Mission & Service Commitments 2020

North Carolina Conference
The United Methodist Church
God’s Great Generosity

Dear United Methodist Family,

Grace, mercy and peace to you as we celebrate God’s generosity in all seasons.

We travel through time each year, experiencing a rainbow of liturgical color: purple/blue, white, green, purple, white, red. Advent is the time of expectation and hope. Christmas beckons us to the manger of the Christ Child. Epiphany is radiant, beckoning us to rise and shine in unity and in mission to all the world. Lent invites humility, self-examination, repentance and sacrifice as we follow Jesus to the cross. Christ, alive forevermore, greets us as Easter dawns. The Holy Spirit is gifted to us at Pentecost.

We are carried along in the great flow of God’s purpose and power as we celebrate, love and live this annual journey. A wise one observed that we need liturgical seasons because we cannot contemplate all of this at once! Such is the abundant mystery of the Triune God!

God is generous in all seasons, and our grateful response is generosity at all times, to all people, in all places. Your gifts are well-invested in the mission of The United Methodist Church.

Help, hope and healing are offered to children, youth, women and men in all parts of the world through our shared witness in giving.

The North Carolina Conference family soon will experience a substantial reduction in the conference budget, resulting in a lowering of apportionments to churches. This is a gift to us, in this season, from those who came before us. Our gifts make a difference yesterday, today, and tomorrow, as God honors our faithfulness.

With gratitude for your faithful generosity,

Hope Morgan Ward

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.  — 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8 (NIV)
As you share God’s abundance, your gift of $1.00 supports: *

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88.34% of every dollar you give stays in your local church and is spent as follows:

**45.54% Local Church Programs, Operating Expenses, and Benevolences:**
These funds are expended for operational needs such as utilities, building maintenance, salaries and benefits, office supplies, local programs such as Sunday Schools and youth activities, and local benevolences.

**25.76% Local Pastor(s) Salaries and Benefits:**
This item reflects the compensation paid to the local church’s pastor or pastors in the form of salary, travel, utilities, and continuing education allowances. It also represents the church's portion of pension payments on behalf of its pastor(s) and supplemental benefits for items such as hospitalization and life insurance.

**17.04% Local Building and Debt Retirement:**
This represents capital improvements, mortgages, and debt retirements related to local church buildings and property. Building programs and other capital investments unique to each church are not included in calculating conference apportionments.

* Based on the grand total of all expenditures as reported on the 2018 Table II.
North Carolina Conference Budget

The North Carolina Conference budget is developed through a four-year cycle.

Year 1: A zero-based budget is planned based on ministry needs. Statistical data is collected by NCC Statistician.

Year 2: The budget is debated and voted upon by members of the Annual Conference. Apportionments are calculated based on Table II reports.

Year 3: The budget is raised through apportionments. Funds are invested for future use. At the close of Year 3, individual budget lines are funded based on actual apportionment receipts.

Year 4: The budget developed in Year 1 is spent using monies raised in Year 3. The Council on Finance and Administration may vote to use investment earnings to supplement budget and ministry needs.

2021 Budget North Carolina Conference

To Be Raised in 2020

In 2018, 781 churches in the NC Conference, with a total membership of 225,126, spent $164,966,126 for all causes. This translates to $829.46 per member.

Based on these disbursements, the 2021 Budget (funded by 2020 apportionments) is as follows:
# Mission & Service Needs

To Be Raised in 2020 for 2021

## Totals by Conference

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Further details on the Program and Ministry areas are available on pages 7-12.

**Items with asterisks are raised and spent in the same year.**

† The North Carolina Conference celebrates God’s generosity as our pre-1982 pension and retiree health liabilities have reached our funding goal and, therefore, have been removed from the Conference budget.
Apportionment Formula

The NC Conference apportionment formula is approved by each Annual Conference session and is based on how a church spends money.

The base amount of local church expenses is calculated by adding all expenditures reported on Table II and then subtracting exclusions (as listed below).

Each church’s base is then compared to the total of all base amounts for all other churches and the budget approved at the last Annual Conference is distributed to each church using the same ratio.

The apportionment formula limits increases for regular apportionment calculations to 15% from one year to the next.

The exclusions are:

1. Payments on World Service and Connectional Ministries, Past Service Liability, Episcopal Fund and all other apportionments;
2. Principal and interest on indebtedness, buildings and improvements;
3. 50% of property insurance;
4. Local benevolences paid directly by the church;
5. Support of General and Conference Advance Specials;
6. New Room Society support (new faith communities);
7. Up to $4,500 for travel paid by a charge for each pastor;
8. Offerings for United Methodist Student Day, Human Relations Day, Peace with Justice Sunday, Native American Awareness Sunday, UMCOR Sunday (formerly called One Great Hour of Sharing), World Communion Sunday, Youth Service Fund;
9. Housing allowance paid in lieu of furnished parsonage to a full-time pastor serving under Episcopal appointment in a charge of the conference;
10. Offerings taken for disasters as designated by the Disaster Readiness Response Committee and the Resident Bishop;
Mission & Service Commitments

World Service Fund

(Support for this fund is raised and spent in the same year.)

The World Service Fund is the basic benevolence fund of the Church, designated in The Book of Discipline as “the first benevolent responsibility of the Church” (¶812, 2016 Book of Discipline). Receipts are distributed to the general program agencies and other benevolent causes by a precise formula. These agencies resource local churches and extended local church mission nationally and internationally. The World Service Fund allows United Methodists to participate in meaningful ways in God’s mission throughout the world.

Total World Service Fund ......................................................$2,043,849

NC Conference Connectional Ministries

(NC Conference budget funds are raised in one year and spent the next. See page 4 for more information)

Outreach Ministry Team  Serves to carry forth ministry that transforms the world

Board of Institutions.................................$ 500
Reviews and supports the conference relationship with institutions to whom the conference is related “by faith”: camps, Methodist Home for Children, Methodist Retirement Homes, UM Foundation, and the colleges.

Creation Care ..................$17,400
Scripturally educates, faithfully advocates for, and challenges us to be good stewards caring for God’s good creation through practical actions leading to human flourishing.

Disaster Readiness & Response ........$36,800
Provides organization, training, and oversight of United Methodist disaster response.

Health Ministries .......................$ 7,300
Encourages healthy living, living to preserve the physical temple of the indwelling Holy Spirit, through education, advocacy, and screening.

Missions & Outreach.................$743,000
Funds mission projects, especially as they address Conference priorities and engage with those outside the walls of the church, to include rural and urban ministries. Administers building loans and grants to local churches, and interprets missions programs. Provides salary support for Church and Community workers.

Refugee & Immigration..............$24,000
Assists with refugee resettlement and interpretation of immigration policy.

Restorative Justice & Mercy
Ministries ............................................$11,000
Develops and coordinates ministries in jails and prisons and advocates for prison reform.
**Leadership Team**  *Serves to equip leaders who implement the Vision*

**Multicultural Ministries Team** .................$19,000
Strengthens local churches reaching out to racial ethnic people and builds bridges among races. Monitors for inclusiveness in regard to gender, ethnicity, age, and handicapping conditions.

**Multicultural Ministries Grants** .............$60,000
Provides grants for ministries of inclusiveness in districts and local churches.

