





# outreach ministries

**IN CHRIST,  
transforming  
THE WORLD**

**BY CHRIST,  
BEING  
transformed**

**NC Conference in Mission**



In Christ, Transforming the World.  
By Christ, Being Transformed.




Outreach - not an addendum to worship - it is worship!  
Mission Slide Show is Here: <http://nccumc.org/outreach/missionslides/>

Read Isaiah 58:1-12 (The Message – Eugene Peterson (Best))

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**Join the Bishop:  
Urgent Food Need  
for Sierra Leone**

APRIL 30, 2015 0 COMMENTS


Bishop Hope Morgan Ward invites you to join her in providing food items desperately needed by the people of Sierra Leone. The Ebola crisis has left



**Not Too Late for  
Young Adults to  
Apply as 2015  
Global Mission  
Fellows**

MARCH 23, 2015 0 COMMENTS

What could be more exciting than serving other people and glorifying God at the same time! If you have wondered what to do next in your life, perhaps the Global Mission Fellow program is for you. But... [Continue Reading ->](#)



**Walk to Fight  
Hunger: Join a  
Spring CROP Walk**

MARCH 12, 2015 1 COMMENT

Fight hunger globally and locally. Join with your friends and neighbors in one of the annual Spring CROP Walks in your area. There is still time. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events... [Continue Reading ->](#)

NC Conference Outreach Pages ... will contain the latest updates of mission opportunities, information, and needs of our neighbors both near and far. The Outreach area will also contain links to Mission Seed Funds, Board of Missions Incorporated building loans, church construction ministry, and other funding possibilities.

<http://nccumc.org/outreach>  
 You can also contact Kathy Duncan to be included on the Missions email list.  
 Contact: [kduncan@nccumc.org](mailto:kduncan@nccumc.org)

Multitude of missional opportunities - local, conference wide, and global.

Outreach Ministries page <http://nccumc.org/outreach> is the container for missional information. Information on mission grants, upcoming missional events, opportunities for training, missional needs, and ongoing mission efforts, response efforts to disasters, both locally and globally, are also listed here. It is on these pages that we also list our efforts as a global United Methodist church and help us connect with brothers and sisters in ministry across the world.

The Mission Team is made up by mission secretaries from each district in the conference. Our global mission secretary is Rev. Bill Haddock.

# MISSION SEED FUNDS

## Dream MISSION

### WHAT ARE MISSION SEED FUNDS?

Mission Seed Funds are meant to be supplemental funding that assists congregations and supported ministries in beginning new ministry that seeks to encourage ministry with these goals:

- ❖ Make disciples of Jesus Christ
- ❖ Strengthen, develop, and renew Christian congregations and communities
- ❖ Alleviate human suffering, engaged in ministry with the poor
- ❖ Seek justice, freedom, and peace

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### Mission Seed Funds Guidelines



Seed fund application and budget form for 2015 Seed Funds should be submitted via email to [kduncan@nccumc.org](mailto:kduncan@nccumc.org) no later than November 3, 2014. Funds will be disbursed by March 31, 2015.

**Current Applications & Reports for 2015 Seed Funds (Applications Due November 3, 2014)**

Wheels for Hope - Outreach to bring transportation for those who have no access to car ownership.

Download Application for 2015: \$1000 and under (More than \$1000)  
[Download 2015 Mission Seed Fund Guidelines](#)  
[Download 2015 Budget Form \(Must be submitted with 2015 Application\)](#)  
[Download Mission Seed Fund Final Budget Report Form - 2015 \(Due no later than January 31, 2016\)](#)  
[Download Mission Seed Fund Final Report - 2015 \(Due no later than January 31, 2016\)](#)

**Current Applications & Reports for 2014 Seed Funds (Reports due no later than January 31, 2015)**

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#### CATEGORIES

- AGAPE - Armenia
- Alleviating Poverty and Hunger
- Church Construction Ministry
- Congregations for Children
- Creation Care
- Disaster Response
- General

## Purpose of the missions grants

The Mission Team will entertain applications for Seed Funds once per year. Funds will be extended to those congregations who have visioned point of ministry that provides active engagement into the local community particularly in regards to ministries directly engaged with building capacity and meeting physical and spiritual need of people who alienated and dispossessed, the poor and the invisible, those whom Jesus calls "the least of these."

Seed Fund applications will be available on-line through the Mission Web Site, along with application guidelines and evaluation requirements.

Seed Funds are not meant to be "long-term grants," only incentive and start-up funds for new ministries. As such, training will be offered from the mission office to address such on-site issues as: Discerning steps for effective community ministry, properly defining congregational assests, understanding congregational strengths and limitations, considering avenues of funding, how to communicate the ministry, and effective evaluation application.

Evaluations of the effectiveness of new ministries will be collected by the Mission Office and follow-up training will be conducted when necessary or requested.

Mission Seed Funds <http://nccumc.org/missions/seed-funds-advance/>



## MISSION SEED FUNDS - Dream MISSION



Mission Seed Funds have a specific emphasis on equipping and empowering the congregation for hands-on ministry and witness beyond the walls of the church (Acts 1:8). Mission Seed Funds may be provided for up to two years. Funds for a single ministry will not be in excess of \$10,000 per year with the typical award being \$5000 or less.

A life intimately connected with Jesus often begins with someone touching Jesus as Jesus is found in the poor ... or as he says it, the "least of these."

# MISSION SEED FUNDS

## KEY REQUIREMENTS

Start-up seed funds to encourage new hands-on ministry.

Limited to maximum of 2 years of funding, most are funding for only one year.

Local United Methodist Churches and individual congregants will participate in ministries.

