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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.” Congregations who complete some portion of all three steps but do not meet all the requirements are eligible for recognition as an honorable mention congregation. 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 the Engage^{mi} committee at engagemi@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 local community and beyond.

Using the Engage^{mi} Program in your Local Congregation

At its core, the Engage^{mi} program is a tool specifically designed for local congregations to encourage and develop the missional heart so central to our identity as Christians and as Methodists. Everything in this book is specifically intended as a resource for local leaders interested in strengthening their church's mission focus. Here are a few thoughts and ideas about how to get started using the Engage^{mi} program in your congregation!

Yes, Engage^{mi} is for Your Church!

This mission engagement program does not exist primarily to recognize congregations solidly engaged in mission but is, in fact, predominantly focused on helping congregations step into their missional identities. This program is for congregations that want to develop disciples committed to mission, build relationships with new missional organizations, become partners with mission in their local community, and simply respond to their faith with generosity and thanksgiving. As Paul writes, "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us" (1 Corinthians 9:11 NRSVUE).

Go in Any Order

The best place to start is always wherever you are. While the three Engage^{mi} steps are listed here in a particular order, you are welcome – and even encouraged! – to go out of order. A church with a strong discipleship focus might be most interested in starting with the learning in step one, but a church already accustomed to participating in special giving might want to focus on broadening their giving in step two, and a church whose strongest resources might be in their volunteers may choose to begin with the hands-on action of step three. Taking any additional step into mission work can help strengthen your congregation's heart for mission and naturally lead to the remaining steps.

Celebrating All Progress

We believe that doing any work to strengthen a congregation's missional identity will be a benefit to that local congregation and to the entire Body of Christ! If your church is working toward becoming an Engage^{mi} congregation but doesn't complete all the requirements in a given year, we'd still love to celebrate your progress. All churches that return an annual report form indicating any amount of work in each of the three steps are eligible for recognition as honorable mention congregations.

Building Missional Relationships

All the mission projects, organizations, and missionaries listed in the Give step (pages 15-41) are committed to maintaining United Methodist connections and building relationships with local congregations. Full details for each listing can be found online at <https://michiganumc.org/missions/ministry-partners/> including websites and contact information. Congregations are encouraged to build relationships by learning more about each ministry partner through their online resources, sharing their stories, and reaching out with questions about how to better support their work and even inviting them to share about their ministry in a worship service or church function.

Inspiring Missional Stories

The Michigan Conference is committed to sharing stories from our ministry partners, highlighting how local congregations can become part of these mission stories! These stories are shared regularly through MIConnect and archived stories are available online at <https://michiganumc.org/missions-ministry/>. Local leaders are encouraged to share these stories with their local congregations through newsletters, in sermons, or to foster discussion in a learning experience as described on page 10.

Questions

The Michigan Conference Board of Global Ministries, which supports and administers the Engage^{mi} Program, is committed to helping your local congregation strengthen its heart for mission. Questions on how to best utilize this program and become an Engage^{mi} congregation can be directed to engagemi@michiganumc.org.



LEARN GIVE ACT

STEPS TO BECOMING AN Engage^{mi} CONGREGATION

STEP 1 - 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

STEP 2 - GIVE

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

- Part A: 100% of Michigan Conference Ministry Shares
 - Give 100% of Michigan Conference Ministry Shares

- Part B: Michigan
 - Give to at least one Michigan Project or Michigan Conference Special Sunday
- Part C: National
 - Give to at least one US General Advance Project beyond Michigan or listed Special Sunday.
- Part D: International
 - Give to at least one General Advance Project in Haiti or Liberia, a Michigan Conference Haiti or Liberia Ministry Partnership Project, a General Advance Global Project beyond Haiti and Liberia, a listed Special Sunday, or the Annual Conference offering.
- Part E: Mission Personnel
 - Give to at least one Mission Personnel

- Part F: United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
 - Give to at least one UMCOR General Advance Project or UMCOR Special Sunday

STEP 3 - 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

Engage^{mi} WEBSITE INFORMATION

Engage^{mi} program information, a PDF of this booklet, and updated and additional information about Step 2 Ministry Partners and projects can be found at <https://michiganumc.org/engage-mi/>.



STEP 1 - 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, diverse people and communities
- Increases understanding of root causes of systemic injustice

As Michigan United Methodists, we have a long history of missional priority and focus. In this ever-shifting season for the Church, we are committed to renewing and strengthening our missional heart by reviewing, re-imagining, and praying our way to new approaches for engagement in mission.

Engage^{mi} encourages congregations to lean into the Learn-Give-Act steps as Spirit-led catalysts for prayerful, playful, and creative conversations and approaches to ministry. With the Spirit’s guidance, we trust that local congregations will use these steps to develop a missional identity adapted to their context and unique to each 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 1-9 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://umcmmission.org/stillinmission/> 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://umcmmission.org/all-missionaries/>.
- 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/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
- Subscribe to the Michigan Conference MIConnect e-newsletter for breaking news about mission. Subscribe at <https://michiganumc.org/subscribe/>.

- Read articles on the Michigan Conference Mission Stories webpage for archived news about mission <https://michiganumc.org/missions-ministry/>.
- Read together: “Building Power Together: A Toolkit for Advocates in Leadership” from the General Board of Church and Society <https://www.umcjustice.org/articles/building-power-together-toolkit-1856>.