**Multicultural Ministries Programs** ..........$119,650
Provides program funds for conference ministries of inclusiveness.

**Ministerial Education Fund** .................$690,317
Assists in the education and training of clergy and diaconal ministers in The United Methodist Church.

**Board of Ordained/Diaconal Ministry** .......$361,695
Funds enlistment, preparation, examination, continuing education and career development for persons serving in ordained ministry, and continues relationships with diaconal ministers. Provides funding for the Residency in Ordained Ministry program for those clergy seeking ordination. Provides training for clergy and churches on sexual ethics and provides seminary visitation support funds.

**Laity** ............................................$30,500
Promotes training for laypersons serving as leaders in the church and community. Also funds the Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries.

**Commission on the Status & Role of Women** $7,750
Addresses issues and concerns related to the full participation of women in the total life of the church.

**Office of the Bishop** ............................$39,000
Operations supplement to monies received from the Episcopal Fund. Includes funding for Bishop’s Day Apart, funding for renewal of clergy leadership; Bishop’s Discretionary funding, used by the bishop for emergencies or other needs not funded; and Committee on Episcopacy, which serves as an advisory group on matters related to episcopal leadership.

**District Superintendents**

**Salaries & Benefits** .........................$1,235,000

**District Travel** .................................$130,000

**Cabinet Expenses** .............................$43,500

**District Superintendent Support**
Funds the salaries and benefits for eight Assistants to the District Superintendent and three district administrative support staff. Provides office and program funding for the work of the districts.

**Assistant to the DS**
**Salary & Benefits** ............................$748,700

**District Superintendent/Assistant to DS Office** .................$250,267

**District Centralized Support**
**Salary & Benefits** ............................$245,655

**District Centralized Support Office** ............$21,218

**Office of Ministerial Relations**
**Salaries & Benefits** ............................$465,874
Salaries and benefits for three full-time persons and other temporary help as needed to support the ministry of the Office of Ministerial Relations.

**Office** .............................................$22,820
Office expenses, travel, telephone.

**Christian Unity** .................................$13,000
Interprets, advocates, works for unity of the Christian church; encourages dialogue, cooperation.

**NC Council of Churches** ......................$25,000
Promotes Christian Unity, interfaith dialogue and cooperation, and advocates for social justice in our State Legislature.

**Effective Ministry Program** .................$30,000
Assists in pastors’ salaries during medical or other urgent circumstances and transition.

**Nominations** ....................................$1,000
Supports meeting expenses of the conference Nominations Committee.

**Center for Leadership Excellence** ..........$71,290
Provides learning opportunities and leadership training for clergy and laity.

**Conflict Transformation** .................... $8,125
Offers workshops and trainings to equip churches to engage and address conflict in healthy, faith-filled ways. Trains ministers who are able to go into congregations struggling with unresolved conflict and facilitate healing and reconciliation.
Christian Formation Team  Serves to form & nurture disciples of Jesus Christ

Evangelism……………………………………..$18,000
Promotes evangelism programs and ministries. Provides training and resources to local churches and districts.

Church & Society………………………….. $20,000
Relates the gospel of Jesus Christ to people and to the structures of the communities, nation and world in which they live, and develops programs which provide education and action on issues confronting the Church consistent with the Social Principles and the policies adopted by the General Conference.

Faith Formation………………………….....$110,000
Provides opportunities for persons to explore and initiate individual practices that enable them to grow in faith throughout the life span.

Worship…………………………………………$6,600
Designs worship for Annual Conference, and offers worship training for local congregations.

Higher Education & Campus Ministry…………………………..$8,500
Provides support for campus ministries, administers scholarships, connects colleges and the local church.

College Chaplaincy Support…………………………..$264,000
Assists Louisburg College, Methodist University, N.C. Wesleyan College, Duke Divinity School, High Point University, Greensboro College, and Bennett College.

Campus Ministry……………………………………..$558,349
Supports United Methodist ministry on campuses in the NC Conference through Wesley Foundations and Fellowships, and ecumenical campus ministries.

Safe Sanctuaries……………………………….$3,500
Provides funding for the Safe Sanctuaries movement and initiative to train clergy and laity in making our churches safe places for the young and the vulnerable.

NCCUM Camp & Retreat Ministries, Inc. ……………….$275,000
Provides funding to support the administrative oversight of Chestnut Ridge, Don Lee, and Rockfish Camp and Retreat Centers.

Emerging Church Support………………………$959,000
Provides salaries, housing, and benefits for pastors of new churches.

New Faith Communities
Salaries & Benefits……………………………..$295,732
Salaries/benefits for two staff and part-time assistance as needed.

Office Expenses…………………………………$75,000
Office expenses and travel.

Ministers with Differently Abled People………………..$5,000
Guides local churches in ministries to and with persons with special needs: offers coaching and training to local churches.

Financial Discipleship……………………………..$6,500
Interprets stewardship theologically, promotes stewardship education and programs.

Photo by Stuart Jones, Southeast Raleigh Table
Stewardship Team Serves to empower ministry

Annual Conference Expense .................. $205,000
Supplements housing, food, and other expenses for the Annual Conference session of over 2,300 members (lay and clergy).

Conference Secretary’s Office
Salaries & Benefits .................................. $106,000
Provides for full-time clerical assistance and a part-time conference secretary.

Office Expenses .................................. $17,400

Conference Journal/Printing .................. $10,000
Provides the costs for printing and for the electronic publication of the Conference Journal, directory, and the Conference Workbook.

Communications ................................. $150,000
Supports the production of materials such as the Mission & Service book, Belton Joyner’s Bible Study, Connections, and Every Day Grace Magazine; electronic communications; audio/visual support at Annual Conference; electronic equipment purchase and maintenance; video-production including webinars, livestreaming, and Every Day Grace TV; news media relations; conference website nccumc.org; and RAMUS: local church website hosting program.

**General Administration ....................... $242,690
Supports the work of General Conference, World Methodist Council, Judicial Council, General Commission on Archives & History, and in part, the General Council on Finance and Administration and special litigation costs.

**SEJ Mission & Ministry ....................... $31,410
Supports a cooperative ministry to United Methodists in the Southeast including SEJ Jurisdictional Conference, Lake Junaluska, and Jurisdictional Council expenses.

Conference Treasurer’s Office
Salaries and Benefits ............................. $930,000
Provides funding for a ministry and support staff of ten full or part-time staff, their salaries, health and life insurance, pension, Social Security, and other benefit costs.

Office ............................................... $155,000
Operating expenses of conference treasurer’s office and statistician, including annual audit.

Information Management

Salaries & Benefits ............................... $348,867
Provides funding for a ministry and support staff of three full or part-time staff, their salaries, health and life insurance, pension, Social Security, and other benefit costs.

Office ............................................... $62,200
Provides funding for management and maintenance of the NCC information technology infrastructure, including computer hardware, software, and network administration.

Conference Board of Trustees ............... $1,750
Funds meetings and work of this board.

Contingency Fund ................................. $15,000
Provides for unanticipated needs; administered by NCC Council on Finance and Administration.

