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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 all three areas will be recognized as “**Engage^{mi}** Congregations.” Please submit your **Engage^{mi}** Congregational Annual Report (see page 46) by January 10 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 Alice Fleming Townley, Mission and Justice Coordinator 517-340-4030 ext. 4082 or atownley@michiganumc.org.





“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.



LETTER FROM MISSION AND JUSTICE COORDINATOR

Dear Michigan Conference,

I am grateful to God . . . when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. (2 Timothy 1:3)

Each day, as I listen to your stories of mission and ministry and hear your questions and desires to live into God's dreams, I give thanks for you. Young people who are serving in our Conference as Mission Interns, Camp Counselors, Servant Leader Interns in Freedom Schools, and Global Mission Fellows inspire. Haitian leaders at HAPI were able to rebuild after fire and continue to teach, preach and deliver babies in increasingly difficult conditions. Partnerships with leaders in Liberia for education, water, and agriculture expanded. More churches are developing relationships with neighbors and together addressing access to healthy foods, healthcare, education, jobs, and shelter. Our Michigan Conference Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response grew significantly. Faith communities led by immigrants, and Justice For Our Neighbors, expand us towards fuller welcome. Campus ministries, camps, and after school and summer opportunities create transformative communities. Yes, recent years have brought challenges of an ongoing pandemic and increasing polarization. And yet, you have found adaptive ways to keep learning, acting, and giving in life giving ways. Thank you, Michigan Conference.

In this **Engage^{mi}** Book you will find Mission and Ministry Projects we have supported for years, and new ones, all inviting us further into the gospel. These include projects in Michigan, National and International General Advance Projects, Mission Personnel, and with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Additionally, some areas have District Projects that can be found on district websites and in conversations with district leaders. We are a connectional church. Through these Christ Centered Mission and Ministry Projects, we can do more than one person or congregation could do alone. In supporting these projects, we partner together to:

- Share God's Love with Others—leading us into our communities to meet our neighbors and partner together to address hunger, education, healthcare, housing, elder care, and disaster relief.
- Build the Beloved Community—supporting anti-bias and anti-racism work, advocating for peace and justice, investing in new ministries with and led by members of communities historically marginalized by society and the United Methodist Church.
- Develop Leaders—nourishing faith, relationships, and leadership skills, especially in young people through camping, summer and after school opportunities, freedom schools, mission intern programs, and campus ministries.

Grateful to continue learning, giving, and acting in faith with you.

Rev. Alice Fleming Townley
Mission and Justice Coordinator



LEARN GIVE ACT

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
 - o Give 100% of Michigan Conference Ministry Shares

- Step 2: Michigan
 - o Give to at least one Michigan Conference Project or Michigan Conference Special Sunday
- Step 3: National
 - o Give to at least one U.S. General Advance Project or listed Special Sunday
- Step 4: International
 - o Give to at least one International General Advance Project or Special Sunday
 - o Give to at least one Haiti General Advance Project
 - o Give to at least one Liberia General Advance Project
- Step 5: Mission Personnel
 - o Give 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 'hands-on' action that:

- intentionally honors the sacred dignity and intrinsic worth of every person
- 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:

- 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

Even during the current uncertainty, God’s presence and call to mission remain steadfast. Now is not the time to withdraw; now is the time to review, re-imagine, and pray our way to new approaches for engagement in mission.

Given current restrictions on in-person gatherings, **Engage^{mi}** encourages congregations to use Learn-Give-Act Steps as Spirit-led catalysts for prayerful, playful, creative conversations and ministries that are unique to your faith community.

Suggestions to get started:

- Gather a diverse group – not only the Missions Team - for a conversation about **Engage^{mi}** (be sure to include youth)
- Prior to the conversation, ask participants to read at least pages 1-10 of the **Engage^{mi}** Program Book
- During the meeting, pray, imagine and talk about what their ‘Learn-Give-Act Goals’ might be.

Learn examples:

- Ask for youth volunteers to visit the umcmmission.org General Board of Global Ministries website and report back with what inspires them
- Invite anyone to attend “Still In Mission” Events to connect with UM missionaries around the world <https://www.umcmmission.org/learn-about-us/events> with a brief report to the congregation
- Invite all to visit www.umcjustice.org to find General Board of Church and Society resources, Bible studies and tool kits that they might like to use.
- Have a young person or adult send an email with a few meaningful questions (pen pal style) to a General Board of Global Ministries Missionary <https://www.umcmmission.org/serve-with-us/missionaries> or Mission Intern <https://www.missionintern.org/>
- Invite anyone to read a book, write a brief review, and send to 10 people in the congregation and 3 outside of it. <https://uwfaith.org/resources/2022-reading-program/>
- Form a pop-up book group to read a book and discuss. Report to the congregation what the experience was like and invite others to form more groups

Be creative, be joyful in Christ, stay connected, and become an **Engage^{mi}** Congregation!



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30th of each month
and unused items will
be thrown away.



HELPFUL RESOURCES IN THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

LEARNING EVENTS

- Keep Making Peace (contact Eric Stone, reveastone@sbcglobal.net)
- United Women in Faith Mission U (formerly known as United Methodist Women Mission U, <https://www.umwmichiganconference.org/>)
- Volunteer in Mission & Emergency Response Team Trainings (Contact VIM & Disaster Response Coordinators)

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Children's Hunger <https://michiganumc.org/missions/childhungerresources/>

Resources for learning, acting, and advocating; including a list of children's books, some with video recordings. Highlights include:

- *Maddi's Fridge* by Lois Brandt
- *Lulu and the Hunger Monster* by Erik Talkin and Sheryl Murray
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Pena and Christian Robinson

- *Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen* by Dyanne Disalvo-Ryan

To learn more, contact the Michigan Conference Children's Ministry Coordinator

MULTICULTURAL VIBRANCY

- Bishop Bard's Anti-Bias/Anti-Racism Challenge (<https://michiganumc.org/bishopschallenge/>)
- Courageous Conversations About Race (<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/courageous-conversations-about-race>)
- Intercultural Development Inventory
- Michigan Conference's Anti-Bias/Anti-Racism Education & Training (Online Courses to be launched July 2022)

To learn more, Michigan Conference Associate Director for Multicultural Vibrancy.

HOST A SPEAKER

- Mission Personnel who are itinerating or who can tune in virtually from location (contact the Conference Secretary of Global Ministries)
- Global Mission Fellow or Mission Intern, young adults serving in Michigan (contact the Young Adult Initiatives Coordinator)
- Leader from a Conference Christ Centered Mission and Ministry Project, (for contact information <https://michiganumc.org/step-2-michigan/>)

UNITED METHODIST RESOURCES

- General Board of Global Ministries, <https://umcmmission.org/>, learn more about national and international ministry projects, mission personnel, and UMCOR, including disaster responses.
- General Board of Church and Society, <https://www.umcjustice.org/>, learn about United Methodist Social Principles and what we believe regarding Civil and Human Rights, immigration justice, economic justice, environmental justice, health and wholeness, peace with justice, and women and children. Find toolkits for advocacy, tips on community organizing and educational opportunities.
- United Women in Faith, <https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/educate/>, for justice-oriented and biblically centered resources including the reading program, webinars, Mission u, and more.
- UM mission and justice related educational resources are also available online through: UMCGiving, ResourceUMC, UMNews, General Commission on the Committee on Status and Role of Women (COSROW), General Commission on Religion and Race, Disability Ministries Committee, The Connectional Table, Discipleship Ministries and more.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Websites