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

HELPFUL RESOURCES IN THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

LEARNING EVENTS

- Michigan United Methodist Advocacy Day, <https://michiganumc.org/justice-and-advocacy/>.
- 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, see <https://lifelongfaith.org/children/> or contact the Michigan Conference Connectional Ministries Team at <https://michiganumc.org/leadership/conference-staff/>.

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 (<https://michiganumc.org/abar/>).

To learn more, contact the Michigan Conference Connectional Ministries Team at <https://michiganumc.org/leadership/conference-staff/>.

HOST A SPEAKER

- Mission Personnel who are itinerating in Michigan or who can appear virtually (contact the Michigan Conference Mission Secretary, gmsecretary@michiganumc.org).
- Global Mission Fellows, young adult missionaries serving in Michigan (contact the Michigan Conference Connectional Ministries Team at <https://michiganumc.org/leadership/conference-staff/>).
- Leader from a Conference Christ Centered Mission and Ministry Project, (for contact information <https://michiganumc.org/step-2-michigan/>)

UNITED METHODIST RESOURCES

- The Michigan Conference UMC Website <https://michiganumc.org/engage-mi/> contains the most current **Engage^{mi}** program information, a PDF of this booklet, additional information about Step 2 Ministry Partners and projects, and much more.
- General Board of Global Ministries, <https://umcmission.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.
- Red Letter Christians <https://www.redletterchristians.org/>, an organization mobilizing individuals into a movement of believers living out Jesus' teachings about mercy and justice.

Books

- *Crossing Boundaries: Sharing God's Good News Through Mission* by David W. Scott
- *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 Christine D. Pohl
- *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



STEP 2 - GIVE

GIVE-PART A: MINISTRY SHARES

PAY 100% OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE MINISTRY SHARES

United Methodists in Michigan give more than \$9 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.umcsgiving.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/



GIVE-PART B: MICHIGAN PROJECTS

GIVE TO AT LEAST ONE MICHIGAN PROJECT OR A CONFERENCE SPECIAL SUNDAY (PAGE 23)

In these Michigan Projects we connect to:

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

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS

AFTER THE STORM CCMM#3064

After the Storm is a nonprofit organization launched by the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church in 2022. It provides Disaster Case Management which is a client-centered approach to assisting survivors of natural disasters achieve their long-term recovery goals. Disaster Case Managers meet with clients for assessment and setting goals, help clients in accessing federal, state, and local assistance, coordinate home repair and rebuild projects, and refer to other social services as needed.

ASBURY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION CCMM#3003

Since its inception in 2011, Asbury CDC has maintained its commitment to serving the needs of an underserved population in the City of Flint. It operates one of the largest urban farms in Michigan, growing

nutritious food as part of its Farm to Table ministry. In partnership with the Foodbank of Eastern Michigan, Asbury offers weekly food distribution to needy Flint residents. Since 2019, it has operated the South Flint Soup Kitchen, which serves meals daily. In partnership with the Flint-Genesee Chamber of Commerce, it also offers summer youth employment in its farming operations.

BALDWIN CENTER CCMM#3036

The mission of the Baldwin Center in Pontiac is to "Feed, Clothe, Educate, and Empower." Baldwin's Family Kitchen provides over 50,000 meals per year to those in need. The Center also has a Clothes Closet, a summer day camp, and an afterschool youth program. Youth gather each day for academic support, a warm meal, and engaging enrichment opportunities. The Center also provides

laundry facilities, commodity distribution to low-income seniors, and a holiday gift and food program.

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

Both the Free Store and Ministry Center in Port Huron are meeting very critical needs in the surrounding community. Being able to provide free clothing and other basic items is essential in being able to help those who are either underserved, marginalized, or facing financial issues. By hosting several AA and other recovery-based gatherings, the Ministry Center has become a safe space where people of all ages, backgrounds and experiences are able to build community together on their continual road to recovery.

BRIO LIVING SERVICES FOUNDATION
CCMM#3030

Brio Living Services Foundation (formerly UM Retirement Communities & 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. The Foundation was established to help keep our faithful founders' promise of Benevolent Care for qualified residents who outlive their resources. As the older adult population continues to grow, your gifts to Benevolent Care help ensure that our residents always have a home where they are loved and treasured.

CASS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES
CCMM#3005

Cass Community Social Services offers programs to people living in areas of concentrated poverty in Detroit. Each year 500,000 meals are served; 300 men, women, and children are housed; 100 developmentally disabled adults participate in skill-building programs; 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. There are currently 25 homes with more to come.

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. Spiritual life remains strong and an integral part of life at Clark. The renovation of Clark Chapel has become an ecumenical cornerstone of spirituality for our residents and ensures our legacy of faith since 1906.

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. This happens through innovative partnerships with local nonprofits, working closely with the local elementary school, offering a weekly after-school program, connecting various churches in shared mission projects, creating shared interest groups like *Faith on the Fly* 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

"Providing Food for the Body and Soul" is the mission of the Compassion Counts Food Pantry. Through the distribution of life sustaining food, the pantry shares God's love to the economically challenged region in Clair County. The pantry currently serves more than 400 families and 1500 individuals monthly. The distribution of

food is a mission of The Gathering UMC (a congregation of 20) and allows the members to share God's word with the many people who do not know Him. The Pantry welcomes partnerships with other churches.