**Methodist Building
Operating Fund ................................. $185,000

**Methodist Building
Capital Fund ....................................... $250,000

Equitable Compensation ...................... $175,000
Provides funding to supplement salaries paid by local churches to ensure at least base salary levels are paid as determined by the Annual Conference.

Legal Counsel ..................................... $20,000
Provides for conference legal expenses not funded by a particular board or agency.

Minister’s Moving Expense .................... $150,000
Assists in the moving expenses of pastors.
Joint Committee on Clergy Medical Leave..........................$322,000
Provides funding for assistance with health and life insurance and transitional grants for clergy who temporarily cannot serve due to medical leave.

General & Jurisdictional Conferences.............................$30,000
Supplements expenses for General and Jurisdictional conferences and funding for electronic balloting costs.

Archives & History..................................................$8,500
Funds meeting expenses for commission, maintains records and history of conference.

Conference Media Center........................................$7,499
Provides ongoing support for operations in the conference Media Center.

Conference Connectional Ministries
Staff Salaries & Benefits.......................................$1,542,000
Provides funding for a ministry and support staff of 16 full and part-time persons, their salaries, health and life insurance, pensions, Social Security, travel, etc.

Local church revitalization, related office, meeting and support expenses, & Conference Connectional Table................$115,500
Supports local church revitalization through consultation, assessment, leadership training for pastors and laity, coaching, and partnership with congregations through various stages of growth. In addition, it provides support for Connectional Table meetings for visioning, planning, and evaluation.

Total NCC Connectional Ministries..............................$13,165,358

Mission & Service Commitments

Total World Service & Connectional Ministries
$15,209,207

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Other Program Areas

The North Carolina Conference budget funds are raised one year and spent the next (see page 4). Items below are spent the same year raised.

**Black College Fund**

Supplements operational and capital needs of ten historically-black colleges, including Bennett College in Greensboro and one medical school, which have provided leadership to the church and nation.

Total .......................................................... $275,361

**Episcopal Fund**

Funds salaries and expenses of active United Methodist bishops and dependents, retired bishops and surviving spouses.

Total .......................................................... $605,267

**Africa University**

Funds the development of a United Methodist university in Zimbabwe. This university provides theological and other educational programs on the continent where United Methodism is experiencing its fastest growth.

Total .......................................................... $61,625

**Interdenominational Cooperation Fund**

Supports those general church activities which are ecumenical in nature. This is United Methodism in mission with other Christian communities witnessing in the world.

Total .......................................................... $53,988

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**Mission & Service Commitments**

**Grand Total**

All funds:  
$16,205,448

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On the campus at Africa University  
Photo by Mike Dubose, UM News
Giving Report for 2019 Rainbow Covenant

To be a Rainbow Covenant Church, a local church needs to meet the “first mile” by paying in full apportionments as set by the Annual Conference.

Then each local church is asked to support at least one project in each of the five lanes of the Rainbow Covenant: Persons in Mission, NCC Advance Missions, National Missions, World Missions, and UMCOR.

Each lane reminds the local church that it has touched persons with the love of God in its own community, in the broader areas of the Conference, on a national level, and throughout the world.

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Reporting for 2019

Complete all information on the reverse side of this page for your congregation and return to your District Missions Secretary.

Completing this form ensures that your church will be recognized for its work in missions in the past year.

Remember: In order to be recognized as a Rainbow Covenant church, churches must pay 100% of all 2019 apportionments and give a contribution in each of the five lanes. The six Special Sunday offerings are not included.

Please return this form to the District Missions Secretary by January 31, 2020.

NOTE: Contributions should be sent to the NCC Treasurer’s Office and be received no later than January 14, 2020.
# 2019 Rainbow Covenant Report*

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## 1. Did your church complete the first mile of United Methodist Missions by paying 100% of its 2019 apportionments (World Service & Connectional Ministries, Episcopal Fund, Interdenominational Cooperation, Black Colleges, Africa University Fund and Past Service Liability)? □ Yes □ No

## 2. Did your church go the second mile by giving to the Advance for missions? □ Yes □ No

If yes, use the table on the right to list all projects supported and the amounts the church gave to each (use additional paper if necessary).

## 2019 Giving and Church Membership Totals

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The Rainbow Covenant is organized into five lanes and connects persons in mission with the projects in which they are involved.

The lanes are:

Lane 1: Persons in Mission
Lane 2: Conference Advances
Lane 3: National Missions
Lane 4: World Missions
Lane 5: UMCOR

Persons in Mission
In Lane One are persons in mission supported by the NC Conference and the General Board of Global Ministries. They serve on the ground throughout the world and are the hands and feet of Christ. Some of them work locally in this conference area. Others work in other parts of the nation. Still others work in other countries. All have valid ministries and all have valid needs.

Local churches are encouraged to be involved with the various missionaries that the NC Conference supports. Several persons in mission are not commissioned missionaries through the General Board of Global Mission, yet they still need funds to advance their ministry. (These persons are designated with “S” in their identification code which shows that they are a part of a Conference Advance).

For more information about the GBGM missionaries, go to the website: umcmission.org. All persons in missions appreciate prayers, cards, letters and emails.

Covenant Relationships
All gifts and contributions share the love of Jesus Christ by supporting missionaries who work to offer hope and alleviate human suffering. Generous one-time gifts make this service possible. Congregations and individuals are also encouraged to support missionaries through Covenant Relationships.

The standard covenant relationship for a local church to support a General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) missionary is $2,500 annually or $5 per church member per year. However, this partnership is much more than a financial commitment. It is a dynamic relationship where the church and missionary pray for one another and communicate regularly. By deepening its own awareness of the struggles and triumphs of the missionary, congregations participate in a work that is truly connectional.

To learn more about covenant relationships, contact the Conference Missions Interpreter, Bill Haddock (revbillh@nccumc.org) or umcmission.org/Get-Involved/Partnerships/Covenant-Relationships.

Advance Specials
GBGM ADVANCE for Christ projects are General Advance Specials. There are also Conference Advance Specials approved by the North Carolina Annual Conference.

Both types of Advance Specials are assigned numbers which should be recorded on the new remittance sheets (nccumc.org/treasurer/files/FillInRemit.pdf) and turned into the Conference Treasurer with the contribution check. Remittances for General Advance Specials can also be made on-line at the General Board of Global Ministries website at umcmission.org.

At the end of the fiscal year, please fill out the form on page 14 of this book and send it to the District Mission Secretary who will issue the Rainbow Covenant Form to the participating local churches. Remember that all remittances need to be sent to the Conference Treasurer or to the General Board of Global Ministries, not to the district secretaries.

This list is not inclusive: any missionary or any ADVANCE Special can be supported by local churches or individuals. The Conference Outreach page, at nccumc.org/outreach has a number of ADVANCE specials that local churches and individuals support.
The NC Conference Missions Team recommends Salary Support for the following missionaries. Each missionary listed below serves with one or more projects denoted in the paragraph following the missionary’s name.