- The Lewis Center for Church Leadership <https://www.churchleadership.com/>, resources to help congregations engage their community and reach new people and more diverse people; and resources on stewardship and leadership excellence.
- The Lupton Center <https://www.luptoncenter.org/>, resources for deeper understanding and impact in empowering community transformation.
- SojoAction: Resources & Training <https://sojo.net/sojoaction/resources-training>, including a curriculum to help congregations have difficult conversations across political divides, and on important topics such as immigration, voting rights, and creation care

Books

- *Discovering The Other: Asset-Based Approaches for Building Community Together* by Cameron Harder
- *Doing Justice: Congregations and Community Organizing* by Dennis A. Jacobsen
- *Friendship at the Margins: Discovering Mutuality in Service and Mission* by Christopher L. Heuret and Chrtine Phol
- *Grace Under Pressure: Negotiating the Heart of the Methodist Traditions* by Joerg Rieger
- *When Helping Hurts: Alleviating Poverty without Hurting the Poor* by Steve Corbet and Brian Fikkert



GIVE

STEP 1:

MINISTRY SHARES

PAY 100% OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE MINISTRY SHARES

United Methodists in Michigan give more than \$14 million each year to mission and ministry. These gifts are known as, Ministry Shares, because we share some of the gifts God has blessed us with. Ministry Shares are assigned to each church by the Conference as that church's fair share of the combined ministry. Together we support the work of the United Methodist Church in mission and ministry. These gifts provide vital support to a wide range in ministry and mission in Michigan and around the world.

Ministry Shares are divided between two large groups of funds: Conference Ministry Shares and General Church Apportionments. These funds are further broken down into three funds under Conference Ministry Shares and seven funds under General Church Apportionments.

Conference Ministry Shares are the funds which 1) provide resources and services to local churches and their members and 2) operate the conference. They make up approximately 75% of the Conference Budget. The three funds included in Conference Ministry Shares are: Conference Benevolences, Clergy Support, and Administration.

General Church Apportionments make up approximately 25% of the Conference Budget. These are seven funds that make up the General Church Apportionments: World Service Fund, Africa University Fund, Black College Fund, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, Episcopal Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, and General Administration Fund. You can find detailed information on all of these funds at www.umcgiving.org.

TO BECOME AN Engage^{mi} CONGREGATION, YOUR LOCAL CHURCH MUST GIVE 100% OF ITS ASSIGNED MICHIGAN CONFERENCE MINISTRY SHARES.

For more information about Conference Ministry Shares, visit www.michiganumc.org/stewardship/



STEP 2: MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

GIVE TO AT LEAST ONE CONFERENCE PROJECT OR A CONFERENCE SPECIAL SUNDAY

In these Conference Projects we connect to:

- Share God's Love with Others
- Build the Beloved Community
- Develop Leaders

CONFERENCE 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.

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS

ASBURY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION CCMM#3003

Asbury CDC is a unified ministry of the East Winds District and Flint Mission Zone with a vision of creating a community where residents enjoy safety, good health, and educational opportunities. They distribute

more than 300,000 meals each year through the FeedFlint initiative. Their outreach includes: FeedFlint, Asbury Farms (one of the largest urban farms in the country), Asbury Café, South Flint Soup Kitchen, the angel closet, Asbury Help Center, and the Sizzling Culture! Youth program.

BALDWIN CENTER CCMM#3036

Baldwin Center's mission is to feed, clothe, educate, and empower the men, women, and children of the Pontiac community. They offer more than 25 programs including a soup kitchen, clothes closet, laundry, after-school program, summer enrichment camp, and hygiene items. They are connecting and training partner agencies to increase client empowerment through "Innovative Frameworks."

**BLUE WATER UNITED METHODIST
FREE STORE & MINISTRY CENTER
CCMM#3061**

The Bluewater Free Store's mission is to provide free household needs to anyone requiring some extra assistance. The store accepts donations of gently used clothing, furniture, household goods, etc. and then offers them to clients in a respectful, judgment-free shopping experience at no cost to the client. The Ministry Center offers space for meetings, worship, Bible studies, and finance classes free to the community. The Bluewater Free Store is a collaboration of several UMCs and other community partners.

**CASS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES
CCMM#3005**

Cass Community Social Services offers programs to people living in areas of concentrated poverty in Detroit. Each year 700,000 meals are served, 300 men, women and children are housed, 125 developmentally disabled adults participate in a skill building program, hundreds get medical care through a free clinic with the help of WSU and up to 85 people are employed in their Green Industries program. In addition, Cass is developing a neighborhood of Tiny Homes adjacent to the main Cass Campus.

**COMMUNITY FOOD MINISTRY (AT
JACKSON FIRST UMC) CCMM#3057**

The mission of the Community Food Ministry at Jackson First UMC is to encourage, educate, and equip members and the community to build and sustain healing ministries and promote health in mind, body, and spirit. The food ministry seeks to reduce hunger and food insecurity with community partners and food center clients themselves.

**COMMUNITY MINISTRIES PROGRAM
(AT GRAND RAPIDS: TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH)
CCMM#3006**

The Community Ministries Program creates a safe place in the community for children and families to learn and grow. They do this through engaging partnerships with local nonprofits, working closely with the local elementary school, offering a weekly after-school program, connecting various churches on shared mission projects and promoting special needs and disability inclusion in elementary school libraries through the "Seen" Project.

**COMPASSION COUNTS FOOD PANTRY (AT
THE GATHERING UMC) CCMM#3059**

Compassion Counts Food Pantry serves over 275 families in the Clare county area who live in generational poverty. The Gathering was chartered as a Mission Congregation in 2009 and strives to serve those in need. Its outreach through the Pantry works to fulfill its mission of eliminating scarcity of basic needs - financially, physically, and spiritually. It relies on community, individuals, and churches as they seek to provide "Food for the Body and Soul." The Pantry welcomes partnerships with other churches.

**FREE STORE OF KALAMAZOO (AT
SUNNYSIDE UMC) CCMM#3048**

The Free Store of Kalamazoo, at Sunnyside UMC, is a place where all people are welcome, and all items are available free of charge. The Free Store redistributes clothing and household goods donated by the community to the community. It is a place where relationships are formed, where individuals can come to know and be known. With the help of a grant in 2020, The Free Store launched a new program, Chuma, an empowerment program for women of color in the Kalamazoo community.

GOD'S COUNTRY COOPERATIVE PARISH CCMM#3044

Encompassing the greater part of four counties and Newberry in the Upper Peninsula, GCCP serves families living at or below the federally-established level of poverty. Circumstances of limited employment, transient population, long and harsh winters, proper clothing and significant distances to acquire adequate food and medical assistance are severe challenges. GCCP provides ministry to those who struggle to live by working together to provide connection, support and basic human services.

JOY SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION CCMM#3012

Joy-Southfield CDC was founded by Second Grace UMC in 2001 and serves the far west side of Detroit. Forty percent of the residents in the community live below the federal poverty level and many are single parents or elderly. Programs include free or low-cost home repairs; youth and family mentoring; access to healthy food through a farmer's market; and local economic development. JSCDC works closely with community partners and hosts work teams for housing repairs and other community needs.