GOD'S COUNTRY COMMUNITY MINISTRY CCMM#3044 or ADVANCE #3020435

Our mission is to share God's love by serving families living near or below the poverty line. Our key programs include the "Church Mouse", warm clothing give away to our local schools, home improvement and accessibility with Volunteer in Mission teams, and providing gas cards especially for out-of-town medical appointments. The "Church Mouse" is a free store with clothing, household goods, and furniture. We open for emergencies as needed. We receive donations of these items from our area and beyond.

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. Thirty-four percent of the residents in the Cody Rouge community live below the federal poverty level and many are single parents or elderly. Programs include home repairs; youth and family mentoring; access to healthy food through a farmer's market; and local economic development. Financial literacy and homeowner counseling are new programs for 2024.

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, community garden, and emergency assistance.

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 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE CCMM#3007

Michigan Disaster Preparedness and Response provides a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of a disaster. Following UMCOR values and training, the Michigan Conference coordinates with national, state, and local agencies to bring wholeness to disaster zones. This project prepares for disasters, trains, and coordinates early response teams (ERT) to help survivors clean up after a disaster, and provides training in disaster preparation for churches. After the early response, disaster recovery case management is provided by After the Storm, another Engage^{mi} project.

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 journeys. Michigan VIM works with both individuals and church groups, experienced, just starting, and of all ages. VIM teams focus on everything from relationship building to construction including medical and wellness programming. VIM provides scholarships for first-time participants, assists with trip health care insurance, and training for team leaders and members.

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 Detroit, MI. Side-by-side with neighbors, volunteers serve together, build community, love boldly, and enact justice. Worship, bible study and exploring the city help volunteers see their time in Detroit in the broader context of what God is always doing there. Motown Mission also provides opportunities for college-aged summer staffers to participate in leadership development and spiritual discernment.

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

The NOAH Project aims to compassionately end homelessness in Detroit by extending radical hospitality to and entering into trusting relationships with homeless Detroiters. Using their volunteer-led bag lunch program as an initial engagement strategy, the NOAH Project works to empower people, regardless of how they ended up in homelessness, to find their individualized path to self-sufficiency through case management, street outreach, and a variety of community center programs targeting hygiene, health, and wellness.

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. The ministry not only provides food, but also other resources to equip neighbors with necessary skills to more effectively utilize their resources and build relationships that strengthens their community.

REDFORD BRIGHTMOOR INITIATIVE

CCMM#3024

Redford Brightmoor Initiative is a community non-profit organization that provides families in NW Detroit, Redford, and well beyond with essential goods and services as a means of achieving stability while building community. We achieve this through our weekly Free Stores as well as food and health programming, car repair, youth and holiday events, and more.

SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

CCMM#3050

Samaritan Counseling Center provides professional therapeutic counseling and educational services to all God's people seeking wholeness through emotional and spiritual growth. Between 27 therapists, SCC can welcome individual adults, families, couples, teens, and children.

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 Ministry's mission is EMPOWERING PEOPLE – ENDING POVERTY, and that starts with basics like food and personal needs items. The ministry tries to provide healthy, nutritious options with food orders and provides much needed personal items; i.e. toothpaste, deodorant, laundry and dish soap, adult diapers, women's sanitary products, baby diapers and much more. Food and personal items are received from local UMC churches as well as other neighboring churches and businesses.

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 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.

BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

FRENCH UMC IN METRO-DETROIT AREA, MINISTRY WITH IMMIGRANTS

CCMM#3055

The French UMC embraces refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers, irrespective of background, extending Christ's love through tangible acts. Our mission, rooted in Matthew 28:19, prioritizes community integration, especially for newcomers to the U.S. We address food insecurity by offering traditional African meals post-service, providing both sustenance and a taste of home. Additionally, we assist in housing, partnering with local churches to furnish homes and supply clothing. Our commitment resonates with Christ's spirit, meeting immediate needs while fostering unity and discipleship.

IMMIGRATION LAW & JUSTICE MICHIGAN CCMM#3013

ILJ-MI welcomes and supports low-income immigrants with free immigration legal services and public advocacy. The immigration system is complex, and many low-income immigrants cannot afford legal assistance, leaving them vulnerable to fraud and exploitation. The ILJ-MI legal staff are trustworthy and highly skilled. ILJ-MI began as a ministry of the FUMC in Grand Rapids, then as ministries of UMCs in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Metro Detroit and Traverse City. In 2018 the four clinics merged into one statewide organization.

**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 US-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 UMC 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.

DEVELOP LEADERS

**CAMPUS MINISTRY IN THE MICHIGAN
CONFERENCE CCMM#3056**

Gifts to this fund support all 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 through community building, creative connections, worship, study, and service.

**CENTRO FAMILIAR CRISTIANO -
SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM,
SUGAR CRASH CCMM#3052**

This summer program at Centro Familiar Cristiano 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'S DEFENSE FUND FREEDOM
SCHOOLS PROGRAM CCMM#3049**

The CDF Freedom Schools provide eight-week summer enrichment programs through a research-based and multicultural model that supports K-12 youth and their families through five essential components: high quality academic and character-building enrichment; parent and family involvement; civic engagement and social action; intergenerational servant leadership development; and nutrition, health, and mental health. Freedom Schools program further empowers scholars to believe in their ability and responsibility to make a difference while instilling in them a love of reading to help them avoid summer learning loss.