**Mozart Adevu** (#13996Z) West Africa
Mozart is a GBGM missionary serving as the Africa Regional Coordinator for the sustainable Agriculture and Development Program for UMCOR. He focuses on training farmers in Liberia. He currently serves as Chair of the Moringa Association of Ghana which promotes the nutritional properties of Moringa and has spearheaded the development of the first ever standards on the production and processing of Moringa.  Contact – Email: madevu1201@yahoo.com

**Related Lane 4: World Missions**
- Sustainable Agriculture & Development ... #982188

**Wil Bailey** (#S-00140) San Isidro, Costa Rica
An SEJ/Conference missionary and president of Acts One Eight Missions, Wil is responsible for working with local pastors in the southern Costa Rica and organizes construction projects at the Methodist churches in that area for U.S. work teams. He is also the director of the Costa Rica Mission PRojects Missions and Ministry Center in San Isidro, where volunteer teams are housed during their stay and is the site for a day care center. Contact – Email: jwlb4@yahoo.com Web: costaricamissionprojects.com.

**Related Lane 4: World Missions**
- Acts One Eight .............................. #S-00256

**Charles Barrow** (#S-00274) Eastern NC
Charles is a Home Missioner whose ministry is with “Food For Hungry Neighbors” which supplies surplus produce to the local church food pantries, soup kitchens, and the Food Bank of eastern North Carolina, much of which is gleaned by church groups. This ministry also addresses the importance of eating fresh vegetables for a healthy diet. Contact – Email: cwbarrow58@yahoo.com

**Hazel Boatwright** (#S-00293) NC Conference
A Deaconess, funds will assist with ministry expenses. Contact - Email: hboatwright@nccumc.org Phone: 336-376-3658

**Brenda Brown** (#S-00295) NC Conference
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**Karen Cheek** (#S-00296) NC Conference
A Deaconess, funds will assist with ministry expenses. Contact - Email kcheek@nccumc.org Phone: 336-376-3658

**Brian Dubberly** (#S-00197) El Salvador
Brian is working to establish a mission partnership between the Evangelical Methodist Church in El Salvador and United Methodist Volunteers in Mission in the US, whose purpose is to improve the spiritual and physical lives of economically disadvantaged people living in El Salvador. Contact – Email: brianSMP@yahoo.com Web: salvadoranmissionprojects.com.

**Related Lane 4: World Missions**
- El Salvador Mission Projects .............. #S-00257

**Ellyn Dubberly** (#3021818) El Salvador
Ellyn is a GBGM missionary, assigned to work with the Evangelical Methodist Church of El Salvador in the Ahuachapan area of the country. She works to connect local social service support systems with the ministries of the Church so that women and children in particular can live and learn in a thriving environment. Contact – Email: ellyndubberly@gmail.com

**Related Lane 4: World Missions**
- El Salvador Mission Projects .............. #S-00257

**Butch Huffman** (#S-00192) NC Conference
Butch engages, encourages and recourses congregations for mission work-team participation. He works with churches to equip them with the “how-to’s” of doing local and foreign mission work teams. Contact – Phone: 919-931-4304 Email: butchhuffman@bydasea.net

**Related Lane 2: Conference Missions**
- UMVIM Work Teams .......................... #S-00021
Doug Johnson (#S-00250)  
NC Conference Evangelist  
As a conference evangelist, Doug and his wife, Cindy, founded and serve in Blessed2BlessU Ministries (B2BU). This ministry is an ecumenical non-profit whose mission is to challenge Christians to grow spiritually while sharing the love of Christ through compassionate outreach. Contact – Email: doug@b2buministries.org Web: b2buministries.org

Melba McCallum (#S-00195)  
Gateway District, NC Conference  
Melba, a United Methodist Deaconess, is the founder and director of Partners in Ministry, a multifaceted ministry centered in East Laurinburg, NC, focused on breaking the cycle of poverty through youth empowerment and leadership development. PIM services also include a resource and referral center, home rehab outreach and repair, thrift store, food pantry, community garden, and GED classes. Contact – Phone: 910-206-2686 Web: pim-nc.org Email: mdgmccallum@yahoo.com

Related Lane 2: Conference Missions  
• Partners in Ministry . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00193

Nara Melkonyan (#S-00004) Armenia  
Nara is the director of Project AGAPE. She coordinates ministry and relief efforts at Project AGAPE in Armenia. Contact – Email: nmelkonyan@yahoo.com Web: nccumc.org/missions/projects/overseas/project-agape/

Related Lane 4: World Missions  
• Project AGAPE, Armenia . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00004  
• AGAPE Christmas Boxes . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00258  
• AGAPE Cattle Project . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00259  
• AGAPE School Project . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00260  
• AGAPE Chicken Project . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00288

Ronald Julian (#3021881) Japan  
Ronald is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries, (GBGM) serving as a chaplain with the International Seafarers Ministry in Yokohama. Ronald and his wife, Devorah, actively serve foreign migrant workers with special needs. Contact - Email: RJulian@umcmission.org

Related Lane 4: World Missions  
• Project AGAPE, Armenia . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00004  
• AGAPE Christmas Boxes . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00258  
• AGAPE Cattle Project . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00259  
• AGAPE School Project . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00260  
• AGAPE Chicken Project . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00288

Kim King (#S-00294) NC Conference  
A Deaconess, funds will assist with ministry expenses. Contact – Email: kdking60@gmail.com

Gary Wayne Locklear (#S-00286) NC Conference  
Gary is a Home Missioner. Funds will assist with ministry expenses. Contact – Phone: 910-734-4070 Email: glocklear@nccumc.org

Yuko Miller (#S-00251) NC Conference Evangelist  
New Bern, NC  
Yuko is an Evangelist to the NC Conference while also serving as a missionary to Japan by bringing The United Methodist Church to Japan through annual visits, unifying local churches there with an evangelistic-driven outreach to the lost. She preaches, gives her testimony, and encourages by singing. Contact – Email: ymiller@nccumc.org; Web: yukomiller.com Phone: 252-229-2028
Lane 1  Persons in Mission

Quynh-Hoa Nguyen (#3021965)  
Vietnam

Quynh-Hoa Nguyen is a missionary with GBGM, serving as director of leadership development of the United Methodist Mission in Southeast Asia. One major need is for trained pastoral and lay leadership, and the development of indigenous trainers. Quynh-Hoa has responsibilities in accomplishing these goals. Contact – Email: nguyenhq@yahoo.com; Web: umcmission.org/explore-our-work/missionaries-in-service/missionary-profiles/Nguyen-Quynh-Hoa

Helen Roberts-Evans (# 3021129)  
Liberia, Africa

Helen, a missionary of with GBGM, serves as director of the Department of General Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church in Liberia. Her work includes meeting needs in teacher training, scholarships, new school construction, and school building renovation and repair. Contact – Email: micradon@hotmail.com

Vickie Sigmon (#982916) Winston-Salem, NC

A Church & Community Worker, Vickie works in a high-risk community, developing Christian community, promoting social justice and proclaiming God’s loving presence. Contact – Email: openarmsumc@bellsouth.net

Related Lane 3: National Missions
• Open Arms Ministry . . . . . . . . . . . . . . #982916

Shirley Townsend-Jones (#982995)  
Bennettsville-Cheraw, SC

A Church & Community Worker, Shirley coordinates and implements spiritual, educational, social and economic programs for 13 churches of the Bennettsville-Cheraw Area Cooperative Ministry. Contact – Phone: 843-862-5116 Email: bcacm@bellsouth.net

