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Engage^{mi} Overview

Engage^{mi} is the 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 one or two areas will be recognized for that accomplishment (for example: a congregation who meets the Learn requirements, but not Give or Act, will be recognized as an Engage^{mi} LEARN^{mi} Congregation).

Congregations who meet the requirements in all three areas will be recognized as “Engage^{mi} Congregations.” Please submit your Engage^{mi} Learn, Give, and Act Annual Reports by January 7 of each year to be recognized for your previous year’s work.

You can find more information about the program online at www.michiganumc.org/engage-mi.

If you have questions, please contact The Rev. Paul Perez, Associate Director for Mission and Ministry (pperez@michiganumc.org) (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 or listed Special Sunday

LEARN GIVE ACT



- **Step 4: International**

- Give to at least one International General Advance Project or World Communion Sunday
- Give to at least one Haiti General Advance Project
- Give to at least one Liberia General Advance Project

- **Step 5: Mission Personnel**

- Give support to at least one Mission Personnel

- **Step 6: United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**

- Give to at least one UMCOR General Advance 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:

Goal: Congregation engages in at least one learning experience that:

- Deepens understanding of "ministry with"
- Listens to and learns from the real lives of vulnerable, different people and communities
- Increases understanding of root causes of systemic injustice

Below are suggested resources: Video Curriculum, Hosting Speakers, and Downloads and Books

VIDEO CURRICULUM

Seeking Shalom

A six-part video series from the Lupton Center that challenges us to take a more holistic view of poverty, equipping teams to create real and lasting change. Hear from movement leaders in community development as you or your team are guided through core principles that go beyond meeting material needs and to finding "shalom." (www.luptoncenter.org/seekingshalom/)

Engaging Local Schools

Through videos, presentations, and supplemental materials, Engaging Local Schools from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership guides your congregation in considering questions that are critical to the success of a school-focused service initiative. (www.churchleadership.com/product/engaging-local-schools-download/?id=promo50-20190212)

Doing Good Well

Vital congregations are increasingly committed to serving others through mission. And congregations are asking

whether their good intentions always yield good results. Through engaging videos, presentations, and supplemental materials, Doing Good Well from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership explores the fruitfulness of mission efforts and provides practical strategies to help ensure your mission hits the mark. (www.churchleadership.com/product/doing-good-well-download/)

Taking Church to the Community

Through engaging videos, presentations, and supplemental materials, Taking Church to the Community from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership explores strategies your congregation can use to reach beyond its walls with worship, community events, ministries, and service — meeting community members where they are and moving them toward discipleship. (www.churchleadership.com/product/taking-church-to-the-community-download/)

HOST A SPEAKER FROM A CONFERENCE OR DISTRICT CHRIST CENTERED MISSION and MINISTRY PROJECT

Consider hosting a speaker or presentation from one of the Conference or District CCMM Projects. Find a listing of projects and their contact information here: <https://michiganumc.org/missions/ministry-partners/step-2-michigan/>

HOST MISSION PERSONNEL VISITING MICHIGAN

Throughout the year Mission Personnel visit, or "itinerate," Michigan to share about their ministry and to build partnerships with Michigan United Methodists. Consider hosting visiting mission personnel at your congregation.

Contact Jackie Euper, Conference Secretary of Global Ministries, for more information.

RESOURCES

"Ways to Raise Your Poverty IQ" by Circles Grand Rapids

Suggested experiences, curriculum, books, and websites to increase your and your congregation's factual understanding of the complexity of poverty.

Discovering The Other: Asset-Based Approaches for Building Community Together by Cameron Harder

Cameron Harder is professor of systematic theology at Lutheran Theological Seminary and founder of the Centre for Rural Community Leadership and Ministry. Discovering the Other integrates Appreciative Inquiry and Asset Mapping on a foundation of theological reflection to provide a life giving, gospel way for congregation to be agents of transformation in their communities.

Doing Justice: Congregations and Community Organizing by Dennis A. Jacobsen

Dennis A Jacobsen is pastor of Incarnation Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Doing Justice is an introductory theology of congregation-based community organizing rooted in the day-to-day struggles and hopes of urban ministry.