**MICHIGAN AREA UNITED METHODIST
CAMPING - GRACE OUTSIDE CCMM#3017**

Michigan Area United Methodist Camping is creating a new way to describe its ministry - Grace Outside! Grace Outside invites people to experience the love of God outside of everyday experiences. It reflects the need felt by people of all ages to experience 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.

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. Micro-grant service projects (\$100), 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 (GRAND RAPIDS AREA)
CCMM#3031**

United Campus Christian Fellowship (UCCF) is a multi-campus, multi-denominational open and affirming 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, with programs such as Open Table, a weekly meal and worship event, Bible study, service projects, and one on one spaces focused on inclusion, justice, and Christ's message of love.

**URBAN METHODIST YOUTH CAMP
CCMM#3051**

The United Methodist Urban Youth Alliance provides collaborative ministry opportunities for youth in a multi-cultural 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 envision possible vocational outcomes. Expanded training opportunities are offered for local church youth leaders/counselors.

**WESLEY HOUSE AT FERRIS STATE
UNIVERSITY CCMM#3032**

Ferris State Wesley continues to find new ways to reach our community and support students. We've opened 3 satellite food pantries in addition to our main food and hygiene pantry. In addition to being the food pantry, Wesley is also a campus ministry serving a variety of students. We host two community meals every week, Thursday night worship, and three small groups. Our student leadership team is actively engaging in anti-bias training and taking on a larger role in engaging our group in our community.

**WESLEY FOUNDATION AT CENTRAL
MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
CCMM#3042**

Wesley at CMU is an intentionally open and authentic campus ministry at Central Michigan University. This ministry journeys with young adults as they claim their God-given belovedness and discern how to be God's love in the world. Wesley at CMU offers weekly worship, meals, and fellowship and hosts special events, retreats, and service projects throughout the year. These programs gather young adults in community across culture, belief, and religious tradition, building relationships that honor God's diverse creation and all-inclusive love.

**WESLEY FOUNDATION AT KALAMAZOO
CCMM#3043**

The Wesley Foundation at Kalamazoo offers diverse programming to meet the needs of their community, as they are located at the very heart of Western Michigan University. In addition to groups and events, they partner with other community groups and ministries to offer a wide range of opportunities and gatherings in their building for the students and community in Kalamazoo.

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 offers diverse programs for university students and the campus community. This inclusive community promotes care, service, and learning, fostering growth regardless of differences like ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or physical ability. Our shared foundation is rooted in God's love through Jesus Christ, emphasizing the Gospel's social impact and personal faith development.

**PART B
SPECIAL SUNDAYS**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

AUGUST 18, 2024; AUGUST 17, 2025

DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY

OCTOBER 20, 2024; OCTOBER 19, 2025

GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY

MAY 12, 2024; MAY 11, 2025

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024; SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

UMVIM SUNDAY

ANY SUNDAY

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





GIVE-PART C: NATIONAL PROJECTS BEYOND MICHIGAN GIVE TO AT LEAST ONE US GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECT BEYOND MICHIGAN OR ONE OF THE LISTED SPECIAL SUNDAYS (PAGE 25).

US GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECTS

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.

IMMIGRATION LAW AND JUSTICE NETWORK - NATIONAL #901285

Immigration Law and Justice Network is passionately engaged in serving immigrants as they seek legal status in the United States, by providing free or low-cost expert legal counsel, advocacy, and support services. Through affiliated sites across the country, we pursue justice for all those we serve, while offering a sense of safety, trust, and belonging. Our vision is "A nation

where every immigrant has access to justice in an anti-racist immigration system that honors the dignity of all people."

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.

MOBILITY WORLDWIDE #982665

Mobility Worldwide, formerly known as the PET Project, provides mobility for leg-handicapped persons in developing countries. These mobility carts are designed for rugged rural terrain. Use of the carts helps recipients become more connected to their communities in attending school, religious centers, taking goods to market, and helping with chores. The Mobility Cart

can also prevent other health problems. There are three Mobility Worldwide affiliates in Michigan. They are MI – East Michigan (Goodrich), Michigan - Saline, and MI – West Michigan (Holland). The West Michigan affiliate builds carts specially designed for use by children. Contributions may be made to the parent organization using #982665 or to an affiliate at <https://mobilityworldwide.org/donate/>.

NOMADS MISSION VOLUNTEERS #982658

"Actions speak louder than words," is the motto of Methodist NOMADS. These retirees travel around the country in their RVs to provide volunteer labor for Methodist organizations (camps, children's homes, schools, etc.) needing construction, remodeling, and repairs. They also demonstrate God's love by listening to the people with whom they work. Support of this project helps cover the cost of travel and materials used in building.

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 this 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 US GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECTS

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

LIST OF PART C SPECIAL SUNDAYS

HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY

JANUARY 14, 2024; JANUARY 19, 2025

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

APRIL 14, 2024; MAY 4, 2025

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

NOVEMBER 24, 2024; NOVEMBER 30, 2025

For more information about Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church, visit resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/umcgiving/special-sundays.