Devorah Anne Umpig-Julian (#13967Z)  
Japan

Devorah is a missionary with GBGM, serving as a social worker for the Christian Coalition for Refugees and Migrant Workers in Toyko. She organizes and conducts Bible studies and prayer meetings and teaches basic English conversation to refugee families and children. Debbie and her husband, Ronald, actively serve foreign migrant workers with special needs. Contact - Email: devorahanne@yahoo.com

Albert Willicor (#15151Z) Liberia/Monrovia

Dr. Willicor, missionary with GBGM, is Chief Medical Officer at Ganta United Methodist Hospital in Ganta, Liberia. Contact - Email: alb.wcor@yahoo.com

Related Lane 4: World Missions
• Ganta United Methodist Hospital . . . . . . . #15080N

Any other missionaries are listed under http://www.umcmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects.
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Caswell County Parish, Inc. (S-00008)
Sponsored by local churches, CCP provides services to low-income residents of Caswell County through a thrift store, an emergency food pantry and a utility assistance program. The mission is to work to end poverty in Caswell County. Contact – Nell Page or Jane Thompson. Phone: 336-694-6428 Email: feedmeparish1038@centurylink.net

Center for Leadership Excellence (S-00279)
The goal of the Center is to grow and deepen clergy and laity leadership capacity, build healthy congregations and develop effective leaders. The Center assesses needs and advances programs relevant to the local church. Contact: Leah Wiebe-Smith Email: lwiebesmith@nccumc.org Phone: (919) 779-6115 Web: nccumc.org/leadership

All God’s Children UMC (S-08004)
This ministry seeks to meet the needs of impoverished children and youth in rural Bertie, Hertford and Northampton counties. Contact – Web: allgodschildrenumc.org Phone: 252-345-1077

Disciple Bible Outreach Ministry (S-00103)
A collaborative ministry of the NC and Western NC Conferences, DBOM promotes DISCIPLE Bible Studies in churches and manages the outreach of DISCIPLE in prisons and RINGS OF FELLOWSHIP in youth development centers. Contact – Mark Hicks Phone: 336-454-5348 Email: MCHicks@northstate.net Web: disciplebibleoutreach.org

Alliance Medical Ministry (S-00142)
This ministry provides affordable primary medical care to low-income, uninsured, working families in Wake County. They serve the working poor, families generally earning less than $25,000 annually, who have no health insurance. Contact – Phone: 919-250-3320 Web: alliancemedicalministry.org

Anathoth Garden (S-00248)
Anathoth Community Garden is a ministry of Cedar Grove UMC. Families share in gardening, workshops, worship services, and children’s activities. Members work two hours each week and in return, take home a share of the week’s harvest. Staff also trains other church and community groups in efforts to use God’s earth faithfully. Web: anathothgarden.org

Apex Immigration Services (S-00289)
A ministry that seeks to fill a growing, unmet need for a trusted source of information and low cost, high-quality immigration legal services for immigrants and refugees seeking lawful permanent residency or citizenship in the US. Contact – Email: david.brown57@gmail.com Phone: 336-589-5231 Web: apeximm.org

Asbury Homes (S-03501)
Asbury Homes provides care for developmentally disabled adults ranging in age from 35-65. There are two group homes, one located in Pembroke in Robeson County, the other in Tabor City in Columbus County. Advance Specials funding is used to provide recreational activities that enrich the lives of Asbury Homes residents. Contact – Charles Foskey Email: cfoskey@nc.rr.com Phone: 919-265-3402

Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC (S-00025)
This ministry provides food to persons in 34 NC counties through community-based, emergency feeding programs such as food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, elderly nutrition programs and after-school programs. Contact – Phone: 919-875-0707 Web: foodbankcenc.org

Golden Cross (S-00153)
This ministry reaches out in love to the laity in the NC Conference who are experiencing financial difficulty due to excessive medical expenses. Contact – Phone: 1-800-849-4433, ext. 228 Web: nccumc.org/missions/golden-cross

Hispanic Ministries (S-00107)
Ministry to help support congregations develop ministry to and with fast-growing Hispanic population in eastern North Carolina. Contact - Ernesto Barriguete Email: ebarriguete@nccumc.org Phone 919-779-6115, ext. 262 Web: nccumc.org/hispanic
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Immigration & Sanctuary Legal Support Fund (#S-00299)
Supports financial needs of people in sanctuary in North Carolina and offsets some of the costs of the host church providing sanctuary. Also helps with legal fees for those who have participated in sanctuary advocacy for sanctuary rights in North Carolina. The Project also provides funds for refugee and immigrant emergency immigration legal fees and supports refugee & immigrant USCIS applications for benefits. Contact – David Brown  Email: dbrown@apeximm.org Phone: 919-924-4120

ISA Grant Scholarship (#S-00033)
This fund assists persons who need financial assistance to participate on a mission team. Priority is given to youth 21 years old and younger and will not exceed $250. Recipients are encouraged to assist in the replenishment of the fund. Contact – Rob Pavone Email: nccumvim@gmail.com

Mothers & Their Children (#S-00054)
An interfaith program providing mothers and their children support and resources necessary to maintain and strengthen family relationships and to help break the cycle of children following their parents to prison. Contact - Phone: 919-828-4767 Email: volunteer@mothersandtheirchildren.org Web: mothersandtheirchildren.org

Native American Cooperative Ministries “Every Member in Ministry” (#S-00143) (#791001)
Provides ministry support, collaboration among 13 Native American UM churches, leadership development, gifts exploration and missional opportunities. Contact – Darlene Jacobs. Phone: 910-522-0670 Email: rdnacm@bellsouth.net Web: nativeamericanministries.org/cooperative_ministry/

NC Council Of Churches (#S-00051)
Gives witness to the unity that God has given through Christ to the churches in NC. It is an instrument for cooperative study and action, especially on matters of justice, child and family advocacy, violence against women, public policy advocacy, rural crisis and farm workers advocacy, disaster relief, criminal justice, workplace safety, peace-making, AIDS ministry, and Christian unity. Contact – Phone: 919-828-6501 Email: info@ncchurches.org Website: ncchurches.org

NC Storms Emergency Response (#S-00176)
Sometimes typical methods of disaster response financing for storm-related emergencies are inadequate. In these situations, conference appeals are issued for costs related to mitigating the disaster – direct support to affected families and costs in delivering assistance. This is the only situation in which the UMCOR can address the issues of church property in disasters. Contact – Ann Huffman Phone: 888-440-9167 Email: disasterresponse@nccumc.org

Partners In Ministry (#S-00193)
Partners with local church congregations and communities to help alleviate poverty through hands-on outreach ministry with the poor and marginalized. Contact – Melba McCallum Email: mdgmcallum@yahoo.com Phone: 910-206-2686 Web: pim-nc.org

Peace & Justice Clinic (JFON) Justice for Our Neighbor (#S-00198)
Supports the ministry of the legal aid office at St. Andrews UMC in Fayetteville. JFON offers a sliding fee scale for legal representation for people seeking a legal path to US citizenship. Contact – Rev. Scott Foster Email: sfoster@nccumc.org Phone: 910-488-4648

