



2019 Annual Conference Offerings and Collections

Offerings

There will be two financial giving opportunities during Annual Conference this year, as follows:

Thursday, May 30 during Opening Worship

The Opening Worship offering will benefit our covenant partners, The Methodist Church of Haiti and The Liberia Annual Conference. A 10% tithe of the opening worship offering received will go to the Michigan Disaster Relief and Recovery fund as recommended by Bishop David Bard. This fund allows the Michigan United Methodist Church to initiate response to disasters within the state and to begin mobilizing our response to disasters outside of Michigan.

Haiti: Grace Children's Hospital & Pediatric Clinic in Haiti (Advance #418520) will receive 45% of the total offering. The funds care for and create hope for children and families suffering from TB, HIV/AIDS, and chronic illness.

Liberia: Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village in Liberia (Advance #11820A) will receive 45% of the total offering. The funds provide basic needs, education, counseling and healthcare to orphaned children. In lieu of providing materials to be shipped to these locations, we ask you to consider sending additional funds for immediate relief.

Please make your check payable to "Michigan Conference" noting "AC Offering" in the memo line.

Sunday, June 2 during the Service of Recognition, Commissioning and Ordination

Sunday's offering will benefit the Ministerial Education Fund (MEF). Your giving makes it possible for the Bold and Effective leaders who've been called and gifted by God to faithfully serve The United Methodist Church. It supports our seminaries, provides scholarships to students and it meets the needs of people in ministry today through Continuing Education grants.

Please make your check payable to "Michigan Conference" noting "MEF" in the memo line.

Collections

Midwest Mission Distribution Center – Kit Collections:

A truck will be at Grand Traverse Resort on Thursday May 30, 10 a.m. through Saturday, June 1, noon to receive collections. Midwest Mission's top needs include: shampoo (3-4 oz.), toothpaste (2.5 oz or larger), deodorant (2-3 oz.), cloth diapers, receiving blankets (28" x 28" or 32" x 32") and boxes of 12 colored pencils. Full Personal Dignity Kits, Layette Kits, and School Kits can be assembled by local churches. Each kit should include the following:

Personal Dignity Kit: 1 hand towel (bath), 1 washcloth (bath), comb, nail clippers, toothbrush, toothpaste (2.5 oz or larger), shampoo (3-4oz.) deodorant (2-3 oz), bar soap (3 oz or larger), and razor – individually wrapped. Place all items in 1-gallon resealable plastic bag.

Layette Kit: 6 cloth diapers, 2 gowns or sleepers, 2 onesies or undershirts, 2 infant washcloths, 2 diaper pins, 1 sweater, sweatshirt or jacket, 2 receiving blankets. Bundle items inside one of the blankets and secure with diaper pins.



Student School Kit: 3 notebooks, 1 ruler, 6 pencils, 1 pencil sharpener, 1 pencil eraser, 1 box of 12 colored pencils, 1 box of 24 crayons, 1 pair of scissors (round tip). Place in 1 handle cloth bag (pattern at <http://www.midwestmission.org/kits-projects/patterns>).

See full kit details here:

<https://michiganumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Midwest-Distribution.pdf>

Fundraisers

Preconference Fundraising Opportunities on Wednesday, May 29

-  **5K for Michigan Disaster Relief and Recovery** – sponsored by the Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits. Your entire \$35 registration fee will go to the Michigan Disaster Relief and Recovery. This fund allows the Michigan United Methodist Church to initiate response to disasters within the state and to begin mobilizing our response to disasters outside of Michigan.
-  **Golf Scramble to benefit Campus Ministries** – funds raised will be distributed between all the Campus Ministry sites in Michigan.

For registration information see: 2019.michiganumc.org/bonus-activities/