Friendship at the Margins: Discovering Mutuality in Service and Mission by Christopher L. Heuret and Christine D. Pohl

Christopher L. Heuret is international director of Word Made Flesh and Christine D. Pohl is professor of social ethics at Asbury Theological Seminary. Friendship at the Margins contends that unlikely

friendships are at the center of an alternative paradigm for mission, where people are not objectified as potential converts but encountered in relationships of mutuality and reciprocity.

Grace Under Pressure: Negotiating the Heart of the Methodist Traditions by Joerg Rieger

Joerg Rieger is professor of theology at Vanderbilt University. Grace Under Pressure explores the theology of grace in situations of human pressure. Following John Wesley in his move to consider the 'works of mercy' as part of the means of grace, the author proposes a relational concept of grace that will prosper in dialogue and solidarity with those in distress, the oppressed 'other' who make present the gracious 'Other.'

Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion by Gregory Boyle

For twenty years, Gregory Boyle has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles. These essays about kinship and redemption are moving examples of the power of unconditional love and the importance of fighting despair.

Walking with Nehemiah: Your Community Is Your Congregation by Joseph W. Daniels, Jr.

Joseph W Daniel Jr. is lead pastor at Emory United Methodist Church in Washington, DC, where he has helped a once dying congregation become a model for church and community transformation. Walking with Nehemiah gives inspiration, practical tools, and a pathway toward wholeness for your congregation and community.

When Helping Hurts: Alleviating Poverty Without Hurting the Poor by Steve Corbet and Brian Fikkert

With millions living on \$2.00 a day, American Christians are answering God's call to serve the poor. But are we doing more harm than good? Corbett and Fikkert discuss why all poverty isn't created equal; expose the problem of cultural bias; and show how to do short-term missions without doing long-term damage.





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 District Project and one of the following Conference Christ Centered Mission & Ministry Projects:

CHRIST CENTERED MISSION & MINISTRY GIFT

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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 VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT PROGRAM

CCMM#3002

The Major Cole Vocational Discernment program has been in existence for almost 100 years. It is built around academic study of philosophy/religion and a vocational discernment group.

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.

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.

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

The Community Ministries Program creates new and engaging partnerships that build strong community networks. These networks create safe places for children, individuals and families to learn and grow. We host important community conversations, provide accessible trainings and

workshops, bring in guest speakers, partner with special needs organizations, create after-school opportunities for children and youth and coordinate special projects that bring churches together to serve underserved populations.

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.

FREE STORE OF KALAMAZOO (SUNNYSIDE UMC)

CCMM#3048

The Free Store seeks to achieve its mission through a lens of antiracism by dismantling structures which elevate a dominant white Christian narrative over and above a more faithful narrative that asserts a God who begins on the margins of society. Staff and key leaders participate in antiracism training, and the Leadership Board is committed to upholding antiracist values of collaborative work, transparency, both/and thinking, and abundance as we seek to deepen relationships in the community and provide clothing and household items to all persons without exceptions.

FRESH AIRE SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER

CCMM#3008

Fresh Aire's mission is to provide affordable, high-quality, short and long-term counseling, life coaching, education/support/recovery groups, and consultation to promote "wholeness of mind,

body and spirit." With offices in Midland, Saginaw and Bay City, our vision is "Enriching lives and restoring hope and vitality, in a spiritually inclusive manner, throughout mid-Michigan and the Great Lakes Bay Region." As a non-profit, Fresh Aire seeks to resource individuals, couples, families and groups/churches at a fee that is affordable for all.

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.

HOLTON COMMUNITY CENTER

CCMM#3011

Holton Community Center extends the right hand of Jesus Christ allowing the Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of all we encounter. It is a Food Pantry in the remote impoverished area of northern Muskegon County. Donations help to provide meat, fresh fruit, vegetables and other food items. They also ensure we can continue to offer bible studies, Money Managements Classes and classes that help folks learn who God created them to be while understanding they are deeply loved and here with great purpose. The Holton Community Center is a healing place, the only 'church' some folks know.