People in the local church will effectively engage in ministry "hands on" in ways that directly meet the needs of their neighbors.

Congregations and individual members will understand the need to live out their faith in an active commitment of ministry.



Mission Seed Funds seek to encourage your congregation to efforts of hands-on ministry, usually in your own back yard.

## HOW DO WE DESCRIBE POVERTY?

- Federal Poverty Description - the government's definition of poverty is not tied to an absolute value of how much an individual or family can afford, but is tied to a relative level based on how much the average individual makes. ***Most Americans (58.5%) will spend at least one year below the poverty line at some point between ages 25 and 75.*** There remains some controversy over whether the official poverty threshold over or understates poverty.
- The most common measure of poverty in the United States is the "poverty threshold" set by the U.S. government. This measure recognizes poverty as a ***lack of those goods and services commonly taken for granted by members of mainstream society.***

## HOW DO WE DESCRIBE POVERTY?

### 2015 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Persons in family/household   Poverty guideline

1	\$11,770
2	15,930
3	20,090
4	24,250
5	28,410
6	32,570
7	36,730
8	40,890

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,160 for each additional person.

## HOW DO WE DESCRIBE POVERTY?

- ☐ What is the North Carolina Living Income Standard (LIS)?
- ☐ The Living Income Standard (LIS) is a powerful analytic tool for assessing the economic well being of North Carolina's families. This measure is a bare-bones budget, specific to family composition and geographic area, that tells how much income these families must bring in to meet their most basic needs. Using the LIS, we are able to determine not only what it truly costs to live, but also to identify who is not earning enough and, ultimately, to judge how well the state's families are adjusting to the new economy. The LIS sheds light on the economic security issues that millions of our fellow residents face each day as well as on the policies that could be used to address these persistent challenges.
- ☐ Food, Clothing, Basic Transportation, Basic Housing, Basic Medical Care, Education
- ☐

**2010 LIVING income standard  
JOHNSON county  
1 ADULT and 2 CHILDREN**

Housing	Food	Childcare	Health	Trans	Misc
\$795	\$334	\$769	\$636	\$434	\$305
Taxes	Tax Credits				
\$380	\$(51)				

**Monthly Income Required \$3,602**

**2010 Yearly Income Required LIS: \$43,221**

**Hourly Wage for LIS in Johnson: \$20.78**

**Median household income 2015 - \$58,463**





**The Advance**  
Advancing hope in Christ's name

- ❑ Second-mile missional giving
- ❑ 100% of Gift goes to ministry
- ❑ Gives life and hope to some of the most vulnerable people in the world
- ❑ You are a ministry partner
- ❑ Give on-line, through your offering, or by telephone.
- ❑ Connect with the ministry and build relationships with brothers and sisters in many other parts of the world.

<http://www.umcmmission.org/Give-to-Mission/The-Advance>

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### **About the Advance**

The Advance is an official United Methodist program that gives you the opportunity to give to the ministry of your choice.

### **What is the Advance?**

Although the guns had been silenced when the delegates gathered in Boston for the 1948 General Conference of the Methodist Church, the suffering and destruction wrought by World War II had not ended. Christians everywhere were called to help rebuild a physically and spiritually broken world.

Delegates adopted a "Quadrennial Plan for Christ and His Church," which called for a voluntary "Worldwide Advance" stewardship drive. It was launched with a global preaching mission led by the Council of Bishops. In 1952, the Advance for Christ and His Church became a regular program of the Methodist Church, and in 1968, with the merger of the Methodist and the Evangelical United Brethren churches, The United Methodist Church.

For more than 50 years, the people called United Methodist have given more than 3 million Advance gifts totaling nearly \$800 million for thousands of ministries in more than 100 countries. Through the Advance, we touch the lives of millions of people around the world!

Today, the Advance is an official, second-mile channel for designated giving in The United Methodist Church. The Advance is called second-mile giving because the first mile, or priority, is for local churches to support their World Service and other apportioned funds and conference benevolences. The Advance is called designated giving because it is a way for individuals, church groups, congregations, districts, and annual conferences to select specific ministries to support voluntarily.

For more information, please see: <http://www.umcmmission.org/Give-to-Mission/The-Advance>

# Rainbow covenant

## Rainbow Covenant & Advance



After your church has gone the first mile by paying World Service & Connectional Ministries; Episcopal Fund; Interdenominational Cooperation, Black Colleges, Africa University Fund; and Past Service Liability in full, then select one ADVANCE SPECIAL from each lane:

- Lane 1 - Persons in Mission
- Lane 2 - NC Conference Advance Specials
- Lane 3 - National Missions
- Lane 4 - World Missions
- Lane 5 - UMCOR

In order for your congregation to receive the Rainbow Covenant Certificate and Rainbow Covenant recognition, please complete the Rainbow Covenant Report Form. You can download the form by clicking on the line below or call the Office of Missions. The Covenant form is due to your District Missions Secretary by January 31, 2015. To find the address of your Missions Secretary, click the line below:

- [2014 Rainbow Covenant Report Form](#) (Report due Jan 31, 2015.)
- [2015 Mission & Service Commitment Book](#)
- [2014 Mission & Service Commitment Book](#)
- [2013-2014 District Mission Secretaries](#)
- [Search for General Church Advance Projects](#)

Send your contributions to each of these Advance Specials through the North Carolina Conference Treasurer. After your District Missions Secretary receives your completed Covenant Report, your church will then receive special recognition as a RAINBOW COVENANT CHURCH!

<http://nccumc.org/outreach/rainbow-covenant/>

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 Lane 5 - United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

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The Rainbow Covenant is more than just a mode of giving.