LOOKING GLASS COMMUNITY CCMM#3062

Looking Glass Community Outreach (LGCO) was started in January 2001 as a Church & Community Ministry Project under the GBGM. The focus was, and still is, addressing rural poverty in southern Shiawassee County. Much of the outreach is with three mobile home neighborhoods. Projects include: school tutoring, transportation, community garden, ramp-builds, emergency assistance, summer children and youth programs and parenting classes.

MAPLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER OF HOPE CCMM#3015

The Center of Hope is a faith-based non-profit serving the Maple Valley communities of Nashville, Vermontville, and Woodland in south central Michigan. Maple Valley Center of Hope strives to meet basic needs of their neighbors through services such as weekly food distribution, a Free Store, Hope for Babies (diapers, wipes, formula), back-to-school backpacks, and coats for kids. They are supported by the South Central Food Bank, United Methodist and other area churches, businesses, and individuals.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY CCMM#3016

The Methodist Children's Home Society provides individualized treatment, care, advocacy, and permanency to children and families impacted by childhood trauma. Through residential, transitional living, foster care, and adoption programs, as well as educational and clinical services, MCHS provides for and advocates on behalf of victims of child abuse and neglect.

MICHIGAN VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION CCMM#3058

Michigan Volunteers in Mission, a ministry of the Michigan Conference, encourages and assists churches to organize and lead volunteer mission trips. Michigan VIM works with both individuals and church groups, both experienced teams and those just getting started, and with all ages. VIM teams focus on everything from relationship building to construction, even medical and wellness. Michigan VIM provides scholarships for first-time participants, helps with emergency health insurance, and organizes training for trip leaders.

MISSION FOR AREA PEOPLE

CCMM#3018

Mission for Area People is a faith-based organization providing Muskegon County residents with resources to meet basic needs, promote self-sufficiency, and improve their quality of life. Since 1967, it has hosted services and programs centered on meeting emergency needs and facilitating education to empower its neighbors in need.

MOTOWN MISSION CCMM#3020

Motown Mission provides short-term mission and service-learning opportunities in the Detroit area that are intentional and tailored to the needs of partners and volunteers. Motown Mission strives to do ministry side-by-side with neighbors in holistic ways. They also hire college-aged summer staffers who participate in leadership development and spiritual discernment.

NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY

CCMM#3021

North End Community Ministry (NECM), is a 'lighthouse of hope' to people in need in northeast Grand Rapids, providing direly needed food, supplies and educational opportunities to equip and ease the duress of those with financial constraints. They not only provide food, but build relationships and equip people with skills and support.

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.

SOUTH END COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRIES (SECOM) RESOURCE CENTER

CCMM#3026

The SECOM Resource Center gives help and hope to neighbors in south Grand Rapids by empowering families to achieve their full potential through healthy living, education, and economic opportunities. Key programs include the Healthy Food Pantry, The Market at SECOM, Community Garden and nutrition education, Little Step at SECOM Preschool, and our Pride for Parents program. SECOM serves an area with one of the highest poverty levels in Kent County, and lives out its vision, "helping today, building hope for tomorrow."

SOUTH LANSING MINISTRIES (AT GRACE UMC) CCMM#3027

South Lansing Ministries provides a food pantry, personal needs closet, computer bank, and other family and youth programs. South Lansing Ministries partners with UMCs and other churches through Lansing Christian Services.

NOAH PROJECT (AT CENTRAL UMC IN DETROIT) CCMM#3028

The NOAH Project operates a Community Center in downtown Detroit for homeless and low-income individuals. They use a Bag Lunch Program as the beginning of a trusting relationship with clients. NOAH provides case management, wellness counseling, a computer lab, an art program, an Earn-A-Bike Program, and a 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.

TIME TO SHARE (AT TRENTON FAITH UMC) CCMM#3060

Started by Trenton Faith UMC, Time to Share is now a 501(c)3 non-profit whose services include moving assistance and

furniture repair. When persons experiencing homelessness move into government-funded housing, they generally have no furniture or household goods to make their new dwelling a home. Time to Share works closely with ChristNet and the Wayne Metropolitan Action Agency to help provide furniture and goods to these new residents free of charge. Over the past three years, over 130 individuals and families have been assisted.

UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY HOUSE CCMM#3029

United Methodist Community House has been a center staple for both the Grand Rapids area and for the United Women of Faith. United Methodist Community House has worked with its community since 1902 and offers services for children, families, and older adults. The programs that UMCH offers include early childhood education, youth programs, and older adult human services. Their overall mission is to create more equal opportunities for success in a diverse community.

SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN CCMM#3050

Since 1986, Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan has offered access to hope and healing to all God's people through high quality, spiritually integrated psychotherapy, and through education.

FRESH AIRE SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER CCMM#3008

Fresh Aire Samaritan Counseling Center seeks to enrich lives and restore hope and vitality in a spiritually inclusive manner throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region. They offer licensed professional counseling to individuals, couples, children, and families; consultation and coaching to pastors and churches; and various workshops related to healing and wholeness of body, mind, spirit, and relationships. As a non-profit, Fresh Aire offers adjustable fees and seeks to be economically

and socially inclusive.

MICHIGAN DISASTER RESPONSE & RECOVERY CCMM#3007

Michigan Disaster Response & Recovery provides a "Caring Christian presence in the aftermath of a disaster." Using UMCOR values and training the three elements of the approach are: 1. Training of early response teams to help survivors clean up after a disaster, 2. Providing disaster case management to help survivors recover, and 3. Providing training in disaster preparation for churches and individuals. In the recent past, the Michigan Conference has provided disaster case management in communities impacted by flooding across the State.

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.

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.

PA WA TING – NATIVE AMERICAN ELDERS PROGRAM CCMM#3023

Pa Wa Ting is an outreach program to Native American Elders and their families in the Grand Rapids area. They provide weekly meals, relational support, and Native culture and language-based activities.

UNITED METHODIST RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES (UMRC) & PORTER HILLS FOUNDATION CCMM#3030

Brio Living Services, formerly known as United Methodist Retirement Community (UMRC) & Porter Hills, has been a leader in innovative aging services since 1906, offering Michigan's most economically diverse housing options and services to older adults. Benevolent Care for residents who outlive their resources will continue to be supported by the UMRC & Porter Hill Foundation. Gifts to the Benevolent Care Fund help ensure that residents always have a home where they are loved and treasured.

CLARK RETIREMENT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CCMM#3038

The Clark Retirement Community 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 Aging and Dementia program, Music Therapy, and many life enrichment activities.

BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

FRENCH UMC IN METRO-DETROIT AREA, MINISTRY WITH IMMIGRANTS CCMM#3055

The French UMC welcomes a growing number of French-speaking African exiles in the Greater Detroit Area. Funds help immigrants reconnect with their faith and locate basic assistance as they navigate the immigration process. There is an urgent need for clothing, housing assistance, household furnishings, transportation, school supplies and access to African food.

VIETNAMESE UMC IN GRAND RAPIDS, MINISTRY WITH IMMIGRANTS CCMM#3053

Grand Rapids Vietnamese UMC is mainly made up of Vietnamese refugees and immigrants and their U.S.-born children. Funds will help their humanitarian aid of clothing, basic medical care, and food, including their food truck co-partnership with the Asian Community Outreach. They also seek to address racism, specifically Asian Hate, and would like to partner with other churches in this effort.

VIETNAMESE UMC IN MADISON HEIGHTS, MINISTRY WITH IMMIGRANTS CCMM#3054

Madison Heights Vietnamese UM Ministry provides worship, Bible Studies and community services to assist new immigrants. Included are English language classes and free Vietnamese interpretation for medical and social work type needs.

JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS - MICHIGAN CCMM#3013

Justice For Our Neighbors Michigan (JFON-MI) supports immigrant communities through legal services and social actions. The immigration system is complex, and many low-income immigrants cannot afford legal assistance, leaving them vulnerable to fraud and exploitation. The JFON-MI legal staff are trustworthy and highly skilled. JFON began as a ministry of the FUMC in Grand Rapids, then as ministries of UMCs in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Metro Detroit and Traverse City. JFON-MI merged the four clinics into one statewide organization in 2018.

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FUND CCMM#3033

The New Church Development Fund is used by the Michigan Conference for start-up costs for new faith communities. They utilize a variety of models that fit the changing community contexts and train and recruit leaders. One of the new churches started recently is French UMC in the Detroit metro area.

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE FUND

CCMM#3034

With the continuation of the Covid pandemic, churches are looking for new ways to reach new people. Some churches moved to streaming their worship services. Others have started new digital campuses. This fund assists churches in determining what kind of worship services are needed to connect with those in the community.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES PEACE CENTER AND GALLERY (AT CENTRAL UMC IN DETROIT)

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.

DEVELOP LEADERS

CAMPUS MINISTRY IN THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

CCMM#3056

Gifts to this fund support all of the campus ministries in the Michigan Conference through the Division of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. UM campus faith communities nurture bold and effective young adult leaders by promoting healthy spiritual and social development on campuses.

MOTOR CITY WESLEY

CCMM#3019

Motor City Wesley supports young adults on campuses and in churches across Metro Detroit in faith-filled practices of creativity, community and 'holy conspiracy' to lift up God's goodness in the world. \$100 micro-grant service projects, "Evenings" worship gatherings, recording benefit albums and more help students find their role as agents of Jesus' justice and mercy.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN WESLEY CAMPUS

MINISTRY CCMM#3063

NMU Wesley Campus Ministry is an intentional and expansive faith community that supports students and young adults through their time at Northern and beyond. They strive to do this by creating a loving and welcoming community for all. Support provides funding for meals, service trips, supplies for Bible and book studies and community outreach.

UNITED CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (AT GRAND VALLEY)

CCMM#3031

United Campus Christian Fellowship (UCCF) is a multi-campus, multi-denominational campus ministry at Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids Community College, and Kendall College of Art and Design. UCCF helps students consider how their faith influences their entire lives, including career choices and social justice concerns, through Bible study, spiritual formation, and service. They are committed to being inclusive and welcoming to all.

WESLEY FOUNDATION AT CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

CCMM#3042

Wesley at Central Michigan University offers weekly worship, meals, and fellowship and hosts special events, retreats, and service projects throughout the year. Their weekly community meals gather young adults in community across culture, belief, and religious tradition. International students, United Methodist students, and local church members alike meet weekly for fellowship and food, building relationships that honor God's diverse creation and all-inclusive love!

WESLEY HOUSE AT FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

CCMM#3032

The Ferris State University Wesley House seeks to help students and young adults connect with each other and God and grow together through this formative season of life.

They do this through Bible studies, small groups, retreats, service projects, community meals, creative worship experiences, and partnerships with local churches and youth groups. They run the student food pantry for FSU, using donations collected by local congregations.

WESLEY FOUNDATION AT KALAMAZOO **CCMM#3043**

Kalamazoo Wesley Foundation connects with college-age young adults while exploring faith, forming community, and seeking justice. They do this through worship, small groups, service projects, and partnerships with community and other campus organizations. They focus on meeting students where they are and growing together in Christ. They also have an intentional residential community of students, a community garden, and an after school educational program for kids.

WESLEY FOUNDATION AT MICHIGAN **STATE UNIVERSITY CCMM#3040**

The Wesley Foundation at Michigan State University is a campus ministry and student support group. They offer a safe space to deepen understanding of faith through study, discussion, and connection to local churches. They also have weekly student generated discussions on theology, philosophy, and societal ethics, in addition to lunch groups and monthly recreational "Nerd Nights".

WESLEY FOUNDATION AT THE **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN** **CCMM#3047**

The Wesley Foundation at the University of Michigan provides varied opportunities and programs for all area college students and other campus-related persons. They are a community 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. Their common bond is God's love shown through Jesus Christ with an emphasis on the social implications of the gospel and personal growth as Christians.

MICHIGAN AREA UNITED METHODIST **CAMPING CCMM#3017**

Michigan Area United Methodist Camping creates transformative camp and retreat experiences that develop disciples of Jesus Christ. The need for the camp and retreat experience for people of all ages is greater than ever, providing encounters with creation outdoors, physical activities, thoughtful inspiration, and intentional community. This happens in three ways: 1) programs like summer camp led by staff and volunteers, 2) hospitality for events planned and led by guest groups, and 3) partnerships with groups that share the same mission. To learn more and register go to umcamping.org.

CENTRAL FAMILIAR CHRISTIANO - **SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM,** **SUGAR CRASH CCMM#3052**

This summer program at Centro Familiar Christiano UMC seeks to provide an opportunity for educational and spiritual growth for children of the Melvindale community within a safe, supportive multicultural experience at the church. The children gather each weekday for educational and spiritual programs and lunch during the month of July.

CHILDREN DEFENSE FUND FREEDOM **SCHOOLS PROGRAM CCMM#3049**

Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools is a six-week summer literacy and cultural enrichment program designed to serve children and youth in grades K-12 in communities where quality academic enrichment programming is limited. Using an integrated reading curriculum, songs and chants during the 'Harambe' (come together) opening assembly and field trips children engage in reading, community involvement and multi-generational leadership development. Current Michigan Conference sites include: Detroit: Second Grace and Conant Ave UMCs; and Flint: Bethel and Calvary UMCs.

MINISTRY WITH LATINX YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS CCMM#3010

The mission of the project is to support the journey of Latinx youth and young adults. The key programs of the project are the Hispanic Youth Leadership Academy, Latinx't (Latinx-Next) Programs, College Tours, workshops, retreats, webinars, scholarships, and grants. They strive to support Latinx youth and young adults in their academic, faith, leadership, community building, civic, wellness, family, and/or entrepreneur journeys.

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.

URBAN YOUTH ALLIANCE CCMM#3051

The United Methodist Urban Youth Alliance provides collaborative ministry opportunities for youth in a multicultural urban context. The focus is an affordable, week-long, overnight camping experience for youth and young-adult counselors to explore the meaning of life and God's call on their lives in a safe, fun environment that focuses on discipleship, group-decision making, peer counseling, responsibility, and relationships. Campers explore careers, visit colleges, and vision possible vocational outcomes. Expanded training opportunities are offered for local church youth leaders/counselors.



MICHIGAN CONFERENCE SPECIAL SUNDAYS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

AUGUST 21, 2022; AUGUST 20, 2023

DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY

OCTOBER 16, 2022; OCTOBER 15, 2023

GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY

MAY 15, 2022; MAY 14, 2023

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022; SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

UMVIM SUNDAY

ANY SUNDAY

For more information and dates on Special Sundays:
<https://michiganumc.org/finance-and-administration/special-sunday-information/>.



STEP 3:

NATIONAL

GIVE TO AT LEAST ONE U.S.A. GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECT OR ONE OF THE LISTED SPECIAL SUNDAYS (PAGE 25).