JOY SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CCMM#3012

Joy-Southfield CDC was founded by Second Grace UMC in 2001 and serves the far west side Detroit. Forty percent of the residents in the community live below the federal poverty level and many are single parents or elderly. Joy-Southfield is dedicated to providing primary health care (through our partnership with Covenant Community Care) to low income and uninsured families and individuals; preventative health care education; free or low-cost home repairs for low-income, single-family homeowners; youth and family mentoring; and local economic development including better business to community relationships and commercial corridor revitalization. Joy-Southfield works closely with

ACCESS CDC which has an Arab American heritage and other local organizations to provide additional community-building and services to all those in need. Joy-Southfield hosts adult and youth work teams for housing repairs and other community needs and is always in need of operational support.

JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS – MICHIGAN

CCMM#3013

Welcoming immigrants and refugees by providing legal assistance that aspiring residents need but cannot afford or access. Through our attorneys, we help immigrants understand their choices and navigate the complexities of the legal system. Through our extensive volunteer corps, we create a welcoming community that honors immigrants as fellow human beings.

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

Mission for Area People (MAP) is a non-profit, faith based agency dedicated since 1967 (52 years) to serving the poor and underserved residents of Muskegon County. MAP serves as the collaborative, coordinating agency between local partner churches and the community (agencies, other ministries, government, and schools) to provide effective, coordinated help for the disadvantaged through its healthy choice food pantry, clothing pantry, medical support fund, educational nutrition classes, car repair for low-income working families and rent and

utility assistance. Located in the heart of Muskegon Heights, MAP most frequently serves minority populations in the urban areas; however, all that request and qualify for assistance are served.

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 provides short term mission and service learning opportunities that are intentional and tailored to the needs of our partners and volunteers. We strive to do ministry alongside our neighbors and engage in the work it takes to do short term mission in holistic ways. We hire college-aged summer staffers who participate in leadership development and spiritual discernment.

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.

NEXT GEN: MINISTRY WITH 2ND AND 3RD GENERATION LATINOS

CCMM#3010

This ministry supports ministries with 2nd and 3rd generation Latinos. The ministries include Hispanic

Youth Leadership Academy, Vacation Bible Schools, Summer Programs, Family Camps, Bridge Events, more. Our vision is to create faithful Christian leaders that will have a positive impact in their communities and churches.

THE NOAH PROJECT

CCMM#3028

The NOAH Project operates a Community Center in downtown Detroit for homeless and low income individuals. We use our Bag Lunch Program as the beginning of a trusting relationship with our clients. NOAH provides case management, wellness counseling, a computer lab, an art program, a quarterly Earn-A- Bike Program, and quarterly dental clinic. The mission of NOAH is to empower 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 (NECM) is a non-profit, community service ministry providing 6 programs/services for people in need on the NE side of Grand Rapids, MI. The majority of programs/ services we provide are food related, as NECM feels that humans have a basic right to access food at no cost. Our largest program is a client choice food pantry serving over 700 families per month through its network partnership with Access of West Michigan. Ministry in action is not only providing food, but building relationships and equipping people with skills through our educational classes.

PATHFINDERS

CCMM#3022

Pathfinders, "I am the Village" is an afterschool program whose main purpose is to create an environment that is safe and all-inclusive for youth 8-18 years of age. The emotional, social and physical development of youth has a direct impact on the adult each child will become. The Village helps to create the environment that every child need in order to do better. Such as a safe environment, a safe neighborhood, stronger families and a supportive community in hopes that every child has equal footing to be successful. The village can offset the impact of poverty and risk factors that create roadblocks along the way. Pathfinders feed kids every day, give survival bags for the weekend, and identify scholastic needs, especially as it relates

to literacy. We also collaborate with behavior health specialist to help youth deal with the stress of school, home and life. Pathfinders also provides personal hygiene items, so we can address self-dignity and esteem. We engage, we empower and we motivate every child.

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 building currently needs major repair to the roof under the steeple, and the steeple needs to be removed and cleaned. Areas of siding have holes, and there are rodents inhabiting these spaces of disrepair. The plumbing underneath the building is a disastrous cobbling of garden hose and rusted parts. The building also needs to be power-washed, the north side being the most crucial.

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

At SECOM Resource Center we strive to live out our Vision, "helping today, building hope for tomorrow" on a daily basis. SECOM primarily serves households in the 49507 zip code, an area that has one of the highest poverty levels in Kent County. We provide help today through our Healthy Food Pantry and Little Steps Preschool. Hope for tomorrow is offered through nutrition education programs, assistance with employment and benefits applications, advocacy, empowerment initiatives, and volunteer and community engagement opportunities.