It is also:

- A way to guide a church in mission opportunities
- An encouragement to become involved, hands-on
- An act that touches people where they are, in their need, on the edges and beyond the walls
- A statement on what is important to the “whole of the Conference,” a statement of our connectedness as United Methodist
- A way that we can do more together than we can alone ... it is a statement of community

Rainbow Covenant: <http://nccumc.org/missions/rainbow-covenant/>



# MISSIONARY LIFE & CALL

<https://www.umcmmission.org/GT>



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The young adult missionaries of the United Methodist Church define “mission” in many personal ways, with words such as “partnership” and “life” and “faith.” They share their own reasons for coming to the young mission program, including serving others through faith and justice, preparation for the ministry, and international experience.

Whether participating in a program to raise awareness of social issues, networking with others around the world, volunteering in a clinic, or dedicating their lives to long-term missionary service, young people transform their communities. Find a program that's right for you. -

- **Service Opportunities - Generation Transformation** is an initiative of Global Ministries to increase opportunities for young adults to engage in mission throughout the connection. This includes supporting mission service within the UMC and Global Ministries' flagship programs for young adults. These Global Ministries programs include: Global Mission Fellows, Global Justice Volunteers, Individual Volunteers.
- **Youth Networks** - Meet others with mutually shared interests through nationwide networks and then take action together. JustUs Youth addresses the cause of poverty through community justice projects. The Global Youth and Young Adult Networks provide opportunities for peer connection and advocacy.
- **Resources** - Learn more about important social issues through programs and events, including **B1**, a nationwide 24-hour fasting program that raises awareness about hunger. The United Methodist Special Program on Substance Abuse and Related Violence (**SPSARV**) administers to those affected by the diseases of alcohol and other drug addictions, including **HadEnough**, a movement of United Methodist youth to respond to substance abuse and violence.

- See more at: <http://www.umcmmission.org/Get-Involved/Young-People#sthash.Xu7bcaoP.dpuf>



### **Global Mission Fellows Ministry**

Global Mission Fellows is a program of The United Methodist Church that sends young adults between the ages of 20-30, out of their home context for two years of mission service. This is a faith- and justice-centered program that grew out of the historic US-2 and Mission Intern programs. In keeping with the program's three core values, Global Mission Fellows aim to:

- ENGAGE with local communities
- CONNECT the church in mission
- GROW in personal and social holiness.

This program develops strong young leaders who are committed to building just communities and a peaceful world.

### **Global Justice Volunteer Program - A Short-term Volunteer Opportunity for Young Adults, Ages 18 to 30**

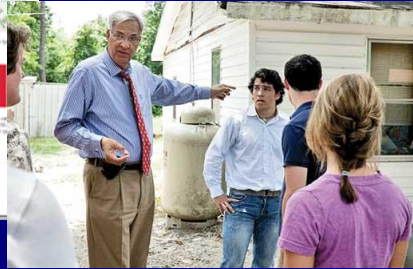
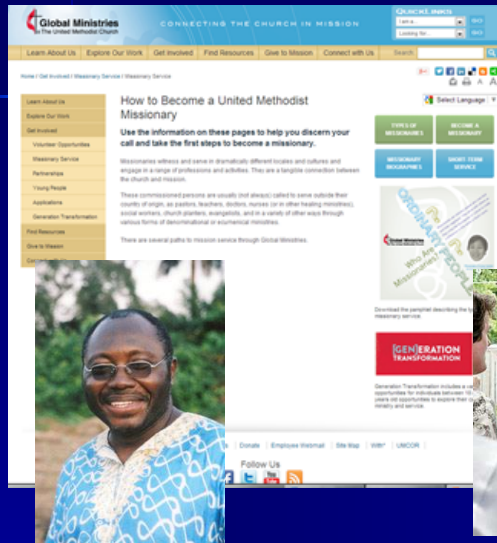
The Global Justice Volunteers Program of the General Board of Global Ministries is a short-term service opportunity for young adults, ages 18 to 30. Participants are from all over the world and serve all over the world. Small teams of volunteers spend 10 weeks during the months of June through August exploring the links between faith and social justice as they work with local grassroots organizations. Volunteers work alongside their host community to address critical issues such as HIV and AIDS, poverty, human trafficking, and migrants' rights. This program gives the volunteers the opportunity to develop new skills, to learn from local experts, and to channel their passion to help build just communities.

**About Individual Volunteers Ministry**

Get involved in mission during your vacation, required semester abroad or gap year. Put your faith into action while living in community with those you serve. The Individual Volunteer program offers individuals and couples the flexibility to volunteer for a period of two months to two years at placement sites all around the world, including the United States. Every effort is made to accommodate a volunteer's placement choice. Raise your own funds, get trained, join with other volunteers, and be immersed in another culture.

Contact: [indvols@umcmmission.org](mailto:indvols@umcmmission.org)

# MISSIONARY service



<http://www.umcmmission.org/Get-Involved/Missionary-Service>

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## How to Become a United Methodist Missionary

Use the information on these pages to help you discern your call and take the first steps to become a missionary.

Missionaries witness and serve in dramatically different locales and cultures and engage in a range of professions and activities. They are a tangible connection between the church and mission.

These commissioned persons are usually (not always) called to serve outside their country of origin, as pastors, teachers, doctors, nurses (or in other healing ministries), social workers, church planters, evangelists, and in a variety of other ways through various forms of denominational or ecumenical ministries.