GIVE-PART D: INTERNATIONAL

UNITED METHODISTS IN MICHIGAN HAVE HAD A SPECIAL COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF HAITI AND A LONGSTANDING COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LIBERIA CONFERENCE FOR MANY YEARS.

GIVE TO AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: A HAITI GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECT, A LIBERIA GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECT, AN INTERNATIONAL PROJECT BEYOND HAITI AND LIBERIA, A MICHIGAN CONFERENCE HAITI OR LIBERIA CCMM PROJECT, A LISTED SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERING (PAGE 31), OR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERING

HAITI PROJECTS

GRACE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL & OUTPATIENT 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.

HAITIAN ASSETS FOR PEACE INTERNATIONAL (HAPI) #3020490

HAPI is driving sustainable change in SE Haiti through healthcare, education, and employment. Their services address maternal and infant mortality, heart disease, and more. In 2023 they launched the HAPI Haiti Heart Institute (HHHI), with the goal of extending Haitian life expectancy. The institute provides treatment and trains Haitian medical professionals, empowering them to take the helm of their healthcare. HAPI also equips young people with computer and English language skills and fosters economic self-reliance. Support for HAPI accelerates their impact, transforming lives for a healthier, prosperous Haiti.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE HAITI MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP CCMM#3035

The Haiti Ministry Partnership identifies Haitian ministry partners for engagement with Michigan Conference congregations and encourages broad participation with these ministry partners to demonstrate Christ's love to the communities and people of Haiti, empowering them to improve their lives and thrive.

NEXT GENERATION MINISTRIES #3020507

Next Generation Ministries aims to be a beacon of hope and prosperity to marginalized families near Jeremie Haiti. They manage a scholarship program for higher education for young adults. They also work with partner organizations to spread the gospel and improve lives through health, community development, and shelter. Donations can be designated to support NGM young adult scholarships or a partner initiative through Jeremie Rising (orphanage, mobile clinic), GAHDA (breast cancer treatment), or Friends for Health in Haiti (clinic, agriculture).

LIBERIA 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.

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.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE 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.

PASTOR AND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT SALARY SUPPORT #15124A

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

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.

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.

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.

INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ADVANCE PROJECTS BEYOND HAITI AND LIBERIA

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 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.

AFRICA UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS #3021028

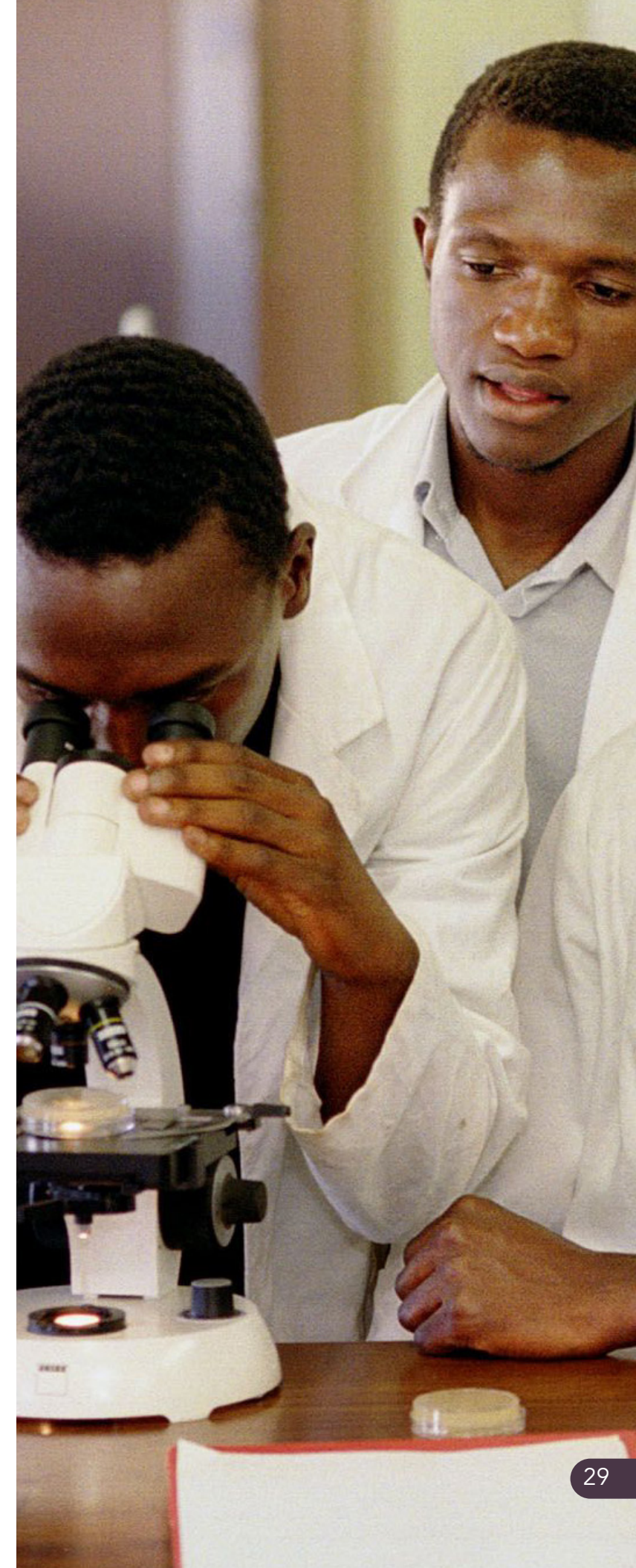
The goal of this project is to assist bright African students with insufficient financial means to attend Africa University. There are many young people in Africa who have the potential to succeed at the university level, but do not have the financial means. The scholarships are an investment in Africa's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

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, water, and resources that empower people to meet their own needs. A secondary purpose is to bring local communities together in ecumenical partnership to be prophetic witnesses to the issue of hunger.