SOUTH LANSING MINISTRIES

CCMM#3027

We have a food bank (serving from 275-350 people per month), personal needs closet, computer bank, garden project, kids reading corner, information and referral, and a new Community Builders program in a local elementary school. This project is designed to create community, teach young people how to use their voice and problem solve. We will be duplicating and expanding Community Builders in the next year. We also have a weekend food program for kids, and have many volunteers going to the Greater Lansing Food Bank to pack and sort.

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 has been a leader in innovative senior care since 1906, offering Michigan's most diverse housing options and services to older adults of all income levels. The UMRC Foundation was created in 1998 to help keep our faithful founders' promise of Benevolent Care for qualified residents who outlive their resources. As the senior population continues to grow, your gifts to the Benevolent Care Fund help ensure that our residents always have a home where they are loved and treasured.

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

A campus ministry at Grand Valley State University committed to the United Methodist Wesleyan traditions and actions of social justice and the inclusiveness of all people; the spiritual formation and soul tending of students, staff and faculty; and missional experiences which include reflection on the actions.

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 persons 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 young adults in an intentional living community and serves an average of 144 students annually.

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 CONFERENCE CHRIST CENTERED MISSION AND MINISTRY PROJECTS

Please give to at least one project in your District. Please send funds directly to the District CCMM Project.

CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT

The Ezekiel Project

Make checks payable to the Ezekiel Project
4392 Ann Saginaw, MI 48603
Contact: Rev. Doug Leffler
Mdleffler@sbcglobal.net

The Good Samaritan Fund of Caro Churches

Make checks payable to Good Samaritan Fund of Caro Churches
529 Perl St. Caro, MI 48723
Contact: Bernard Kreh
Budola@charter.net

Oscoda Indian Mission

Make checks payable to Oscoda Indian Mission
PO Box 102 Hale, MI 48739
Contact: Amy Alberts
amyfaithalberts@juno.com

One Week, One Street

Make checks payable to One Week, One Street
New Beginnings Enrichment Center
2609 E. Genesee Saginaw, MI 48601
Contact: Tamara Klida
(989) 662-4245
Oneweekonestreet@aol.com

West Branch UMC – GAP Kids

Make checks payable to West Branch UMC with memo: GAP Kids
2490 West State Rd. West Branch, MI 48661
Contact: Linda Hall
(989) 345-0219
hall4thee@gmail.com

New Heart UMC Outreach Center for Children & Youth

Make checks payable to New Heart UMC
1802 W. Michigan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48602
Contact: Melene Wilsey
(989) 839-4798
pastormelene@aol.com

EAST WINDS DISTRICT

Cros-Lex Project Blessing

Makes checks payable to: Cros-Lex Project Blessing
5646 Main St. Lexington, Mi. 48540
Contacts:
Wayne Bank, waynebank@sbcglobal.net
Brian Jackson, jacksondot68@sbcglobal.net

Love INC of North Oakland County

Make checks payable to: Love INC of North Oakland County
P.O. Box 104, Lake Orion, Mi. 48361
Contact: Patricia Duke, Executive Director,
248-693-4357, executivedirector@loveincfnoc.org
www.lakeorion.loveincfnoc.org

Family Promise of Genesee County (FPGC)

Make checks payable to: Family Promise of Genesee County
P.O. Box 4519, Flint, Mi. 48504
Contact: Kris Burns- info@familypromiseofgc.org
www.familypromiseofgc.org

Love INC

Make checks payable to: Love INC
P.O. Box 1276 Flint, Mi. 48501
Contact: Frank Murdough-
loveincfgcc@comcast.net

**Mobility Worldwide East Michigan
(Formerly PET MI EAST MICHIGAN)**

Make checks payable to:
Mobility Worldwide East Michigan.
5011 Cecelia Ann Ave. Clarkston, Mi 48346
Contact: David Kauffman-
dkauffman@yahoo.com