- See more at: <http://www.umcmmission.org/Get-Involved/Missionary-Service#sthash.3lvuZjw1.dpuf>

There are several types of missionaries: Missionaries serving around the world, Church and Community Workers serving in the U.S., Individual Mission Volunteers, etc. You can find more about mission service opportunities and the types of missionaries at the following link: <http://www.umcmmission.org/Get-Involved/Missionary-Service/Types-of-Missionary-Service> Also, the NC Conference Mission Personnel Committee often works with people to help them discover and find a way to missional vocation. Please contact [kduncan@nccumc.org](mailto:kduncan@nccumc.org) for more information.

## Deaconess & Home Missioner



Consecrated lay professionals, called to serve in the life of Christ in ministries of love, justice, and service.

<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/dhm>



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JUSTICE  
& SERVICE

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to learn more

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Deaconesses are laywomen who are called by the Holy Spirit to devote their lives to Christ-like service and are in a continuing relationship with The United Methodist Church through United Methodist Women. In 2004, laymen received an equal opportunity to this relationship through the creation of the office of home missionary. Deaconesses and home missionaries are approved through a process established by United Methodist Women and are consecrated, commissioned, and appointed by a bishop. They are trained professionals engaged in full-time vocations of servant ministry as laity, approved by the bishop of their annual conference.

The Methodist Episcopal Church created the office of deaconess at General Conference in the spring of 1888 and the Rock River Annual Conference (now mostly Northern Illinois) consecrated the first deaconesses in October 1888. The deaconess movement spread through the branches of American Methodism in the years that followed. Today, nearly 200 active service deaconesses and home missionaries continue to fill a vital and important role in the mission and ministry of the United Methodist Church.

Anyone interested in learning more about the deaconess/home missionary relationship, or who might be discerning a call to ministry, is encouraged to contact Deaconess Becky Dodson Louter at [blouter@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:blouter@unitedmethodistwomen.org), or use the physical address and phone number listed below.

Promotional materials and additional information about the 125th Anniversary of the deaconess movement are available on our websites: <http://www.dhmumc.org> and <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/programs/deaconesses>. To find deaconesses and home missionaries serving near you and to organize a celebration in your conference, district, local church, or small group, please contact Elke Adams at [eadams@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:eadams@unitedmethodistwomen.org).



# DISASTER RESPONSE & VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION



Early Response Training - Certified Teams for short term and immediate disaster response.

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission - Work Teams, Recovery Teams, Teams for service in the U.S. and world wide.

Teaching Teams, Reverse Mission Teams, VBS Teams, etc.

<http://nccumc.org/outreach>



**United Methodist Volunteers in Mission**  
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE



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The NC Conference has a cadre of trained volunteers working on your behalf to provide leadership and a capacity to respond to local and international disasters. Ongoing activities, needs, articles, and your disaster response representative and disaster response plan can be found at: <http://nccumc.org/outreach/disaster-response/>



## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

AGAPE Christmas Boxes  
 ZOE  
 School Kits




Congregations for Children  
 Give 5 Read 5  
 Stop Hunger Now  
 Operation Sharehouse  
 Society of St. Andrew Gleaning  
 Robeson County Church & Community Center



<http://nccumc.org/outreach>

The NC Conference and the Global United Methodist church embodies a vast multitude of mission opportunities and efforts. From hands on ministry to partnering with missionaries all around the world, if you can visualize a mission action, there is opportunity for engagement awaiting you.

Each District also has its unique focus in local and global missions: For example, the Beacon District is focussed on agricultural ministry efforts at the Ganta Mission Station in Liberia.

More information can be found at <http://nccumc.org/outreach>



## organizing a Response

- Change in public policies for the benefit of the poor, investment into lives of poor people
- Church and Community Centers/Bethlehem Centers/Urban Ministries
- Child Care Centers
- Senior Care Centers – Senior Citizen Services
- Job Empowerment Center
- GED Center/Community College
- Refurbishment of Older Vehicles – Transportation Systems
- Community Health Clinics – Community Health Days
- Food Pantries/Food Banks/Back-pack buddies
- Soup Kitchens
- Temporary Housing / Transitional Housing
- Addiction Center/AA Halls/Churches
- Literacy Training/Literacy Tutoring
- Thrift Stores
- Community Parties/Picnics/Sings
- Big Brother/Big Sister/Mentoring Programs
- Community Education/Resource Days
- Income Tax Preparation
- Community Personal Care Days (Community Salon/Haircuts)
- Youth Services – After School Care – Homework Tutors
  - Sports Leagues/Teams/Scholarships

## organizing a response

- ☐ *A Word about Capital* - how you and your congregation can respond?
- ☐
- ☐ What is Socially Responsible Investing (SRI)?
- ☐ Community Investing - Building points of power.
- ☐ Can you think of ways to use share-holder activism?
- ☐ What is Community Development Financial Institutions?  
What is the prime way that poor communities build wealth?
- ☐ How can you invest locally into the lives of poor folks?
  - ☐ NC Self-Help Credit Union [www.self-help.org](http://www.self-help.org)
  - ☐ Latino Community Credit Union [lccu.org](http://lccu.org)

# UMCOR - You Are the U in UMCOR

## United Methodist Committee on Relief



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### About Us

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. We provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

UMCOR is a ministry of The United Methodist Church, and our goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. We believe all people have God-given worth and dignity.

While UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations to extend our reach, our most important partners are the people we serve. We are confident that successful solutions to emergency or chronic conditions begin with the affected population. UMCOR provides these survivors not only temporary relief but long-term education, training, and support.

UMCOR spends 100 percent of designated donations on the projects our donors specify. When UMCOR donors give their time, money, and supplies, they join UMCOR as the hands and feet of Christ.

# UMCOR - MINISTRY Areas

## Programs

Select Language ▼

UMCOR provides humanitarian relief in the United States and internationally. Our 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. While UMCOR is not a first-response organization, we stand ready to accompany communities in need over the long haul of their recovery, until they are well on their way to establishing a "new normal" after a crisis.