GROWING HOPE GLOBALLY (FORMER FOOD RESOURCES BANK) #982493

Their goal is to grow lasting solutions to hunger. To do that, this project partners with farmers, agribusinesses, and churches across the US. These partners grow crops or raise animals that are then sold, and the profits donated to agricultural development projects around the world. These projects are implemented by UMCOR, Church World Service, and other non-profits.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL: LIVING GIFTS #982532

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. Temba Nkomozepe, a United Methodist missionary, is the director of the program.

MUTUMBARA MISSION HOSPITAL #3022286

Mutumbara Mission Hospital is a 120-bed facility located in Eastern Zimbabwe. The hospital offers comprehensive health programs including preventive, curative, rehabilitative, as well as nurse education. Care includes programs for expectant mothers and people with HIV/AIDS. Dr. Emmanuel Mefor is one of two doctors serving the facility. His spouse, Florence Mefor, is a nurse-midwife. The Mefors are United Methodist missionaries.

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.

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

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.

SUSANNAH WESLEY EDUCATION & HEALTHCARE CENTER #3020705

Located in Morogoro, Tanzania, the center provides job training and equipment to help women become self-sufficient. A scholarship program assists children to go to school. There are also services that improve the health of the community. Ngoy Mulunga Kalangwa, a United Methodist missionary, is the director of the program.

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. 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. Lester and Deborah Dornon, United Methodist missionaries, serve at Tansen as a senior physician and a services coordinator.

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 PART D SPECIAL SUNDAYS

AFRICA UNIVERSITY DAY
ANY SUNDAY

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 6, 2024, OCTOBER 5, 2025

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY
MAY 26, 2024, JUNE 15, 2025

For more information about Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church, visit resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/umcgiving/special-sundays.



GIVE-PART E: GIVE TO MISSION PERSONNEL

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

Every dollar given to missionary salary support changes lives. It is possible, however, to go beyond a one-time contribution into a deeper relationship with a missionary. The word "covenant" means "coming together." Missionary Covenant Partner Relationships are opportunities for missionaries and churches or individuals to support one another spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and financially. The cost to support a global missionary for one year is approximately \$70,000. A missionary is charged with raising \$25,000 of that amount annually. You can help them in that effort by journeying with any one of the 200 United Methodist missionaries serving in 60 countries around the world. Sixteen of those missionaries, in ministry across five continents, are featured in Part E of EngageMI. Suggested monthly donations are \$2,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$50, or \$10/person/church. To learn more and download a fillable Covenant form go to <https://www.umcmision.org/covenantrelationships>.



Missionary Service Covenant Partner Relationship Form

Thank you for committing to covenant with a Global Ministries' missionary! Your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness will bless you and the missionary as you journey together to fulfil the mission of God.

Tell us a bit about yourself.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Phone _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Are you the main Contact Person for the missionary? Y N

How would you like to covenant?

Church Individual Other (please describe) _____

Start Date of Covenant _____ Length of Covenant: 1yr 2yrs 3yrs

Missionary _____ Advance # _____

Suggested Donation Amounts: \$25,000 to meet a missionary's full annual goal; or \$2,500/month; \$1,000/month; \$500/month; \$100/month; \$10 per person per church

Total Financial Commitment _____ Annually Monthly One-time Gift

Tell us a bit about your church or organization:

Name of Church/Group/Organization (to receive credit or to be alerted to your gift)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Annual Conference _____

Senior Pastor/Executive Director Name _____

Church/Org. Email Address _____

Mission Committee Chairperson _____

Chairperson Email Address _____

Primary Contact (if not you) _____

Primary Contact Email Address _____

Submitting this form: **Email:** covenant@umcmision.org **Mail:** Global Ministries, Itineration Team, 458 Ponce de Leon Ave. NE, Building A, Suite 1, Atlanta, GA 30308 **Phone:** 770-625-7646

Giving Financial Gifts: **Web:** umcmision.org/give-to-mission/covenant-relationships **Mail:** Advance GCFA, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087 (clearly designate missionary's advance number or name in the memo line)



MISSION PERSONNEL WITHIN THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

RANDY HILDEBRANT

ADVANCE #982961

CHURCH & COMMUNITY WORKER

God's Country Community Ministry, 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 Community Ministry, based in Newberry, Michigan. The ministry consists of seven churches. Randy works with them in community development, leadership development, special projects, and in hosting volunteer-in-mission teams. Randy's home state is Oklahoma." Contact him at rhildebrant@umcmmission.org.

GLOBAL MISSION FELLOWS

ADVANCE #13105Z

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.