The South Flint Soup Kitchen

Make checks payable to: East Winds District,
(memo: The South Flint Soup Kitchen)
C/O Linda Squires, EWD Treasurer -
119 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, MI 48403
Contact: Rev. Maurice Horne
pastorhorne55@yahoo.com
www.southflintsoupkitchen.org

Blue Water United Methodist Free Store

Make checks payable to: BWUMFS
3842 Lapeer Rd, Port Huron, Mi. 48060
Contact: Ricardo Oviedo-
bwministrycenter@gmail.com

Blue Water Ministry Center

Make checks payable to: East Winds District
(memo: Blue Water Ministry Center)
c/o Linda Squires, EWD Treasurer - 119 S. Leroy
Street, Fenton, MI 48403
Contact: Ricardo Angarita Oviedo-
bwministrycenter@gmail.com

GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT**Centro Familiar Christiano UMC Children's
Programming and English as a Second Language**

Make checks payable to Centro Familiar
Christiano UMC
Memo: Children & ESL
1207 Waterman St, Detroit, MI 48209
Contact: Patricia Gandarilla Becerra
carpagabe@gmail.com

Hands 4 Detroit

Make checks payable to Greater Detroit District:
Memo: Hands 4 Detroit
8000 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202
Contact: Audrey Mangum,
drdjusticemission@gmail.com,
912-432-3001

People's IALAC Summer Children's Program

Make checks payable to Peoples IALAC
Summer Program
c/o Peoples United Methodist Church
19370 Greenfield Road, Detroit, MI 48235
Contact: Gladys Stallings -
gladys@synctech.com

Rochester Area Neighborhood House

Make checks payable to Rochester Area
Neighborhood House:
1234 Inglewood Rochester, MI 48307
Contact: Linda Riggs -
director@rahn.org

United Methodist Urban Youth Alliance

Make checks payable to Greater Detroit District:
Memo: UM UrbanYouth Alliance
8000 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202
Contact: Audrey Magnum
drdjusticemission@gmail.com
313-481-1045 | www.umuya.org

NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT**Camp Michigamme Development**

Make checks payable to Camp Michigamme
3667 US 41 Michigamme, MI 49861
Contact: Erica Thomas (906) 323-6521 registrar@
campmichigamme.org

Northern Skies District Mission of the Year

Make checks payable to Northern Skies District
Memo: Mission of the Year
927 W. Fair
Marquette, MI 49855
Contact: Pam Quayle
906-228-4644
pquayle@michiganumc.org

Wesley at Northern Michigan University

Make checks payable to Marquette: Hope
UMC with memo: "Wesley NMU," 111 E Ridge St
Marquette, MI 49855
Erica Thomas, 805-710-4752;
wesley@mqthope.com.

Zeba Indian Mission

Make checks payable to "Zeba Indian Mission,"
227 N. Front St., L'Anse, MI 49946, 906-524-7939,
lumc@up.net.

NORTHERN WATERS DISTRICT

Missaukee County Cooperative Ministries; Lake City

This is a ministry of many churches, agencies and
businesses aligning community responses with
people's needs.

Contact:

Victoria Hiddinga 231.839.4485

or the alternative contact:

Rev. Jean Smith, Lake City UMC 231.839.2123

Donations may be sent to :

Missaukee County Cooperative Ministry

6180 W. Sanborn Rd, Lake City, MI 49651

North Country Cooperative Parish (NCCP): Roscommon

North Country Cooperative Parish (NCCP) is a
Christian group established in 2016. NCCP's
mission is Churches working together in ministry by
providing cost free home repairs for those needing
help, church building repairs, and barrier free
access. Sample projects include new roofs, siding
repairs, or wheelchair ramps.

For more information, contact

Parish Council Chair, Dave Gentry:

morki74@yahoo.com or

989-450-1375.

Donations may be sent to North Country
Cooperative Parish, c/o Good Shepherd UMC of
the North, 149 W. Robinson Lake Rd. Roscommon,
MI 48653

The Glow Community Center; Indian River

The vision for GLOW is to serve the community by
shining a light of HOPE by providing this welcoming
space for all ages. The Glow impacts youth,
provides space for Celebrate Recovery, senior
activities and special events.

Contact: Please Call Kristi Ninke 231-238-8966
or 231-290-1013, if you desire more information.