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.

We also are involved in global development work. Specific programs address issues of health, sanitation, poverty, sustainable agriculture, nutrition, and food security. Many development problems are interrelated, so UMCOR uses integrated solutions to address their root causes. UMCOR seeks to empower local hospitals, schools, churches, and other stakeholders by enhancing their capacity to address these issues.



Courtesy of B. Perovic

DISASTER  
RESPONSE

GLOBAL  
HEALTH

GLOBAL  
DEVELOPMENT

COUNTRY  
OFFICES

ONE GREAT HOUR  
OF SHARING

REFUGEES

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## International Disaster Response

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, we work in accompaniment with local partners toward capacity building and Disaster Risk Reduction.

In the aftermath of a disaster, UMCOR cooperates with local bishops, district superintendents, and church leaders to help them develop their own response mechanisms. UMCOR trains disaster response coordinators for each district or region to:

- Categorize disasters, Recognize common phases or stages of disasters

- Balance needs vs. capacity to respond


- Create a disaster-response plan

- Use material resources and volunteers efficiently

- Network with local and national partners

- Adhere to Sphere Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response & ICRC Humanitarian Code of Conduct

UMCOR's Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) program helps communities to identify vulnerabilities and attend to these before another disaster strikes.



### UMCOR IN THE U.S. & N.C.

- Tornadoes - 900+ houses destroyed ... thousands damaged
- Hurricane Irene - More than 27,000 homes damaged or destroyed.
- Over \$50 million in uninsured losses ... fishermen and fishing industry families
- Over \$1.75 Million Given from UMCOR to NC Conference.
- Over 600 United Methodist Teams --- many, many more needed!!!

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## US Disaster Response

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. First and foremost, UMCOR is a resource for the local response.

When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides the following four things:

**Training.** UMCOR [trains](#) teams of volunteers.

**Financial Assistance.** If the bishop of the affected conference contacts UMCOR, an emergency grant may be sent.

**Expertise.** UMCOR's disaster-response experience and knowledge are made available to those in need.

**Networking.** Getting connected with NGOs, volunteers, experts, local government, and other organizations can help communities recover from disaster.





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## Global Health

UMCOR Global Health programs work internationally with more than 300 United Methodist hospitals and clinics, using education as well as preventative and curative measures to confront major health issues such as malnutrition, maternal and child mortality, HIV and AIDS, and malaria. Our programs also seek to increase access to clean water and better sanitation.

In the United States, UMCOR Global Health programs connect people to resources and support networks and advocate for people with disabilities.

UMCOR's holistic approach to health empowers people to take charge of their own lives. This strategy emphasizes education and the development of local resources so that improvements in public health are sustained over time.

UMCOR's programs reach entire communities, especially the most vulnerable, and value local cultural practices as sources of preventative and curative health care.

## REFUGEE RESPONSE



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### Disaster Response: Refugees

Ever since UMCOR's inception in 1940, refugee ministry has been a part of our mission. Today, UMCOR supports the network of United Methodist Annual Conference Refugee and Immigration Ministries Coordinators (RIMcors) and other conference-level leaders as they reach out to local churches and expand the network of hospitality.

Through our partner, [Church World Service](#), UMCOR helps to connect church members with refugees and immigrants in need. Our [Church Packet](#) and [How Churches Engage with Refugees](#) provide information on how churches can get involved. In addition, UMCOR offers a small number of modest grants to strengthen projects connected to the church that serve immigrants and refugees.



## From Death ... TO LIFE



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Miracle at the Farmer Field School.

### Water and Sanitation

Water is essential. It is used not only for drinking but for bathing, cooking, cleaning, waste disposal, and agriculture. Yet, 884 million people around the world do not have adequate access to it. In developing countries, even when water is accessible, it may not be clean. Because of this, 5,000 children a day die from waterborne diseases. What's more, 2.5 billion people around the world lack basic sanitation.

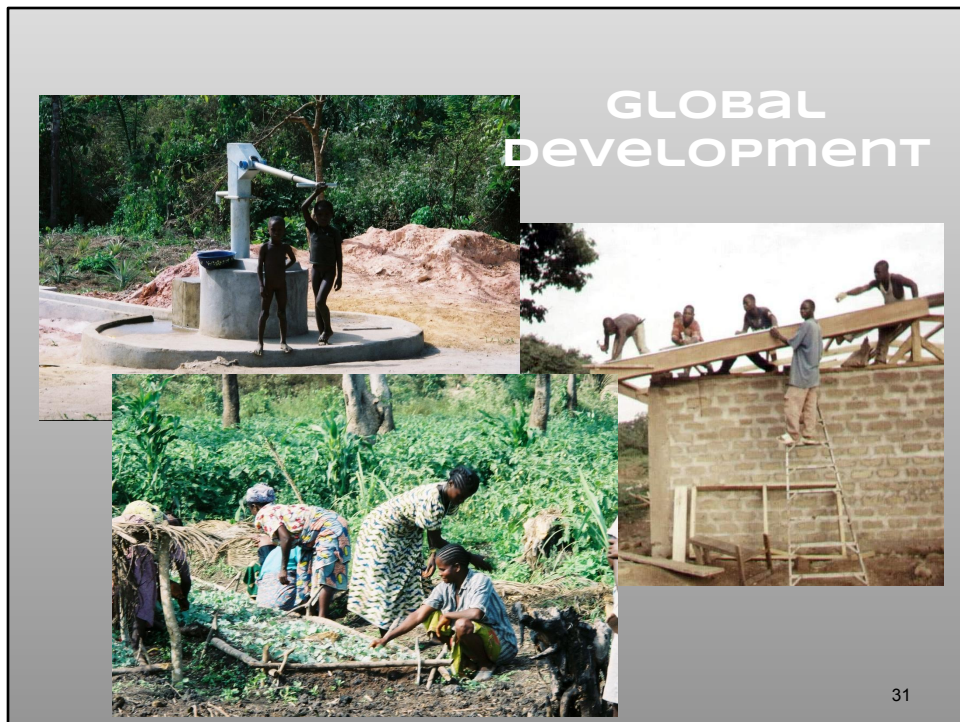
UMCOR's Water and Sanitation program is helping vulnerable communities gain better access to clean water by locating safe water sources, educating communities, and improving sanitation.