SHANQUEL ASKEW

ADVANCE #3022760

GLOBAL MISSION FELLOW

United Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids

Shanquel Askew is a US-2 Global Mission Fellow with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, engaged in a two-year term of service. Shanquel serves United Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids, Michigan as a Family Engagement Specialist. Her home state is Georgia." Contact her at saskew@umcmmission.org.

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 and 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. David's home country is Liberia. Contact him at jaime_miro@yahoo.com.



PRINCESS JUSU

ADVANCE #13037Z

Princess M. Jusu is a missionary with the General 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. Princess' ministry includes teaching skills which entail tailoring, tie-dying, 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. Princess' home country is Sierra Leone. Contact her at pjusu@umcmmission.org.



UMBA ILUNGA KALANGWA

ADVANCE #14211Z and

NGOY MULANGA KALANGWA

ADVANCE #15162Z

The Rev. Umba Ilunga Kalangwa and Ngoy Mulanga Kalangwa are missionaries assigned by the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. Umba serves the United Methodist Church in Tanzania as District Superintendent of Kigoma District, Director of Morogoro Pastors' Training Center, the Coordinator of the Reaching out Ministry in Rural Areas, and as Manager of the Wesley Primary School. Ngoy is the coordinator of Methodist schools and director of the Susannah Wesley Education and Healthcare Center. Umba and Ngoy's home country is the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Contact them at umbakalangwa@hotmail.com.





BLAIR MOSES KAMANGA

ADVANCE #3022588

Blair Moses Kamanga is a missionary of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, serving as the Agriculture Coordinator for the Mozambique North Annual Conference. Blair's home country is Malawi. Contact him at bkamanga@umcmmission.org.



EMMANUEL UFONNA MEFOR ADVANCE #13990Z and **FLORENCE OGUGUA MEFOR** ADVANCE #13991Z

Dr. Emmanuel Ufonna Mefor and Florence Ogugua Mefor are missionaries with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church currently assigned to Mutambara Hospital in Mutambara, Zimbabwe. Emmanuel serves as a medical doctor and Florence serves as a nurse-midwife. Their home country is Nigeria. Contact him at emefor@umcmmission.org; contact her at fmefor@umcmmission.org



TEMBA NKOMOZEPE

ADVANCE #3022400

Temba Nkomozepe is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church serving as an agriculturalist at Mujila Falls Agriculture Center in Kanyama, Zambia. 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. Temba's home country is Zimbabwe. Contact him at tnkomozepe@umcmmission.org.

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 of the United Methodist Church serving 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. 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. Deborah and Lester's home country is the United States. Contact them at lesdebbiedornon@gmail.com.



T. PARK

ADVANCE #3022591

T. Park is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church 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. Ms. Park's home countries are South Korea and the United States. Contact her at cpark@umcmmission.org.

J. PARK

ADVANCE #3022592

The Rev. J. Park is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church 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. Rev. Park's home countries are South Korea and the United States. Contact him at jpark@umcmmission.org.

CENTRAL AMERICA

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 Belize Honduras District of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas. Charles' work, based in Belize, includes pastoral leadership and support. His home country is Zambia. Contact him at cmulemena@umcmmission.org.



EUROPE

JOY EVA BOHOL

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For a complete list of Global Ministries Mission Personnel:

Find a complete list of Global Ministries Personnel (with biographies) and a fillable covenant partnership form at: <https://umcmmission.org/covenantrelationships/>

If you are interested in hosting a missionary when they visit Michigan:

contact the Michigan Secretary of Global Ministries at gmsecretary@michiganumc.org. Missionary itinerations are announced in the MICconnect newsletter along with an invitation to host a program and offer hospitality. Subscribe to MICconnect at <https://michiganumc.org/news/>.



GIVE-PART F: UMCOR

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

UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE 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 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 AND RECOVERY 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 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 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.

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.

ADDITIONAL UMCOR PROJECTS

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

PART F SPECIAL SUNDAY

UMCOR SUNDAY

MARCH 10, 2024; MARCH 30, 2025

For more information and dates for UMCOR Special Sundays visit <https://umcmmission.org/special-sunday-offerings/>.

STEP 3 – 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 with your local community, Michigan, the US, or the world
- Addresses root causes of systemic injustice

Reflect and brainstorm plans together. Invite a diverse group to prepare by reading at least the first 9 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 FOR ACTING IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

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
- Invite a missionary to speak in your church or host a visiting missionary in your home. Contact gmsecretary@michiganumc.org.

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/>
<https://www.umvim.org/>

UMVIM LOCATIONS IN MICHIGAN

Cass Community Social Services, Detroit: <https://casscommunity.org/>
 God's Country Community Ministry, Newberry: <https://www.facebook.com/Gods-Country-Cooperative-Parish-129351389090/>
 Motown Mission: Detroit <http://motownmission.org/>



ACT THROUGH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Find ways your congregation can be in ministry with communities affected by disaster, including being trained as an Early Response Team Member.

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

ACT INTERNATIONALLY THROUGH THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE RELATIONSHIPS WITH HAITI AND LIBERIA

Find ways your congregation can be in ministry with the people of Haiti and the Liberia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church by contacting the project leaders listed on page 44.

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/>

ACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY, MICHIGAN, OR THE NATION THROUGH FAITHFUL CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Address systemic issues in Michigan by joining in the annual Michigan Conference Advocacy Day pre-event trainings and visit to Lansing: <https://michiganumc.org/justice-and-advocacy/>

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

Read and plan together to address systemic injustice by using the following toolkit: <https://www.umcjustice.org/news-and-stories/creating-change-together-801>



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Engage^{mi} QUESTIONS?