Samaritan’s Fund (#S-00298)
As Christians, we remember the parable of the “Good Samaritan,” when Jesus lifted up as the neighbor who showed mercy. Jesus expanded our understanding of who our neighbors are, and what extraordinary steps we can take to serve one another. Our goal is to follow the example of Christ in meeting the needs of our neighbors who are suffering as a result of current immigration policies. These funds will be used to meet unexpected/unanticipated expenses due to family separations. Contact – David Brown Phone: 919-924-4120 Email: dbrown@apeximm.org

Society Of St. Andrew - NC Office Durham (#S-00081 NC Advance) (#801600 National Advance)
An ecumenical ministry dedicated to providing hunger-relief across North Carolina through gleaning – the salvaging of surplus produce from farms and packing houses. Works to elevate awareness about the problem of hunger and engage people in understanding how they can be part of the solution. Eight to ten million pounds of produce is saved and distributed in North Carolina each year. Contact - Phone: 1-866-453-2662 Email: ncglean@endhunger.org Web: endhunger.org/north-carolina
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Table Ministries, Inc. (TABLE) (#S-00283)
TABLE is a Carrboro-based non-profit that brings together community members and United Methodist Chapel Hill college students to feed hungry children living in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, NC. Individuals, families, churches, businesses, and schools work together to provide healthy emergency food aid each week to many food-insecure elementary schoolers living in the community. Contact – Ashton Tippins Phone: 919-636-4860 Email: info@tablenc.org

The Lodge (#S-00291)
Located in Fayetteville, NC, the Lodge is part of Operation INASMUCH and is an ecumenically-supported step-up home for men who are transitioning from homelessness to self-sufficiency, providing some meals, shelter and the opportunity to advance, through a set of requirements and expectations. Contact - Andy Fisher - Director and Darron Adams - Lodge Manager Email: officeadmin@faoiam.org Phone: 910-433-2161 Web: faoiam.org

United Methodists Against Trafficking (UMAT) (#S-00300)
The vision of this project is to create a team within the Capital District which will assist each district in the NC Conference in developing a response to human trafficking. These goals would include prophetically calling the church to engage in this justice ministry, providing education regarding the reality of modern-day slavery, and connecting the church with civic and community leaders. Contact – Greg Jenks  919-333-4670 Email: gjenks@nccumc.org

UM Volunteers In Mission Work Teams (#S-00021)
Provides assistance for Volunteers in Mission work teams from within the NC Conference. Contact – Rob Pavone. 919-392-2861 Email: nccumvim@gmail.com Web: nccumvim.org

White Plains Children’s Center (#S-00277)
WPCC is an inclusive developmental day center, serving children who are developing typically and those with special needs such as Autism, Down Syndrome or physical limitations. Students with special needs are able to enter more typical settings upon leaving the program, and typically developing children continue to use the values learned at WPCC. Contact - Phone: 919-469-2217 Email: director@whiteplainschildrenscenter.org Web: whiteplainschildrenscenter.org

Wilmington Area Campus Ministry/ Mary Frances McClure (#S-00280)
The Wesley of Wilmington organization (WOW) provides a place of community and faith in the midst of college life at UNC-W and Cape Fear Community College. WOW provides a place for students to serve the greater community of Wilmington together. Wesley of Wilmington strives to be a pluralistic community – academically, theologically, and by age and interest. Contact – Email: mfmclure@nccumc.org Phone: (919) 496-6287

Yokefellow Prison Ministries (#S-00078)
Educates church people concerning Christian responsibility for persons affected by crime and brings Christians into direct service ministries with prison inmates and their families. Contact - Phone: (336) 724-9801 Web: yokefellowprisonministry.org

Youth Service Fund (#S-00082)
Supports mission projects within the annual conference and beyond which have been selected by youth of the NC Conference. Contact – Email: youth@nccumc.org Web: nccumc.org/youth/

United Methodist Institutional Programs & Projects

Wesley Foundation For The UMC Campus Ministry Association
- NC Central University . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00072
- Duke University . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00073
- ECU, Greenville . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00074
- NC State University . . . . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00075
- UNC – Pembroke . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00076
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General Scholarship Funds
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- Louisburg College . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00027
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- NC Wesleyan College . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . #S-00029

Benevolent Funds
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- Methodist Retirement Homes . . . . . . . . . #S-03600

United Methodist Camps
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- Any other Advance specials are listed under umcmision.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects
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Hinton Rural Life Center  Hayesville, NC  (#731372)
A retreat center offering rest and renewal. The center staff provides training and development for churches in town and rural settings. **Contact** – Dr. Jacqueline Gottlieb  Phone:  828-389-8336  Email:  info@hintoncenter.org  Web:  hintoncenter.org

National Hispanic-Latino Ministries Challenge Fund  (#982620)
Provides assistance to annual conferences developing Hispanic Ministries, especially in the areas of leadership recruitment and development, financial resources and printed resources. **Contact** – Francisco Canas  Email:  FCanas@umcmission.org  Phone:  404-460-7406

Native American Comprehensive Plan  (#982615)
Supports leadership development, new church starts, and discipleship formation in the Native American community. **Contact** – Rev. Anita Phillips. Phone:  918-686-8444  Email:  nacomp@prodigy.net  Web:  umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/native-american

Red Bird Missionary Conference  Beverly, Kentucky  (#773978)
The conference program facilitates the development of local churches and local lay leaders in isolated rural mountain communities. **Contact** – Phone: 606-598-5915  Email:  info@redbirdconference.org  Web:  redbirdconference.org/

Robeson County Church & Community Center  Lumberton  (#791742)
An ecumenical ministry in a multicultural community which is designed to help local churches meet emergency needs, literacy tutoring for children and adults, home repairs and building new homes. Speakers are available upon request. **Contact** – Andrew Collier  Phone:  910-738-5204  Web:  robesonchurchandcommunitycenter.org

SEJ Agency Of Native American Ministries  Lake Junaluska, NC  (#791842)
Helps meet the needs of 130,000+ Native Americans living in the 17 annual conferences of the Southeast. **Contact** – Connie Locklear  Phone:  828-454-6724  Web:  sejumc.org/sejanam/

Any other Advance specials listed at umcmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects.

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**Heifer Project International (#982532)**
This program allows people to share their knowledge, resources, skills and their animals’ offspring with others, in order to expand and create a network of hope, dignity and self reliance that reaches 128 countries. **Contact** – **Phone**: 800-422-0474 **Email**: info@heifer.org **Web**: heifer.org

**Humanitarian & Health Outreach Shipping (#S-00276)**
Donations make it possible to send containers of goods to persons in need around the world with whom we have partnerships. Containers of food, medicines, and other supplies have been sent to Armenia, Liberia, El Salvador, Peru, and Bolivia. **Contact** – **Email**: revbillh@nccumc.org

**Liberia Projects**

**Love For Liberia Fund ........................................... #S-00221**
An ongoing focus of missional action, prayer, and giving for United Methodist ministries in Liberia.