**Wells** - UMCOR helps communities rehabilitate existing water infrastructure or build wells from scratch. Locating reliable water sources can take months or even years. Once a source is determined, we distribute household water filtration units and provide training on their proper use and maintenance. UMCOR-supported water and sanitation projects in a dozen countries are helping thousands of people access safe water to meet their day-to-day needs.

**Education** - Forming a Community Development Committee (CDC) (Liberia Story)

**Sanitation** - About 80 percent of illnesses are linked to poor water and sanitation conditions. In developing countries, diarrhea kills 2.2 million people

each year. UMCOR builds latrines and hand-washing stations so that people can live healthy and whole lives.



## Global Development

UMCOR works to end hunger and poverty around the world through awareness, advocacy, and action. Through our connection with local churches, partner organizations, and communities, we build awareness of the interrelated problems that face our world and encourage advocacy for the most vulnerable members of every community. UMCOR specializes in solutions that help people become self-reliant. We work in partnership with the communities we serve to put love into action and share hope for all people.

In September 2000, the world's leaders came together at United Nations headquarters in New York City to formally adopt the Millennium Development Goals, with the deadline to meet them by 2015. The goals are to:

- End poverty and hunger
- Attain universal education
- Achieve gender equality
- Promote child health
- Promote maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS and other disease of poverty
- Attain environmental sustainability
- Build a global partnership

UMCOR is contributing to meeting these development objectives through our programs in Sustainable Agriculture and Development, Fair Trade, Nutrition, Food Sovereignty, Hunger and Poverty Grants, and others.

## SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



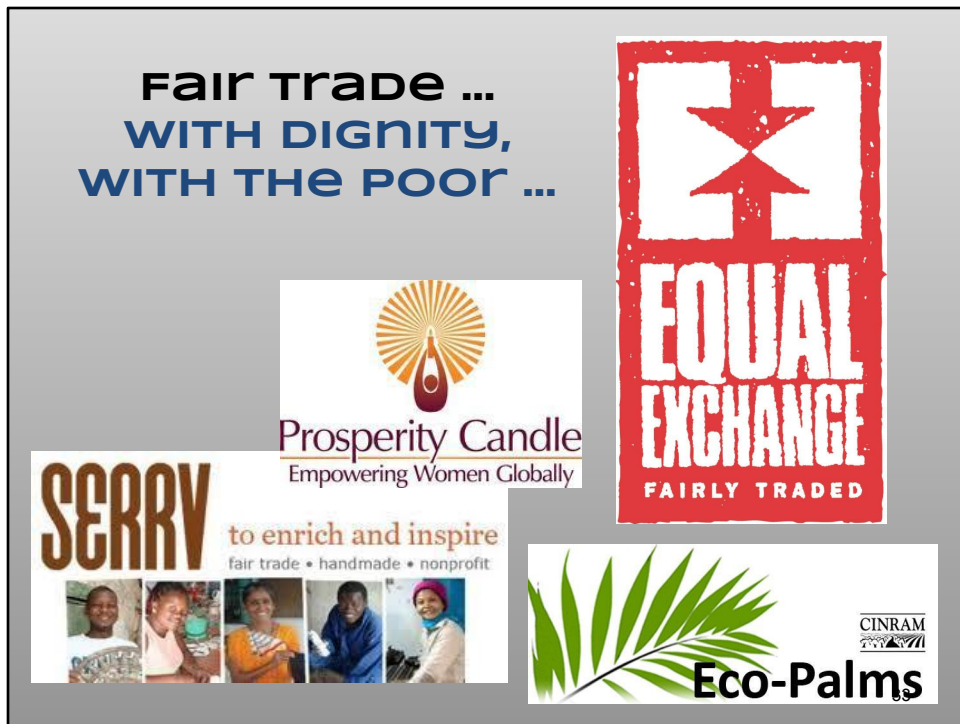
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### Sustainable Agriculture and Development

Sharing knowledge is the primary goal of UMCOR's Sustainable Agriculture and Development (SA&D) program. UMCOR SA&D offers livelihood training to rural communities in Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, and, most recently, Malawi and Tanzania. We work with local partners in these countries to ensure that the program is relevant to the people we serve, farm-centered, and field-based.

UMCOR SA&D emphasizes economic and environmental viability and sustainability. Training and education empower farmers to take care not only of the land but of their families, while promoting independence and self-reliance. For example, when farmers learn beekeeping or livestock husbandry, they create resources that can be used for generations to come.



Fair Trade - Deep controversies in the Fair Trade. Unfortunately, all our advances are now in jeopardy. Fair Trade USA (formerly TransFair USA) has slowly but steadily chipped away at our principles and values, only recently taking the final steps in building their strategy. They have taken the name Fair Trade USA, then proceeded to leave the international Fair Trade System (FLO International/FairTrade International), lower standards, eliminate farmers from their governance model, and invite large-scale plantations into coffee and all other commodities.

