



Michigan Conference

The United Methodist Church



Engage^{mi}

2023 ANNUAL UPDATE

Supplemental report
to the 2022-2024
Engage^{mi} booklet
received at the 2022
annual conference
and mailed to your
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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.

In 2022, the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church generously contributed \$2,066,303 to the General Board of Global Ministry to support missions and ministries around the world and here in the United States. This was an increase of 38% over 2021. Furthermore, gifts of \$223,088 supported Engage^{mi} missions and ministries based in Michigan. This is a 9% increase over 2021. In 2022, 68 participating churches met all the requirements to become Engage^{mi} congregations.

THANK YOU to our 2022 Engage^{mi} churches

Central Bay District: Coleman: Faith, Essexville: St. Luke's, Mayville, Owendale, Pigeon: First, Shepherd, Vassar: First, Watrousville

East Winds District: Burton: Open Door, Clio: Bethany, Flint: Court Street, Fostoria, Gaines, Grand Blanc: First, Lexington, Mt. Morris: First, Otisville, Port Huron: First, Sandusky: First

Greater Detroit District: Dearborn: Good Shepherd, Grosse Pointe, Howarth, Livonia: St. Matthew, Troy: Big Beaver, Utica, Waterford: Trinity, West Bloomfield, Wyandotte: First

Greater Southwest District: Battle Creek: Chapel Hill, Centreville, Coldwater, Scotts, Paw Paw: Alma

Heritage District: Carleton, Chelsea: First, Dixboro, Jackson: First, Milford, Monroe: St Paul, North Lake, Northville: First, Oak Grove, Reading, Saline: First, Walled Lake, Ypsilanti: First, Ypsilanti: Lincoln Community

Midwest District: Byron Center: Carlisle, Edmore: Faith, Grandville, Ionia: LeValley, Lowell: First, Pierson: Heritage

Mid-Michigan: Bancroft, Holt, Laingsburg, Lake Odessa: Central, Mason: First, Owosso: First, Shaftsbury

Northern Skies: Amasa: Grace, Crystal Falls: Christ, Escanaba: First, Gladstone: Memorial, Hancock: First, Iron Mountain: Trinity, L'Anse, Munising

Northern Waters District: Grawn, Lake City, Ludington

Thank you to our 2022 Honorable Mention churches which include those who returned their Engage^{mi} report with partial participation:

Allen, Azalia, Bellevue, Bellville, Berrien County: Lakeside, Bronson: First, Byron Center, Cadillac: South Community, Capac, Cedar Springs, Colon, Crystal Valley, Delta Mills, Delton: Faith, Detroit: Central, Empire, Flint: Bethel, Flint: Hope, Gaines, Ganges, Georgetown, Gladwin: Wagarville Community, Grand Ledge: First, Grass Lake, Gull Lake, Gunnisonville, Harper Woods: Redeemer, Hesperia, Hillsdale: First, Homer: Calhoun County, Howell, Jerome, Kalamazoo: Westwood, Kendall, Leighton, Marion, Morrice, Mt. Morris, Nashville, Nashville: Peace, New Hudson, Newton, Oscoda, Owosso: Trinity, Paw Paw, Pinconning, Port Hope, Portage: Pathfinder, Rockford, Saginaw: First, Shelby, Sturgis, Traverse Bay, Union City, West Branch: First, White Cloud, Williamston

YOUR GIFTS MADE A DIFFERENCE AROUND THE WORLD

All our **Engage^{mi}** projects help the Michigan Conference live into our goals of 'building the beloved community, developing leaders, and sharing God's love.' See the **Engage^{mi}** book for a full listing. Here are some highlights.

BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS (JFON) #3013

Offering free legal services to low-income immigrants living in Michigan communities. Helping refugees, those fleeing war, seeking asylum, escaping human trafficking, vulnerable children, and others. (<http://www.jfonmi.org/>)



DEVELOP LEADERS

READERS TO LEADERS CAMPAIGN #4415

A life-changing campaign supporting children in grades K–12 in at-risk communities across Michigan and around the world; Includes Michigan CDF Freedom Schools, providing summer literacy and a cultural enrichment program for children; and the Liberia Scholarship Program improving school facilities and providing scholarships for 100 students to complete their educations. (<https://michiganumc.org/missions/readerstoleaders/>)



SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS

HAITIAN ASSETS FOR PEACE INTERNATIONAL (HAPI) #3021658

Amid deteriorating economic and political stability, HAPI continues to thrive in Mizak, Haiti. HAPI helps Haitians rise by powering human potential for growth through innovation, collaboration, learning, and leadership in healthcare and education. (<https://www.haitianassets.org/>)



LEARN GIVE ACT

The **Engage^{mi}** Program consists of three focus areas.

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 Michigan Conference Project or listed Michigan Conference Special Sunday
- **Step 3: National**
 - Give to at least one U.S. General Advance Project or listed National Special Sunday

- **Step 4: International**
 - Give to at least one International General Advance Project or listed International Special Sunday
 - Give to at least one Haiti General Advance Project
 - Give to at least one Liberia General Advance Project
- **Step 5: Mission Personnel**
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- **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

Congregations who meet the requirements in all three areas are recognized as “**Engage^{mi} Congregations.**” Churches meeting the goal are celebrated at the annual conference and are provided with a certificate and window cling for their faithful support of mission and ministry.

Please submit your **Engage^{mi} Congregational Annual Report**, found in the 2022-2024 booklet by January 10 of each year to be recognized for your previous year’s work. You can also find the report form and more information about the program online at www.michiganumc.org/engage-mi. If you have questions, please contact engagemi@michiganumc.org.

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

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.

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