Donations may be sent to

GLOW-IRUMC, P.O. Box 457, Indian River, MI 49749



Give to at least one 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/](https://michiganumc.org/directory/districts/).



STEP 3: National

Give to at least one U.S.A. General Advance Project or one of the listed Special Sundays.

U.S.A. 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

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.

List of Special Sundays:

Human Relations Day

January 19, 2020

Peace with Justice Sunday

June 16, 2019 & June 7, 2020

Native American Ministries

April 26, 2020

United Methodist Student Day

November 24, 2019 & November 29, 2020



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





STEP 4: International

Give to at least one International General Advance Project or World Communion Special Sunday, at least one Haiti General Advance Project and at least one Liberia General Advance Project

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 PROJECT

#15016A

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

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.

Special Sunday

World Communion Sunday,
October 6, 2019 and October 4, 2020.

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

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

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

HAITIAN ARTISANS FOR PEACE INTERNATIONAL

#3020490

Transforming Haiti through the empowerment and advocacy of women

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.

UNITED METHODIST RURAL AND AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UMRADP)

#15070A

Revitalizing and commercializing all United Methodist Agricultural infrastructures

WATER FOR LIFE

#3020811

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

Give to at least one Liberia General Advance Project 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

BRIGHTER FUTURE CHILDREN RESCUE CENTER

#3020790

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

STEP 5: Give to Mission Personnel

Give support to at least one 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 in the Michigan 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 in the Michigan 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.

GLOBAL MISSION FELLOWS/US-2S



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."



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.



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."



TEMBA NKOMOZEPE

ADVANCE #3022400

Temba Nkomozepe is a missionary with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries serving as an agriculturalist at Mujila Falls Agriculture Center in Kanyama, Zambia. He was commissioned in October 2017. Temba takes part in a range of agricultural, education, and health projects, as well as church growth and development. Mujila Falls raises essential crops, such as corn, and engages in small animal husbandry, cattle and goat milking, fruit culture, tree nurseries, fish culture, and research.

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 #10920Z

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.



MBWIZU NDJUNGU

ADVANCE #12909Z

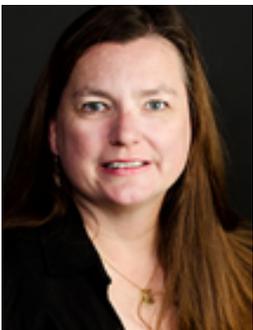
and

NKEMBA NDJUNGU

ADVANCE #12910Z

the Cameroon Initiative of The United Methodist Church. Now they leave Africa for service in Central America. Nkemba reports in a recent email: "We have received a new assignment to serve as missionaries in Belize. We arrived September 10. The Methodist Church of Belize is part of The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, composed of Belize, Honduras and Haiti. My task is supervising the work in the Stan Creek Circuit, to groom pastors spiritually. Mbwizu will serve as Director of Christian Education. Our prayer and hope is that you will continue to support us in this new adventure."

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.



NORTH AMERICA

PAUL LEE WEBSTER

ADVANCE #11865Z

Paul Webster has served as an agricultural specialist at Mujila Falls Centre in Zambia since 2000. He now returns to his home in Wisconsin as a "Mission Advocate" for agricultural missionaries deployed by the General Board of Global Ministries.

While not required for **Engage^{mi}** congregations are encouraged to consider becoming a Covenant Partner with a Mission Personnel. Please visit <https://www.umcmmission.org/get-involved/partnerships/covenant-relationships> for more information.

STEP 6: UMCOR

Give to at least one UMCOR General Advance Project or UMCOR 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 22, 2020

(formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)

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



goal:

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 community
- Addresses root causes of systemic injustice

Below are suggested resources:

ACT THROUGH UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM) is a grassroots movement within The United Methodist Church designed to provide an official channel whereby Christians, both lay and clergy, may offer their skills and talents for Christian service at home and around the world on short term assignments at their own expense.

Their work includes construction and renewing of mission facilities, teaching, witnessing, conducting medical clinics, conducting Bible study or Bible School for children, and serving in disaster relief efforts around the world.