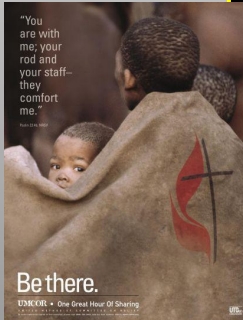
SERRV is a nonprofit organization with a mission to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide.

For more than 60 years, SERRV has worked to eradicate poverty through our direct connections with low-income artisans and farmers. We market their crafts and foods, find joint solutions to their challenges, and help them grow and embrace the future. One of the first alternative trade organizations in the world, SERRV is a founding member of the World Fair Trade Organization (formerly IFAT) and a founding member of the Fair Trade Federation (FTF).

Prosperity Candle - This company works with women in conflict areas and in the aftermath of disasters. It provides training and resources, empowering them to earn income as candle makers. Ten percent of purchases go back to UMCOR to support continued relief efforts.



# one Great HOUR OF SHARING



Each year, join United Methodists worldwide on the fourth Sunday of Lent in observing the One Great Hour of Sharing. This special offering is vital to the support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief and its humanitarian ministries.

**YOU CAN GIVE AT ANY TIME!**

<http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Support>

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The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is absolutely essential to UMCOR. UMCOR receives no World Service funds or any other apportionments. Through their gifts to the offering, United Methodists can assure that when catastrophes cause suffering, your church, impelled by Jesus' love and compassion, will be in the lead to ease the pain.

## **YOUR GIFTS WORK THREE WAYS**

### **Keeping the Lights On**

Gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business," so that 100 percent of every dollar you donate to a specific UMCOR project can be spent on that project and not on home office administrative costs.

### **Fill-in Fundraising**

UMCOR is a good steward of God's gifts. Offering gifts over and above those used to cover administrative costs are channeled where they're most needed—to assist the most vulnerable people whose need is greatest. Donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering also assist UMCOR programs that have not been fully funded through designated Advance gifts.

### **Answering Jesus' Call**

United Methodists' donations often become the springboard for additional funding.

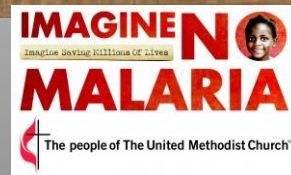
Jesus promised to be with us always, "to the very end of the age." And Jesus extends this call to us to "be there" as well—to be the hands and heart of the church wherever people are suffering. Your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing, channeled through United Methodist Committee on Relief, enable the

church to answer that call.

For more info: <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Support>

## Imagine NO Malaria

**And the King said, “When you do it unto one of the least of these ... you do it to ME.**



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### Imagine no Malaria

Gifts to this program via UMCOR Advance #3021190 can make a big difference:

Provides medication to treat someone with malaria.

Purchases and delivers one insecticide-treated mosquito net.

Covers the expenses for an anti-malaria campaign in a local school.

Trains traditional birth attendants in malaria prevention and treatment.

\$500 Provides all the expenses for a one day community leader training for 35-40 attendees on malaria prevention

is the cost of a motorbike for a community health team in Liberia or Sierra Leone

\$4000 purchases a year's worth of malaria laboratory test kits for all UMC clinics in Bo District, Sierra Leone

\$5,000 supports a bed net distribution program targeting pregnant women and children in 20 communities in Liberia.

\$10,000 purchases anti-malarial medications for patients cared for in a rural hospital in Nigeria for one year.

\$20,000 underwrite a health board training for both annual conferences in Angola, to assist our church in developing a strategic community-based health and malaria prevention plan.



## Maternal & CHILD HEALTH



**... more than 300,000 women die during pregnancy and childbirth each year.**

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### Maternal and Child Health

In many parts of the world, up to 20 percent of children die before their fifth birthday from preventable diseases such as pneumonia, diarrhea, and malaria. In addition, more than 300,000 women die during pregnancy and childbirth each year. The tragedy of these statistics is that nearly all of these deaths are preventable. Training in basic child health, immunization, access to contraception, skilled attendance at birth, and emergency obstetric care make a real difference.

UMCOR's Maternal and Child Survival program provides essential care to mothers and children. Our strategy is to educate people about four simple solutions: nutrition, oral rehydration, immunization, and growth monitoring. We teach mothers about proper nutrition, including the importance of breastfeeding; train community health workers and mothers in oral rehydration, using the life-saving mixture of clean water, salt, baking soda, and sugar.

UMCOR supports United Methodist health facilities so that they can provide immunizations for the six primary childhood diseases: polio, tetanus, whooping cough, typhoid, measles, and tuberculosis. And we show mothers and community health workers how to use growth charts and scales so they can monitor a child's overall physical condition.

# RELIEF SUPPLY KITS



SCHOOL KIT

SEWING KIT

BIRTHING KIT

HEALTH KIT

CLEANING BUCKET

BEDDING KIT

LAYETTE KIT

**YOU are THE U IN UMCOR!!!**

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## Relief-Supply Kits

Relief-supply kits help provide care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. Health kits, sewing kits, school kits, bedding kits, birthing kits, and cleaning buckets are collected by generous donors across the United States. These items are then sent to one of two supply depots, where volunteers assemble, verify, and pack the kits so that they can be sent to where they are needed most.

Kits also help sustain everyday life for people who lack ready access to essential supplies. They provide vital support for UMCOR's global development work and make a tangible difference in people's lives.

We receive kits at Disaster Response/Recovery & Missions Warehouse at the Methodist Men's Center in Goldsboro.

Your United Methodist Church is working across a multiplicity of areas in collaborative ministry.