**Love for Liberia: Primary Education Scholarships .......................................................... #S-00228**
This fund helps support the Primary School which is established on the campus of Ganta Mission Station. An annual gift of $200 ensures a child can attend school. **Contact** - **Phone**: 252-799-7499 **Email**: erutenkroger@nccumc.org

**Ganta United Methodist Mission Hospital ................................................................. 15080N**
Providing quality and affordable healthcare by renovating and expanding hospital buildings, improving basic sanitation and hygiene in the hospital environment, increasing preventive health services for up to 150 communities, and providing salary and administrative expenses for staff to include an administrator, comptroller, and one doctor.

**Ganta United Methodist Missionary Hospital, Liberia**
*Photo by Mike Dubose, UM News*
Methodist Children’s Home (#15154A) Bolivia
Kory Wawanaca Children’s Home was founded to provide a permanent home for up to 40 abandoned/orphaned children. This home provides more than just three meals a day and a roof. This is a God-centered family-style home where the children are provided love, moral guidance, and education. The major accomplishment has been helping each child regain their childhood and giving them hope through the Word. Contact - Frank Farrell Phone: 919-583-4366 Email: Frank.farrell2@gmail.com Web: kwchildren.org

Project Agape (#S-00004) Armenia
Relief efforts in Armenia (food, medical supplies, medication) working with the Armenian Church to provide a holistic ministry in pastoral care, education, health care, agriculture and economic development. North Carolina Conference Contact – Jaye White. Phone: 919-779-6115, ext. 249 Email: jayewhite@nccumc.org.

Agape Chicken Project #S-00288
Gifts to this project enable refuge families to receive chickens so they can learn to become self-sufficient.

Agape Christmas Boxes #S-00258
Gifts to this project enable the NC Conference Mission Team to ship Christmas boxes to Armenian children.

Agape Cattle Project #S-00259
Gifts to this project enable families to receive heifers so that they can be self-sufficient and eventually share a heifer with another family.

Agape School Project #S-00260
Gifts to this project enable Project Agape to hire teachers and operate a school for children to learn English and computer skills.

Rise Against Hunger (#S-00101)
Formerly Stop Hunger Now, RAH is an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. The organization is driven by a vision to end world hunger and a mission to provide food and aid to the world’s most destitute and hungry in the most sustainable, efficient and effective manner. Contact - Phone: 888-501-8440 Email: info@riseagainsthunger.org Web: riseagainsthunger.org

Rotifunk Hospital: Mission Of Hope (#S-00281) Sierra Leone
Rotifunk Hospital: Mission of Hope is a long-term partnership between NC Conference and the Sierra Leone Annual Conference to rebuild and operate the Rotifunk Methodist Hospital, destroyed by civil war in the 1990s. Work is being done to improve the maternal and child health in the Rotifunk region. Contact Dale Smith Phone: 910-617-0277 Email: dale.smith@rotifunk.org or missionrotifunk@gmail.com.

Seminario Teologico Wesleyano (#3020693) Peru
The Wesley Theological Seminary is a theological and pastoral center of academic formation for pastors and deacons who serve churches in the Andean region. The seminary offers on-campus, extension, long-distance, and Saturday programs. NC Conference clergy member, Rosanna Panizo-Valladares is on staff. Contact - Dora Canales Nuñez Email: dnunez@umcmission.org Web: stw.org.pe

ZOE Empowers (#5982023)
ZOE is an empowerment program assisting some of the most at-risk children around the world to become self-sufficient, permanently moving beyond charity. With a current enrollment of over 40,000 across Kenya, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Malawi, Tanzania, Liberia, India and Guatemala, ZOE has many ways for churches and individuals to get involved from curriculum for all ages to visiting the children on ZOE trips. Contact – John Boswell, Phone: 919-779-7272 Email: john.boswell@zoempowers.org or Gaston Warner, Phone: 919-414-4167 Email: gaston.warner@zoempowers.org Web: zoempowers.org

Any other Advance specials are listed under umcmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects
UMCOR is the global humanitarian aid organization of The United Methodist Church. It works in 80+ countries worldwide, including the US. Their mission is to alleviate human suffering – caused by war, conflict or natural disaster, with open hearts and minds to all people. They respond to communities that are unable to recover on their own.

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You may pay by telephone:
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You may give online at:
umcor.org

Featured UMCOR Advance Specials

CROP/Church World Service Community Hunger Appeal (#982380)
Works with partners to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice around the world. Local church CROP events can receive UMCOR credit. Contact – Phone: 574-264-3102 For Forms: 800-297-1516 Email: info@cwsglobal.org Web: cwsglobal.org

Global Migration (#3022144)
This fund helps the UMC address the global refugee and migration crisis. Contact – Jack Amick, Phone (404) 460-7119 Email: jamick@umcor.org Web: umcor.org/Search-for-Projects/Projects/3022144

Global Refugee & Immigration Response (#982540)
UMCOR responds to the initial emergency needs of uprooted people and provides programs through community and/or church-based projects that prepare refugees for a productive, self-sustaining life when they can safely return to their own country or resettle in a new home. Contact Web: umcor.org/Search-for-Projects/Projects/982540

International Disaster Response (#982450)
When a natural or human-caused disaster strikes outside of the United States, UMCOR serves as the primary channel for United Methodist assistance. In the short term, UMCOR steps in to ease human suffering. In the long term, UMCOR cooperates with local partners to help them develop their own response mechanisms. This Fund serves as the primary funding vehicle for all disasters outside of the US. Funds for individual disasters are not established. Contact: Dr. Olusimbo Ige, Interim Executive Director of UMCOR Email: oige@umcmission.org (404) 942-4353.

US Disaster Response (#901670)
UMCOR works in more than 80 countries, including the US. UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters that are of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on its own. Contact – Email: umcor@umcor.org Web: umcor.org
NC Conference Media Center

Freely available to all NC Conference churches, the NCC Media Center is located in the United Methodist Building in Garner. Resources can be borrowed through the mail. The Media Center has over 3,000 video and printed resources available for use by local churches. Resources include materials for Bible studies, Sunday School, leadership training, mission awareness, stewardship programs, and more.

Visit the Media Center and browse through the resources or look through the Online Catalog via the web site: nccumc.org/mediacenter/. Resources can be requested by calling 919-779-6115 or 1-800-849-4433, ext. 264 or by e-mailing Laura Dallas at ldallas@nccumc.org.

Recommended Resources:
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Stewardship

The Christian Wallet ...................... BOOK
Mike Slaughter helps Christians grapple with important questions about using money: how we spend, how we live, how we save, how we give, and what it all means.

Defying Gravity ................................. KIT
In this 4-week small group study and stewardship campaign, Tom Berlin explores what is required to sustain a vibrant life, what we need versus what we want, and what we can do to avoid being pulled into the orbit of materialism.

Earn. Save. Give. ................................. DVD
James Harnish explains John Wesley’s three simple rules for money in this churchwide 4-week study.

Enough, Discovering Joy Through Simplicity & Generosity .................. DVD
Adam Hamilton leads a small group study for rediscovering the Bible’s wisdom on “prudent financial practices.”

First: Putting God First in Living & Giving .............................. KIT
Mike Slaughter conducts a 4-week all-church stewardship program to help participants reassess priorities and create a culture and a lifestyle of giving with a special emphasis on missions.

