and Lester Dornon, M.D., are missionaries with the General Board of Global Ministries, Tansen Hospital in western Nepal in Asia. Deborah is assigned as coordinator of expatriate services at the hospital. Lester is assigned as senior physician at the hospital.



Lester and Deborah returned to Nepal and Tansen as missionaries in mid-2012, having served there from 1990 to 2002. The hospital in Tansen is related to the United Mission to Nepal, established in 1954 as a partnership between the people of Nepal and a coalition of 20 Christian organizations on four continents.



HYO-WON PARK

ADVANCE # 3021822

The Rev. Hyo-Won Park is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as a new church planter in St. Petersburg, Russia. He was commissioned in June 2013.

Familiar with the area from time previously spent there, Rev. Park is working with the leadership of the St. Petersburg District in identifying opportunities for new congregations. Methodism returned to St. Petersburg, where it had existed prior to the Communist Revolution, with the dissolution of the Soviet Union almost 25 years ago. Likely constituents for new churches are the young people who come to the city looking for jobs and educational opportunities.

CENTRAL AMERICA



JOSÉ ROBERTO PEÑA

ADVANCE # 14026Z

The Rev. José Roberto Peña-Nazario is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church assigned as Pastorate, United Methodist Mission in Honduras. He serves as pastor at Danli Central UMC and works at developing new churches and new leaders for Christ's ministry.

MIDDLE EAST



KRISTEN BROWN

ADVANCE # 3021280

Kristen Brown is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church serving as coordinator of interpretation, education, and advocacy through the Methodist liaison office in Jerusalem. This office is a joint project of Global Ministries, the British Methodist Church, and the World Methodist Council. It relates to ecumenical organizations, churches, and church-related institutions in the Holy Land, and it provides educational venues for Methodist pilgrims to the region.

STEP 6: UMCOR

Give to at least one of the following UMCOR Disaster Response Projects, UMCOR Projects or UMCOR Special Sunday:

UMCOR Disaster Response Projects

DISASTER RESPONSE INTERNATIONAL

#982450

Responding quickly to meet emergency needs around the world

DISASTER RESPONSE UNITED STATES

#901670

Supporting UMCOR's response to disasters

UMCOR Projects

GLOBAL REFUGEE

#3022144

Addressing the global refugee and migration crisis

UMCOR GLOBAL HEALTH

#3021770

Increasing access to health interventions in economically vulnerable communities

UMCOR WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE PROGRAM

#3020600

Supporting communities to meet their needs for clean water, sanitation, and hygiene around the world

UNDESIGNATED – UMCOR

#999895

Supporting programs that fight hunger and poverty, assist the displaced, and respond to disasters

For more information about UMCOR, visit umcor.org.

SPECIAL SUNDAY

UMCOR Sunday, March 31, 2019

(formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)

For more information about Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church, visit umcgiving.org.



ACT

goal:

Congregation engages in at least one long-term, sustainable action that:

1) Intentionally honors the sacred dignity and intrinsic worth of every person who participates in the missions and ministries of your congregation

- o Does your congregation have and implement a "Safe Sanctuary" policy?
- o How does your congregation ensure accessibility (physical space, language, learning styles and cognitive ability) in its mission and ministry programs?

2) Builds relationships a local, national, or international community

- o With whom, locally, is your congregation building long term, mutual relationships?
- o With whom, in the U.S., is your congregation building long term, mutual relationships?
- o With whom, internationally, is your congregation building long term, mutual relationships?
- Addresses root causes of systemic injustice
 - o With whom is your congregation working to address the root causes of systemic injustice?
 - o With which justice ministries is your congregation engaged?

To become an Engage^{mi} congregation, please engage in at least one "Learn" event or experience during 2019. Resources for the "Act" focus area will be available at michiganumc.org by February 1, 2019.



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Annual Report

To become an Engage^{mi} Congregation, please share how you learned, gave and acted in 2019 by submitting the following reports. **Reports are due by January 7, 2020.**

Date _____

Church _____

District _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Mission Chair/Staff person/Contact Person

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Please submit a copy of this completed form by January 7, 2020 to:

Rev. Karen Williams, pastorkaren5@comcast.net

Or mail to: P.O. Box 190, Genesee, MI 48437-0190 **Questions?** Call (810) 547-1706

Please do not submit funds with this form. Please send all funds, except for District Christ Centered Mission & Ministry Projects, to the Conference Treasurer. Send funds for District CCMM projects directly to the project.

LEARN:

Tell your story: Please provide a summary of what you learned in 100 words or less. The following questions may help to develop your story.

- What was your specific Engage^{mi} Learning experience?
- Who did the learning - individual, group, church?
- Through what context was your learning experience facilitated- e.g., book study, speaker, an event?
- How has this learning experience deepened your understanding of “ministry with?”
- What did you learn about the causes of injustice, the value of all persons, or your role in Christ Centered Missions and Ministries?

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GIVE:

Please tell us your story:

Use this form to report your giving. Please list clearly all names and numbers of the projects and Mission Personnel. In addition, please write in the appropriate column the amount given to each project or Mission Personnel. Please send all funds, except for District Christ Centered Ministry & Ministry Projects, to the Conference Treasurer. Send funds for District CCMM projects directly to the project.

Step1: 100% of Michigan Conference Ministry Shares		
	Give 100% of Michigan Conference Ministry Shares	\$
Step 2: Michigan		
	Give to at least one Conference Christ Centered Mission & Ministry Project <i>(Please list project(s) below)</i>	\$
	Give to at least one District Christ Centered Mission & Ministry Project <i>(Please list project(s) below)</i>	\$
Step 3: National		
	Give to at least one U.S. General Advance Project, Red Bird Mission General Advance Project, or qualifying Special Sunday <i>(Please list project(s) or Special Sunday(s) below)</i>	\$
Step 4: International		
	Give to at least one Mission Personnel Related General Advance Project, International General Advance Project, or qualifying Special Sunday <i>(Please list project(s) or Special Sunday(s) below)</i>	\$

	Give to at least one Haiti General Advance Project <i>(Please list project(s) or Special Sunday(s) below)</i>	\$
	Give to at least one Liberia General Advance Project <i>(Please list project(s) or Special Sunday(s) below)</i>	\$
Step 5: Mission Personnel		
	Give to at least one Mission Personnel <i>(Please list Mission Personnel below)</i>	\$
Step 6: United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)		
	Give to at least one UMCOR Disaster Response Project, UMCOR Project, or UMCOR Special Sunday <i>(Please list project(s) or Special Sunday(s) below)</i>	\$

ACT:

Tell your story: Please provide a summary of what in 100 words or less. The following questions may help to develop your story.

- What was your specific Engage^{mi} Act?
- What action did you take to build long-term relationships with individuals, groups, or communities?
- What action did you take to develop long-term solutions to aid in resolving concerns – how did this help in your understanding of “ministry with?”
- How did you take action to honor the sacred dignity and worth of all persons participating in your congregation’s ministries and programs,
- How did you Act to address causes of injustice?



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