<https://www.umcmmission.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/find-a-volunteer-project>

UMVIM LOCATIONS IN MICHIGAN

Cass Community Social Services, Detroit
<https://casscommunity.org/>

God's Country Cooperative Parish, Newberry
<https://www.facebook.com/Gods-Country-Cooperative-Parish-129351389090/>

Motown Mission, Detroit <http://motownmission.org/>

For More Information About UMVIM please contact Jody Pratt, Michigan Conference UMVIM Coordinator, prattgji09@gmail.com



ACT THROUGH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE DISASTER RESPONSE & RECOVERY

Find ways your congregation can be in ministry with communities effected by disaster.

<https://michiganumc.org/missions/disaster-response/>

ACT THROUGH THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE COVENANTS WITH HAITI AND LIBERIA

Find ways your congregation can be in ministry with the people of the Methodist Church of Haiti and the Liberia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Michigan Haiti Covenant Partnership:

The Rev. Karl Zeigler

Liberia Ministry Partnership:

The Rev. Jon Reynolds

ACT THROUGH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE OR DISTRICT CHRIST CENTERED MINISTRY & MISSION PROJECTS

Contact one of our Conference or District CCMM Projects to find out how your congregation can partner and be in "ministry with."

<https://michiganumc.org/missions/ministry-partners/step-2-michigan/>

ACT BY PLANNING AN "UBUNTU DAY OF SERVICE" IN YOUR COMMUNITY

"Ubuntu Day of Service Tool Kit" by United Methodist Women

<http://www.ministrywith.org/downloads/ubuntu toolkitweb.pdf>

An Ubuntu Day of Service isn't a typical volunteer day or service project. This day combines the being and doing of mission. This toolkit guides you through planning an Ubuntu Day of Service with information about mission work that links service and action with justice. It includes helpful planning tips and fundamental concepts that are critical to understanding how the mission of being and doing intersect.

ACT THROUGH FAITHFUL CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

"Creating Change Together: A Toolkit for Faithful Civic Engagement"

<https://www.umcjustice.org/news-and-stories/creating-change-together-801>

"Creating Change Together" provides the biblical and United Methodist ground for civic engagement and essential tools to address public concerns. Topics include: claiming our story, connecting with decision makers (with tips for advocating through visiting, public witness, calling, writing and social media), and engaging in the electoral process.

RESOURCES FOR ENGAGING YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL

"50 Ways to Engage Your Local School" by the Lewis Center for Church Leadership

Many congregations find that reaching out to their local schools is an important way to serve children and their families and strengthen ties with the broader community. Here are 50 Ways you can engage your local school effectively.

Mission-Minded Guide to Church and School Partnerships by Jake McGlothlin

The Mission-Minded Guide to Church and School Partnerships offers practical steps congregations can take to make a difference with the children in their community. From basic organization, training, safety, and planning, leaders will learn how to share the vision and effectively recruit and train volunteers. Most importantly, leaders will discover how to begin a collaborative, trusting relationship with students, administrators, and teachers. In addition, there are suggestions for sharing information about the partnership through communication tools like newsletters and special Sundays for welcoming the schools, teachers, principals, and more.

RESOURCES FOR ENGAGING YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

"50 Ways to Engage Your Community" by the Lewis Center for Church Leadership

Churches can no longer open their doors and expect that people will come in. Effective congregations go into the world to encounter those in need of the gospel. These 50 Ways provide tips on reaching beyond the walls of your church with worship, community events, ministries, and service.





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Annual Report

To become an **Engage^{mi}** Congregation, please share how you learned, gave and acted last year by submitting the following reports.

Congregations who meet the requirements in one or two areas will be recognized for that accomplishment (for example: a congregation who meets the Learn requirements, but not Give or Act, will be recognized as an **Engage^{mi}** LEARN Congregation). Congregations who meet the requirements in all three areas will be recognized as "**Engage^{mi}** Congregations."

Reports are due by January 7.

Date _____

Church _____

District _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

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Please submit a copy of this completed form by January 7 of each year to:

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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?

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.

Step 1: 100% of Michigan Conference Ministry Shares		
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Step 2: Michigan		
	Give to at least one Conference Christ Centered Mission & Ministry Project <i>(Please list project(s) below)</i>	\$

Step 2: Michigan - continued		
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	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>	\$
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	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>	\$
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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 (Please list project(s) or Special Sunday(s) below)	\$

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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