From Mammon to Manna: Sabbath Economics & Community Investing ..... DVD
Ched Myers and Andy Loving present six sessions on the Biblical theology of Sabbath Economics and a practical overview of social investing.

Generosity Rising ........................ BOOK
Scott McKenzie offers practical guidelines for training a dedicated team of “generosity revolutionaries” who embrace, live, and lead others on a journey of gratitude, prayer, and faith.

The Gratitude Path ...................... BOOK
This Biblically-based, no-nonsense resource will enable you to help people count their blessings and give to God out of gratitude.

Growing Generous Souls .................. BOOK
Includes reflection questions and resources to help communities move toward becoming more fully grace-filled stewards of all that God has provided.

Theology of Stewardship and Biblical Generosity .......................... DVD
The Lewis Center for Church Leadership offers these videos and study resources to nurture a Christian understanding of giving and Biblical generosity.

Treasure ........................ KIT
Jacob Armstrong uses Matthew 6 to re-examine how we look at our finances through the counter-culture teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.
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Children & Youth

Children’s Mission Moments ................... DVD
ZOE Ministry offers these five mission moments to provide opportunities for children to contribute to the well-being of orphans in Zimbabwe.

Elizabeth & Stella Meet ZOE .................... BOOK
Each girl, in her own way, is impacted by this empowerment movement that helps orphans learn to take care of themselves.

Let the Children Give: Time, Talents, Love, and Money .......................... BOOK
Use this book in your children’s ministry to help kids show their love for God by becoming stewards of God’s gifts.

One Rainy Day I Took Jesus to School with Me ........................................... BOOK
The children of First UMC in Washington, NC wrote and colored this story about the presence of Jesus and UMCOR when a tornado hits their community.

Simply Enough ................................. DVD
Tony Campolo and Shane Claiborne team-up to lead sessions on simple and just living. Choices about food, clothing, money, accountability and more are covered in seven sessions.

77 Creative Ways Kids Can Serve ........................ BOOK
Lots of project ideas to teach children about service. Involves animals, crafts, the environment, and more.

Church Revitalization

8 Virtues of Rapidly Growing Churches .......................... BOOK
Matt Miofsky and Jason Byassee studied several highly-successful church plants and found these leaders and their congregations share common practices and characteristics. top 10 issues the authors have seen in their consultations with churches.

Bearing Fruit .......................... BOOK
Lovett Weems and Tom Berlin readers with tools to assess the fruit their ministry bears in the lives of their congregations, their communities, and the world.

Church Unique .......................... BOOK
Unlock the culture of your church to create a unique vision for ministry that leads to engagement with your community.

Grab Gather Grow: Multiply Community Groups in Your Church .................. DVD
UM leaders, Kim and Jennifer Cowart, share how they increased to 250 small groups in their church with this training video and companion book.

Funding Ministries with Five Loaves and Two Fishes .......................... BOOK
Rosario Picardo shares his experience of having few resources and still being able to grow ministry using innovation and trial and error.

Shift 2.0: Helping Congregations Back into the Game of Effective Ministry .......................... BOOK
NC Conference guest teacher, Phil Maynard, explains the five key shifts that congregations must make to become vital.

TeamWorks Guidebooks .......................... BOOK
Discipleship Ministries of the UMC offers this set of four books to lead your church in various methods of revitalization.

Ten Prescriptions for a Healthy Church .......................... BOOK
Strategies for fixing the top 10 issues the authors have seen in their consultations with churches.

The Passionate Church: Ignite Your Church and Change the World .......................... BOOK
UM pastor, Mike Slaughter, shares how his church has used the Four Areas of Focus to create growth.
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Creation Care

A Hopeful Earth: Faith, Science, and the Message of Jesus...............BOOK
A 6-session study, Bishop Sally Dyck, and scientist, Sarah Ehrman, connect the Bible, faith, science, and Jesus with options for actions.

Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action ..................BOOK
A UMW Mission Study offering a holistic approach to climate justice that includes a Biblical model, education and options for action in our personal lives and in our society.

Go Green, Save Green: A Simple Guide to Saving Time, Money, and God’s Green Earth ......................BOOK
Nancy Sleeth, co-director of Blessed Earth, offers this handbook to making personal lifestyle changes that will save the Earth and save you money at the same time.

Organic Wesley ............................. DVD
This DVD study examines the intersection of the teachings of John Wesley with the ethics of the contemporary food movement.

Reforesting Faith .......................BOOK
Matthew Sleeth makes the convincing case why trees are essential to every Christian’s understanding of God.

Serving God, Saving the Planet: A Call for Creation and Your Soul ........ DVD
Blessed Earth director, Matthew Sleeth, presents 12 sessions on how to “tend and protect the planet” with everyday actions.

Watershed Discipleship ....................BOOK
This collection introduces and explores “watershed discipleship” as a critical, contextual and constructive approach to ecological theology and practice.

Missions

Being Hope: United Methodists in Global Mission ................BOOK
In this 4-week study for all ages, explore the Biblical and Wesleyan foundations for our work as a denomination in the areas of disaster relief, global health, and global development, as well as the role we play in our churches’ mission efforts close to home.

From Relief to Empowerment: How Your Church Can Cultivate Sustainable Mission ..................BOOK
The CEO of ZOE explains how their mission work does more than provide relief. It empowers those it serves.

Friendship at the Margins ...............BOOK
Unlikely friendships are at the center of an alternative paradigm for mission where people are not objectified as potential converts but encountered in a relationship of mutuality and reciprocity.

Engaging Local Schools ................. DVD
Learn from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership how to discern the best ways for your church to commit to service in your local schools.
Missions (continued)

Go! How to Become a Great Commission Church .................................................. BOOK
Study biblical passages where God commands us to “go” while exploring tactics to move your church forward in mission.

Missio Dei and the United States: Toward a Faithful United Methodist Witness ........ BOOK
This study guide by eight United Methodist bishops explores how our faith can be a witness in the world today.

Make a Difference: Following Your Passion and Finding Your Place to Serve .......... DVD
This study draws upon biblical wisdom to provide practical guidance to help disciples connect their passion with the world’s great need.

Taking Church to Community .................. DVD
From the Lewis Center for Church Leadership, learn how to reach your church’s community with service and the gospel message.

The Mission-Minded Guide to Church and School Partnerships ...................... BOOK
Use this guidebook to start or expand a Congregations for Children initiative in your church.

Walking with Nehemiah: Your Community is Your Congregation............ BOOK
Study the Book of Nehemiah and discover how God is calling you to engage with your community.

When Helping Hurts ....................... BOOK
Foundational concepts, clearly articulated general principles and relevant applications provide a holistic ministry to the poor that considers the situation from all angles.

You Raise Me Up: Making it Happen for Children of the Ark ............. BOOK
The history and story of Christianity in Armenia, especially focused on the work of Project AGAPE by the NC and Western NC Conferences as the only humanitarian aid agencies in the region.
Conference Resources

Would you like to have someone come interpret the conference budget and programs and services made possible through connectional giving?

Call Christine Dodson, Conference Treasurer, or Steve Taylor, Executive Director of Connectional Ministries and Church Revitalization, at 800-849-4433 to arrange consultation.

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