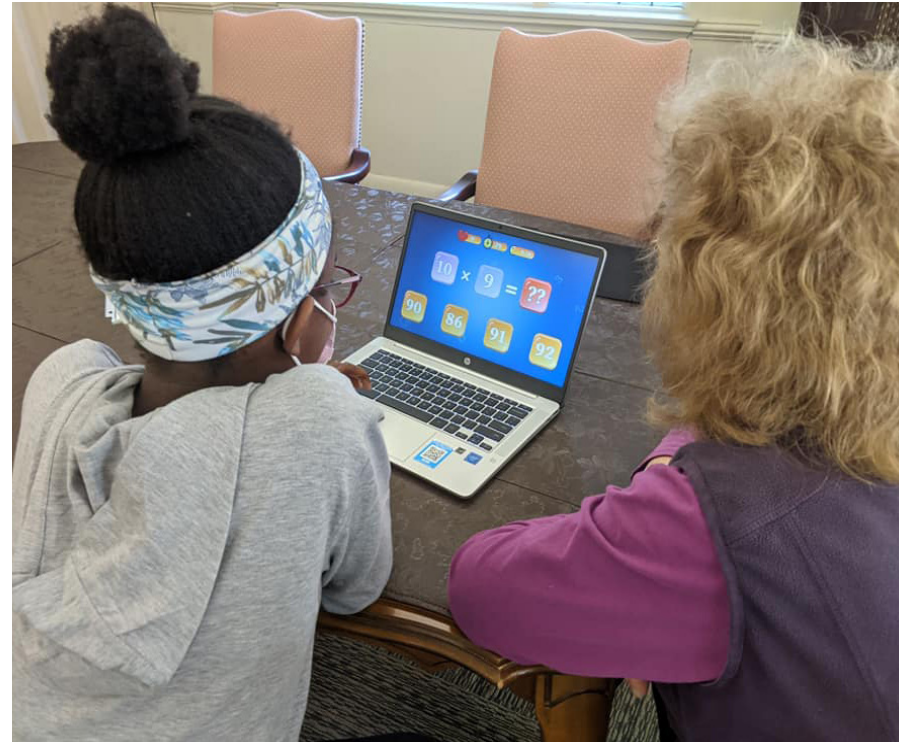
Visit the Michigan Conference website
<https://michiganumc.org/engage-mi/> or
send questions, requests, or comments to
engagemi@michiganumc.org.

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}

MICHIGAN PROJECTS

Please submit funds for Engage^{mi} Michigan 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. Also, visit the Michigan Conference UMC Website <https://michiganumc.org/engage-mi/> for the most current Engage^{mi} program information, a PDF of this booklet, additional information about Step 2 Ministry Partners and projects, and much more.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

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Annual Report

To become an **EngageMI** Congregation, please share how you learned, gave, and acted last year by submitting the following report. The form can be downloaded from the website by using the QR code above. **Reports are due by January 10.**

Please submit this report to engagemichiganumc.org. If you have any questions or need to mail the report, then please contact engagemichiganumc.org or call Laurie de la Garza at 906-428-4623. Please do not submit funds with this report. See instructions for how to submit funds in the 2024-2026 EngageMI Booklet, page 45.

Church: _____ District: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mission Chair/Staff Person/Contact Person: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please tell us about your stories of mission! Please attach a separate sheet if needed with your LEARN and ACT stories typed in 100 words or less for each category. You can download this form at <https://michiganumc.org/engage-mi/>.

Step 1 - LEARN In telling your **EngageMI** Learn 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

Step 2 – GIVE Use this form to report your giving. Please clearly list names, numbers, and amounts of the projects and Mission Personnel.

Part A: 100% of Michigan Conference Ministry Shares		
	Give 100% of Michigan Conference Ministry Shares. (Check with your church treasurer.)	\$
Part B: Michigan		
	Give to at least one Michigan Project or Michigan listed Special Sunday. Please list the project(s) name, CCMM#, and amount, and/or Special Sunday and amount.	\$

Part C: National		
	Give to at least one US General Advance Project or US listed Special Sunday. Please list the project(s) name, Advance#, and amount, and/or Special Sunday and amount.	\$
Part D: International		
	Give to at least one Haiti General Advance Project, Liberia General Advance Project, other International General Advance Project, Michigan Conference Haiti or Liberia CCMM project, listed International Special Sunday, or the Annual Conference Offering. Please list the project(s) name, number, and amount, and/or Special Sunday or Annual Conference Offering and amount.	\$
Part E: Mission Personnel		
	Give to at least one Mission Personnel or the Global Mission Fellows program. Please list the Mission Personnel(s) name, Advance#, and amount and/or Global Mission Fellows, Advance#, and amount.	\$
Part F: United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)		
	Give to at least one UMCOR Disaster Response Project, UMCOR Project, or UMCOR Sunday. Please list the project(s) name, number, and amount, and/or UMCOR Sunday and amount.	\$

Step 3 – ACT In telling your **EngageMI** Act Story, it may help to consider some of these points:

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

Thank you for completing this EngageMI Annual Church Report.



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FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