U.S.A. GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECTS

GOD'S COUNTRY COOPERATIVE PARISH #3020435

Encompassing the greater part of four counties and Newberry in the Upper Peninsula, GCCP serves families living at or below the federally-established level of poverty. Circumstances of limited employment, transient population, long and harsh winters, proper clothing and significant distances to acquire adequate food and medical assistance are severe challenges. GCCP provides ministry to those who struggle to live by working together to provide connection, support and basic human services.


HENDERSON SETTLEMENT #773365

The goals of Henderson Settlement align with their mission and vision statement of

"Sharing the love of Christ in Appalachia" through "Creating opportunities for better lives through Christ-centered service." They share the good news of Jesus Christ in their communities, build a house for a family each year, and work on home repair projects in Kentucky and Tennessee. They also provide spiritual, economic, educational, and social opportunities.

MCCURDY MINISTRIES COMMUNITY CENTER #581479

McCurdy Ministries is a 100+ year old United Methodist National Mission Institution in New Mexico. The ministry provides after school care, preschool, mental health counseling, summer camps, youth programs, adult education, and GED programs along with much more support for people in the community. They serve Española, NM, which has the



highest death by heroin overdose rate and one of the highest high school drop out rates in the country.

NATIONAL JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS #901285

National Justice for our Neighbors continues to build the organizational capacity of a national network of JFON sites that are able to help more low-income immigrants be informed of their rights and address their legal situation through the U.S. Immigration Court. Their work involves strengthening the JFON network so that clients are better served, JFON sites can continue to operate independently, and volunteers can work effectively.

RED BIRD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL #773728

Red Bird Christian School exists to prepare students for post-secondary education with a nurturing environment that causes students to reach for their full potential. Leadership formation has a high focus at our school but with the Christian aspect of servanthood. Over the past several years, over two-thirds of their students have gone on to post-secondary education.

RED BIRD CLINIC COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER #773724

The Red Bird Clinic strives to improve the health of those living in remote mountain Appalachia where other services do not reach, or to persons that have limited or no transportation to available services by providing health programs. Their discount sliding scale fee programs ensure that medical and dental care, rehabilitation, and preventative services are accessible.

RED BIRD MISSION #773726

Red Bird Mission empowers individuals and advocates justice through spiritual, educational, health, and community outreach ministries. Its Community Outreach ministries address hunger and other basic needs of families through case management and delivery of services. In

addition, the Community Store and Craft Marketing provides jobs and income for over 100 families

SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW #801600

The Society of St. Andrew engages 30,000 or more volunteers each year in the biblical practice of gleaning nutritious food remaining after harvest to share with neighbors in need. Through Harvest of Hope, the Society of St. Andrew's work/study mission retreat program, hundreds of young people and adults each year learn about hunger and creation care through Bible study, dynamic worship, and educational programming.

ADDITIONAL USA GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECTS

For a list of additional USA General Advance Projects, visit umcmission.org and download the Advance E-Catalog

LIST OF STEP 3 SPECIAL SUNDAYS

HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY
JANUARY 15, 2023

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES
APRIL 23, 2023

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY
JUNE 12, 2022; JUNE 4, 2023

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY
NOVEMBER 27, 2022; NOVEMBER 26, 2023

For more information and dates on Special Sundays: <https://michiganumc.org/finance-and-administration/special-sunday-information/>. For more information about Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church, visit umgiving.org.



STEP 4: INTERNATIONAL

GIVE TO AT LEAST ONE INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECT OR SPECIAL SUNDAY, AT LEAST ONE HAITI GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECT AND AT LEAST ONE LIBERIA GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECT

INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECTS

GLOBAL MINISTRIES - WHERE MOST NEEDED #01138A

Global Mission Undesignated supports the mission priorities of the General Board of Global Ministries where most needed, including mission programs in over 80 countries. The work of Global Ministries connects the church in mission by equipping and transforming people and places for God's mission around the world.

ABUNDANT HEALTH #3021770

The Abundant Health project is working to increase access to health interventions in economically vulnerable communities. The project partners with thousands of communities and health workers through its community-based health programs, while also supporting United Methodist hospitals and clinics around the world. The programmatic emphasis over the next four years is to protect children from preventable causes of death and disease.

AFRICA UNIVERSITY FARM DEVELOPMENT #3021027

The Farm Development Fund helps to improve the infrastructure to increase efficiency and meet local environmental regulations. The goals are to provide facilities for agricultural teaching; to provide safe, reliable, and reasonably-priced food for the AU Community including the campus

dining hall which serves staff and students; and to generate income for Africa University.

AFRICA UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS #3021028

The goal of this project is to assist bright African students with insufficient financial means to attend Africa University. There are many young people in Africa who have the potential to succeed at the university level, but do not have the financial means. The scholarships are an investment in Africa's future by helping young people receive a quality education at Africa University.

AFRICA UNIVERSITY BASIC ESSENTIALS FOR STUDENTS #3020619

This project will provide funds for needy students to buy basic necessities such as meals, toothpaste, toiletries, air-time, print pages, etc. It will allow students to focus on their studies and excel in the learning environment without having to worry about these basics.

BABYFOLD AT OLD MUTARE FAIRFIELD CHILDREN'S HOME - ZIMBABWE #11713T

The Fairfield Children's Home in Zimbabwe cares for abandoned children by providing love, clothing, food, and education. The goal is to make sure that all children at the home are taken care of spiritually, physically, socially, and mentally.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS & TOOLS PROGRAM #982810

This project provides congregations the resources to support disaster response and rights-based community development projects in communities around the world. Basic emergency supplies, as well as tools and resources for long-term recovery and development to communities in need, are provided.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE CROP HUNGER WALK #982380

CROP Hunger Walk is the community-based fundraising and awareness-building appeal of Church World Service and a major force in the fight to end hunger here at home and around the world. The funds raised provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. While the primary purpose is to end hunger, a secondary purpose is to bring local communities together in ecumenical partnership to be prophetic witnesses to the issue of hunger. 25% of the money raised remains in the community to address hunger.

EURASIA IN MISSION TOGETHER - RUSSIA & BELARUS #11510A

The Eurasian United Methodist Church began in 1991 as a Mission Initiative which focused on a partnership model which involved local churches, districts, and Annual Conferences. This was re-igniting a Methodist presence within Russia and Belarus after an absence of almost 70 years. As the Eurasian United Methodist Church continues to formulate its own dreams and visions for ministry, it seeks to empower not only its own people but also to share its insights and resources with the global church.

EURASIA IN MISSION TOGETHER - UKRAINE AND MOLDOVA #14053A

General Conference 1992 decided to make Eurasia an independent Episcopal area which also included Ukraine and Moldova. These churches not only continue to meet, but also shelter and share humanitarian aid to those

in need during crisis. The church hopes to nurture leadership and empower the local churches, while also forging deeper relationships and partnerships.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL: LIVING GIFTS #98253

This project works with communities to end hunger and poverty. It works directly with families by providing animals and training to become self-sufficient in sustainable ways appropriate for their circumstances. Families pass on the gift by providing their animals' offspring to other members of the community, along with the training they have received, ensuring an ever-widening network of hope, dignity, and self-reliance.

MUJILA FALLS AGRICULTURAL PROJECT - ZAMBIA #15016A

Addressing hunger and poverty with sustainable agriculture and leadership training in Zambia. The primary objective of the project is to improve the diet of the Lunda People to reduce their very high infant mortality and low life expectancy. It was also to help the Lunda People to increase family incomes by becoming more effective and efficient farmers. The long-term impact is to help to make the Lunda farm families competitive in agricultural pursuits that are favored by the high rainfall and abundant land.

NEW LIFE CENTER - ZAMBIA #15057A

This project ministers through projects such as the PET bike, educational classes, and community health in Zambia. The goal is to establish and provide property and buildings for the UMC of Zambia, to develop spiritually sound Christian leaders and laypeople and to minister to the spiritual, physical, and intellectual needs of the church and the surrounding community.

PAPA'S MINISTRIES - JAMAICA

#3021286

PAPA's Ministries equips the local church of Jamaica and Haiti with leadership development and mission training for sustainable outreach. It enables VIM teams with resources to assist with whatever facet is necessary. The goal is to help the local church to be the very best witness for Christ that it can be. The project staff and network work alongside the church with encouragement, skills training, and assistance with church property repairs.

SOLAR OVEN PARTNERS UMC - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

#418812

Solar Oven Partners empowers people in the Dominican Republic to use solar energy to meet their cooking needs. The project provides the solar oven kit and training to families. The kits are made by volunteers in the Dakotas. The benefits to families are cost savings, health benefits from pasteurizing drinking water and avoiding smoke inhalation, and environmental conservation.

TANSEN UNITED MISSION HOSPITAL - NEPAL #13421A

This project helps to provide medical care to poor patients and purchase needed hospital equipment at Tansen United Mission Hospital in Nepal where the Dornons serve. There are many for whom a trip or admission to the hospital literally means that the rest of the family wouldn't be able to eat. The hospital is able to assist these patients and families so that they, too, can get the healing care they need. By ministering to the physical needs, the project aims to witness the love of God.

ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECTS

For a list of additional International General Advance Projects, visit umcmmission.org and download the Advance E-Catalog.



LIST OF STEP 4 SPECIAL SUNDAYS

AFRICA UNIVERSITY DAY
ANY SUNDAY

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
APRIL 23, 2023

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY
OCTOBER 2, 2022; OCTOBER 1, 2023

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HAITI GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECTS

GRACE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL & PEDIATRIC CLINIC #418520

Grace Children's Hospital continues to provide in-patient and out-patient care for children and families with tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and respiratory infections as well as provide follow-up care. Care is provided to those who would not be able to afford it otherwise and gives hope for children to live beyond their low life expectancy.

HAITI CHILDREN PROJECT #3020507

The Haiti Children Project provides a Christian home to homeless children. Children are provided tuition and stipends along with personal support from the project team and mentors. The students are being guided to look beyond themselves and to use their education to help develop Haiti into a country that could one day be self-sustaining. The primary goal is to educate Haiti's poorest young people to effect justice for everyone, through leadership.

HAITIAN ASSETS FOR PEACE INTERNATIONAL (HAPI)

#3020490

HAPI empowers women and equips local leadership to eradicate poverty and save lives in Musac, Haiti. Felisane Health Center provides a birthing center, urgent care, pharmacy, mobile visits to the disabled, child malnutrition intervention, basic dental and lab services. 'Start Right' is their comprehensive maternal and infant care initiative. Merlet Community Center is home to 'HAPITech' vocational training with several courses of study to help young people rise out of poverty. 'HAPIGro' is a new youth 'pass-the-gift' goat raising initiative.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND EVANGELISM IN HAITI

#3021658

This is a project of the Methodist Church of Haiti. With few clergy, the work of the church is very laity-driven. Project staff is producing contextually relevant materials in the local language. Resources will also be sourced and purchased to foster self-study and continuing education. Training seminars and workshops will be held to empower lay leadership to use resources effectively for the spiritual and numerical growth of the church.

**Learn more about the Michigan
United Methodists' covenant
relationships with Haiti and
Liberia Methodist:**

<https://michiganumc.org/missions-ministry/>



LIBERIA GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECTS

BISHOP JUDITH CRAIG CHILDREN VILLAGE #11820A

This project provides for the basic needs, education, counseling, and healthcare to children in the Bishop Judith Craig Children Village.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS - LIBERIA #3020670

The goal of this project is to construct primary schools in rural communities to improve the lives of children. Some United Methodist schools are still meeting in churches and makeshift structures which do not meet government requirements. This is affecting the comprehension of the students. Community members will be challenged to contribute fifty percent of the total cost. Construction of new schools will have a long term impact on the community, the students, and the ministry of the United Methodist Church of Liberia.

GANTA UNITED METHODIST HOSPITAL #15080N

Ganta Hospital provides quality and affordable healthcare in the rural northern area of Liberia. The "affordable" fee-for-service falls far below the costs of services provided. Some of the struggling rural subsistence farming families cannot afford to pay the full amount.

PASTOR AND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT SALARY SUPPORT #15124A

The goal of this project is to improve the substandard living conditions of our rural Local Pastors and District Superintendents and their families which is a major factor of their commitment to the call and work of the Church in Liberia.

UM RURAL AND AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UMRADP) #15070A

The objective of the United Methodist Rural and Agriculture Development Program (UMRADP) is to support agriculture infrastructure revitalization and development, increase cash and food crop production, and strengthen community outreach strategies to improve food security, job creation, and poverty reduction for sustainability and self-reliance.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, COLLEGE, AND SEMINARY EDUCATION #15125B

In Liberia, students often drop out of school because they cannot pay school fees. Even government schools charge fees. The mission of this project is to help students stay in school by providing scholarships to those who cannot afford the cost of tuition. In some rural areas, the United Methodist School is the only school.

WATER FOR LIFE #3020811

Clean and safe drinking water and sanitation are human rights issues that need urgent attention in rural post-war Liberia. Most residents are drinking from unsafe sources of water and do not have access to standard toilet facilities. As a result, water-borne diseases are common. This project helps communities by constructing wells and proper toilet facilities within communities and schools and sets up community structures and leadership that will supervise and coordinate the wells and toilets.

STEP 5:

GIVE TO MISSION PERSONNEL

GIVE SUPPORT TO AT LEAST ONE MISSIONARY EITHER WITHIN OR BEYOND THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE



MISSION PERSONNEL WITHIN THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

RANDY HILDEBRANT

ADVANCE #982961

CHURCH & COMMUNITY WORKER

God's Country Cooperative Parish, Newberry, MI

Randy Hildebrant is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church assigned as a Church and Community Worker at God's Country Cooperative Parish, based in Newberry, Michigan. The parish consists of seven churches. Randy works with them in community development, leadership development, special projects, and in hosting volunteer-in-mission teams. He travels among and speaks often in the churches. God's County Cooperative Parish has been a transforming community for 30 years.

GLOBAL MISSION FELLOWS ADVANCE

The Global Mission Fellows (GMF) program combines the strengths of the US-2 and Mission Intern programs that began in 1951 and 1977, respectively. The GMF program engages young adults passionate about social justice to serve either in one's own country or internationally, literally 'from everywhere, to everywhere'. The program's core values of Engage with Local Communities, Connect the Church in Mission and Grow in Personal and Social Holiness inform both the mission work and personal life of these young missionaries. Today, there are over 1000 alumni of these programs around the world serving in a broad spectrum of ministries, still passionate about social justice, still integrating the lessons they learned through their term of service into their daily vocations.



MEGAN MARIE RITTENBERRY

ADVANCE #3022640

GLOBAL MISSION FELLOW (2021-2023)

United Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids

Megan Marie Rittenberry is a Global Mission Fellow with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, engaged in a two-year term of service. She is part of the 2021-2023 Global Mission Fellow cohort and is currently serving at the United Methodist Community

House in Grand Rapids. "Once I started working at my church," she says, "I realized that I could do so much more. While working as the mission liaison, I found a love for missions work. There is so much opportunity to help others and share God's love with the community and the world. I want to continue to bring God's love and the church out into the world. I want to learn and discover new ways of doing missions work. I want to be the difference and change for at least one person."



CENAYA WARD-JOHNS

ADVANCE #3022663

GLOBAL MISSION FELLOW (2021-2023)

Wesley at Western Michigan University

Cenaya Ward-Johns is a Global Mission Fellow (US-2) with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, engaged in a two-year term of service. She is part of the 2021-2023 Global Mission Fellow cohort and is currently working at Wesley at Western Michigan University. In the summer of 2018, Cenaya's uncle invited her to take a mission journey with his church to the Dominican Republic. "This was life-changing," Cenaya said. "I loved every moment of working and worshipping with God's people. We didn't understand each other, but we still connected." "I feel called to missions work because serving God's people gives me joy. God has provided so much for me, and I just want to give it back."

MISSION PERSONNEL BEYOND THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE AFRICA



DAVID PAYE GUINKPA

ADVANCE #15089Z

David Guinkpa is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving as Interim Treasurer Liberia Annual Conference/ Interim Financial Officer in Liberia & Nigeria. 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.



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. Mrs. Jusu's ministry includes teaching skills which entail tailoring, tie-dyeing, knitting and home economics for women and girls who, for various reasons, have dropped out of school. Princess also assists with the village health outreach program for women.



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



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.



T. PARK

ADVANCE #3022591

T. Park is a United Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as the Christian education coordinator for the United Methodist Mission in Southeast Asia. Ms. Park's ministry supports the spiritual development and education of families and children in Southeast Asia. A native of Seoul South Korea, Ms. Park earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from the University of California at Riverside (1995)

and a Master of Theology and Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California (2015). She is pursuing ordination as a deacon in the United Methodist Church. Prior to becoming a missionary, Ms. Park has been a schoolteacher, children's minister, and mentor to youth experiencing homelessness.

J. PARK

ADVANCE #3022592

The Rev. J. Park is a United Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as the country director of the Southeast Asia Mission Initiative. He is based in Ho Chi Minh City. Rev. Park's ministry focuses on congregational development, including support of local pastoral leadership and the cultivation of small group ministries for the church and community. A native of Seoul, South Korea, Rev. Park earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in social ecology from the University of California, Irvine (1992) and a Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California (1998). Ordained in 2004, he is an elder in the California-Pacific Annual Conference and has served as a pastor and church-planter for 20 years.

CENTRAL AMERICA



NKEMBA NDJUNGU

ADVANCE #12910Z

and

MBWIZU NDJUNGU

ADVANCE #12909Z

The Rev. Nkemba Ndjungu, missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, is serving as a pastor, trainer, and mentor with the MCCA Belize Honduras District of The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas. Born in Malonga, Democratic Republic of Congo (D.R.C), Rev. Nkemba's previous appointments have been as a pastor in Kazembe and Lubumbashi and as a District Superintendent in Sandoa, all in the D.R.C. He also served in Senegal and for United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR) in Lubumbashi. Rev. Nkemba earned a Master's of Divinity degree in 1994 from the Faculty (College) of Theology in Mulungwishi, D.R.C. He graduated from the Kimbulu-Kayera Seminary of Theology in D.R.C in 1984 and studied at the Institute Kamanyi from 1971-77. A clergy member of the Southern Congo Annual Conference, Nkemba was ordained as a Deacon in 1983 and an Elder in 1985. He is married to Mbwizu Ndjungu, also a GBGM missionary in Cameroon.

Mbwizu Ndjungu is a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas. Born in Kasaji, in the Democratic Republic of Congo (D.R.C.), Mbwizu previously served as a midwife in Kazembe and Sandoa, D.R.C., and as coordinator of an "Alphabet Center for Women" in Lubumbashi, D.R.C. Mbwizu and

her husband served in Dakar, Senegal, from 1998-2007. She studied social studies and nursing at the Faculte Methodiste de Theologie de Mulungwishi in DRC from 1992-1994 where she received certification in both. She studied women's development at the Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation from 1996-1997.



CHARLES MULEMENA

ADVANCE #3022034

The Rev. Charles I. Mulemena is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, serving as a Pastor and Trainer of the MCCA Belize Honduras District, The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, based in Belize. He was commissioned in October 2015. Charles' work includes pastoral leadership and support. He is from Kitwe, Zambia and is an elder of the Zambia Annual Conference. Charles received a diploma in theology and mission in 2007 from the Trans-Africa Theological Seminary located in Zambia, and also holds certificates in church administration and psychological counseling. He has served as youth coordinator for his annual conference and as a prison ministry coordinator.

EUROPE



DOUGLAS CHILDRESS

ADVANCE #3022134

The Rev. Douglas R. Childress is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving as pastor of international ministry in Tallinn, Estonia, and lecturer in church history and practical theology at Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary there. Douglas is helping to shape an English-language ministry and to enlarge the English curriculum at the seminary, which offers instruction in Estonian, Russian, and English. Douglas is an elder of the Upper New York Annual Conference. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in legal studies from Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan, and a Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky.

For a complete list of Global Ministries Mission Personnel:

Visit <https://advance.umcmmission.org/Projects.aspx?PIMPACT=0010#results>

Congregations are also encouraged, but not required, to become a "Covenant Partner with a Mission Personnel." To learn visit umcmmission.org/covenantpartnerships. The covenant form is on the next page.





The Advance Covenant Relationship Form

Type of Covenant Relationship: (check one)

Church (\$2,500 or \$5/member) Individual (\$500) Other (\$5/member, e.g., Youth Group, Campus Ministry)

Total Commitment Amount Per Year: \$ _____ (required)

Length of Covenant Relationship commitment: 3 years 1 year Indefinite

Beginning: _____ Ending: _____
Month / Year Month / Year

NOTE: It is only necessary to renew your acceptance form at the end of your commitment.

Missionary: _____ Advance #: _____

Please indicate missionary previously supported (if different): _____

Please note that while your covenant is with the missionary above, your gift will support the entire missionary community.

Contact Information:

Name of Church/Individual/Group/Organization (to receive credit):

Address: _____
Street City State Postal Code

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Church Information: (if applicable)

Name: _____

Pastor: _____ Annual Conference: _____ District: _____

Contact Person: (if applicable)

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Postal Code

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

• Send form to: The Advance, General Board of Global Ministries, 458 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30308

Tel: 404-460-7945, Fax: 404-942-4241, Email: covenant@umcmmission.org

• For church credit, send financial support to your conference treasurer or to the Advance GCFA. For individual/group/organization credit, send gifts directly to Advance GCFA. Please clearly designate the missionary's Advance number. Mail gifts to:

Advance GCFA
PO Box 9068
New York, NY 10087-9068

www.umcmmission.org/covenantrelationships





STEP 6: UMCOR

GIVE TO AT LEAST ONE UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR) GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECT OR UMCOR SUNDAY

UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE PROJECTS

UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE INTERNATIONAL #982450

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) responds to dozens of unsung disasters every year. When a natural or human-caused disaster strikes outside of the United States, UMCOR serves as the primary channel for United Methodist assistance. This includes supporting refugees fleeing disasters with food, water, hygiene, and other essential non-food supplies and temporary shelter.

UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE UNITED STATES #901670

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, and community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters.

UMCOR PROJECTS

UMCOR WHERE MOST NEEDED #999895

UMCOR provides humanitarian relief and disaster response in the United States and internationally. Efforts are targeted in places where natural disasters, war, or conflict have done so much damage that communities are unable to recover on their own. In addition, UMCOR helps communities in the United States and abroad prepare for emergencies and to reduce the risk of disasters through a roster of training programs. UMCOR is also involved in global development work. Specific programs address issues of health, sanitation, poverty, sustainable agriculture, nutrition, and food security. Funds will be applied where most needed.

UMCOR WORLD HUNGER AND POVERTY #982920

The primary goal of the project is to provide funding, accompaniment, and technical support to organizations empowering families to sustainably improve their food and nutrition security. The project also develops resources and educational materials to educate and raise awareness within the faith-based community about the issues faced by people who are poor and food insecure and to call people to action to end the systemic injustices of hunger and poverty in the world.

UMCOR GLOBAL MIGRATION/ REFUGEE #3022144

Refugees and migrants are fleeing war, persecution, violence, and other untenable situations in their homelands. UMCOR and Global Ministries are addressing the global refugee and migration contexts guided by four principles: the right to stay and flourish in one's country of origin; safe passage for those with no viable alternative but to leave; welcoming and belonging, a process wherein migrants, refugees, and receiving communities work together to meet the needs of new arrivals; and support for the returned to help them reintegrate into their home countries after deportation.

UMCOR LOVE BEYOND BORDERS

#3022671

The Love Beyond Borders campaign aims to raise funds for the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines around the world. The initiative emerged from First United Methodist Church, Boise, ID and seeks to engage The United Methodist Church in supporting COVAX alongside UNICEF, the key vaccine delivery partner. All funds raised will be sent to UNICEF for this project.

UMCOR WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE PROGRAM #3020600

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) are essential for good health and well-being. UMCOR-WASH implements projects through a network of partners in countries that have the highest levels of childhood diseases and death and the least access to basic WASH services. UMCOR and its partners are working on long-term solutions that start with communities' priorities and agendas. Partners are either national non-governmental organizations or local community-based organizations.

ADDITIONAL UMCOR PROJECTS

For a list of additional UMCOR Projects, visit umcor.org.

STEP 6 SPECIAL SUNDAY

UMCOR SUNDAY

MARCH 19, 2023

For more information and dates on Special Sundays: <https://michiganumc.org/finance-and-administration/special-sunday-information/>. For more information about Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church, visit umgiving.org.

ACT

GOAL:

CONGREGATION ENGAGES IN AT LEAST ONE HANDS-ON 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
- Addresses root causes of systemic injustice

Reflect and brainstorm plans together. Invite a diverse group to prepare by reading at least the first 10 pages of the **Engage^{mi}** Program Book. During the meeting, pray and talk about what excites the group and brainstorm Learn-Give-Act Goals.

IDEAS

Contact a leader in local service-oriented organization such as a nursing home, school, refugee resettlement agency, food pantry, and see how you might best be supportive. Ideas might include:

- Sending notes of gratitude and encouragement
- Collecting and delivering donations
- Volunteering

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.

Take part in a Volunteer in Mission (VIM) Trip:

<https://michiganumc.org/vim-volunteers-in-michigan/>

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/>



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 PROJECTS

Contact one of our Conference or District 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

Download a planning kit at <https://michiganumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/ubuntutoolkitweb.pdf>

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>



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CHECK THE CONFERENCE WEBSITE FOR THESE CONTACTS:

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP
<https://michiganumc.org/missions/>

PROGRAM STAFF
<https://michiganumc.org/leadership/conference-staff/>

DISTRICT PROJECTS, CHECK WITH DISTRICT LEADERSHIP
<https://michiganumc.org/leadership/cabinet/>



HOW DOES MY CONGREGATION SUBMIT FUNDS FOR Engage^{mi}

CONFERENCE PROJECTS

Please submit funds for Engage^{mi} Conference CCMM Projects, Global Ministries Advance Projects, Global Ministries Mission personnel, and Special Sundays with your monthly Ministry Share payment using the Ministry Share Remittance Form.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Rich Pittenger, Michigan Conference UMC. Accounts Receivable Clerk
Michigan Conference Center North
1161 E. Clark Rd., Ste. 212, DeWitt, MI 48820
(517) 347-4030 ext. 4134 | rpittenger@michiganumc.org



Congregational Annual Report Form

To become an **Engage^{mi}** Congregation, please share how you learned, gave and acted last year by submitting the following report. **Reports are due by January 10.**

Please submit to engagemichiganumc.org. Questions? Alice Townley (517-347-4030 ext. 4082, atownley@michiganumc.org) or Laurie de la Garza (906-428-4623). Please do not submit funds with this report. See instructions for how to submit funds in the **Engage^{mi}** Book.

Church _____

District _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Mission Chair/Staff person/Contact Person _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Tell us about your stories of mission! Please attach a separate sheet with your LEARN and ACT stories typed in 100 words or less for each category.

LEARN

In telling your **Engage^{mi}** story, it may help to consider some of these points:

- what was LEARNed and who did the LEARNing
- what was the LEARNing process
- was "ministry with" LEARNing enhanced
- your LEARNing about causes of injustice

ACT

In telling your **Engage^{mi}** story, it may help to consider some of these points:

- what ACTION you did and who did the ACTION
- how your "ministry with" ACTION is furthering relationships
- how your ACTION may be developing long-term solutions to issues
- how your ACTION honored the dignity of all those involved
- how you ACTed to address causes of injustice

GIVE: Use this form to report your giving. Please list clearly all names, numbers, and amounts of the projects and Mission Personnel.

Step 1: 100% of Michigan Conference Ministry Shares		
	Pay 100% of the Michigan Conference Ministry Shares	\$
Step 2: Michigan		
	Give to at least one Conference Project or qualifying Special Sunday (Please list the project(s) name, CCMM#, amount and/or the Special Sunday and amount.) Pages 15-23.	CCMM# \$
Step 3: National		
	Give to at least one U.S.A. General Advance Project or one of the listed Special Sundays. (Please list the project(s) name, Advance#, amount and/or the Special Sunday and amount.) Pages 24-25.	Advance# \$
Step 4: International		
	Give to at least one International General Advance Project or qualifying Special Sunday (Please list the project(s) name, number, amount or Special Sunday and amount.) Pages 27-31.	Advance# \$
	Give to at least one Haiti General Advance Project (Please list the project(s) name, Advance#, amount). Or Annual Conference Offering can be recorded here. Page 30.	Advance# \$
	Give to at least one Liberia General Advance Project (Please list the project(s) name, Advance#, amount.) Or Annual Conference Offering can be recorded here. Page 31.	Advance# \$
Step 5: Mission Personnel		
	Give to at least one Mission Personnel (Please list Mission Personnel(s) name, Advance#, amount.) Page 32-39.	Advance# \$
Step 6: United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)		
	Give to at least one UMCOR Disaster Response Project, UMCOR Project or UMCOR Sunday (Please list project(s) name, number, amount, and/or UMCOR Sunday and amount.) Pages 40-41.	Advance# \$



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