The screenshot displays the UMCOR website's Haiti Earthquake section. At the top, the UMCOR logo is visible alongside navigation links: About UMCOR, Our Work, How to Give, News Room, Get Connected, and Contact Us. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the navigation, a breadcrumb trail reads: UMCOR / OUR WORK / DISASTER RESPONSE / ONGOING / HAITI EARTHQUAKE. The main heading is "Haiti Earthquake". Below this, there are two large images: one labeled "Volunteer/News" showing three children, and another labeled "Send Relief Supplies" showing a woman. To the right of these images is a "Select Language" dropdown menu and a "Powered by Google Translate" notice. A prominent red button with the UMCOR logo says "Give Now to the Haiti Emergency". Below this button, a statistic states: "100% of each gift to Advance #18325 helps the people of Haiti with immediate assistance and long-term recovery." To the right of the button is a link to "Haiti Earthquake News Archives". The main content area is titled "Haiti News" and includes a pagination link "PREVIOUS | 1 2 3 | NEXT" and "1-9 of 20". There are five news articles listed, each with a small image and a title: "Innovation: Tool for Rebuilding", "Partners in Providing Shelter", "Setting a Vision", and "Progress in Haiti After the Earthquake". The fifth article is partially obscured. To the right of the news articles is a "Download Video: movypp4" link and a "Download Haiti Earthquake Response Report July - December 2010 PDF (5pp, 265K)" link. At the bottom right is a circular logo with the text "10 FOLD".

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### Haiti News

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**Innovation: Tool for Rebuilding**  
A forum in Haiti, sponsored by UMCOR, EMH, and UMWIM, calls for creative solutions to the persistent problem of rebuilding homes.  
Melissa Crutchfield/UMCOR

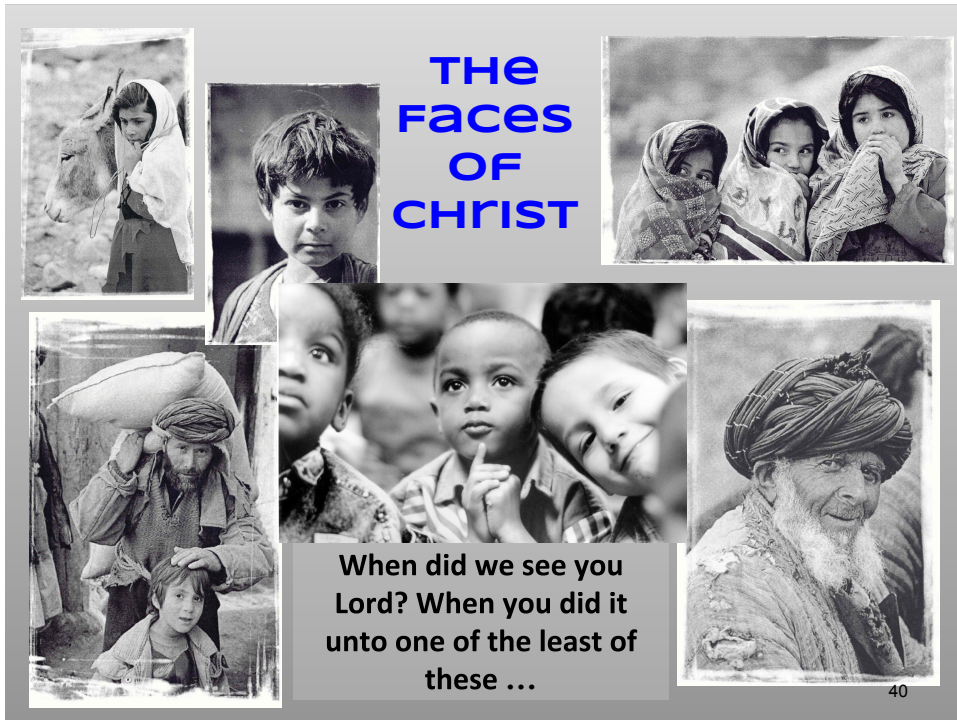
**Partners in Providing Shelter**  
More than 3,200 families in Haiti will soon have transitional, upgradeable, or permanent housing, thanks to collaborations between UMCOR and three different humanitarian organizations.  
Thomas Dwyer/Haiti

**Setting a Vision**  
During its spring board of directors meeting, UMCOR approved significant funding for disaster relief in Japan and Haiti and advanced its strategic planning process.  
Linda Singer/UMCOR

**Progress in Haiti After the Earthquake**  
by Melissa Crutchfield and Thomas Dwyer  
From the May-June 2011 Issue of New World Outlook

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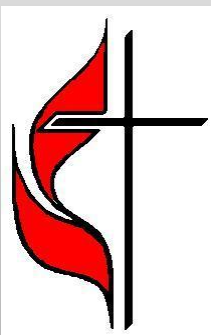
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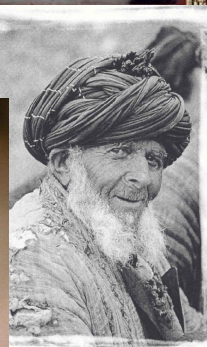
Final Reflections about this thing called "Mission."

The image of Jesus is found in the faces of those among us, those whom the powers step over or step on, those whom are the little nobodies of our world. They are the ones whose feet are found close to the dirt in which Jesus walked, there on the muddy roads of Liberia and the rocky mountain passes of Armenia, in the broken down huts in Zimbabwe bearing the definition - orphan, there in places that much of the world forgets ... in the small reed huts of Bolivia and the wooden shacks of Robeson County, North Carolina.

They are God's gifts to the world, the humble, blessed ones who never have choices of how they will live and where they will work or who they will be. They are the small ones who simply have life handed to them, without security, without assurance, without much of that which we assume we deserve. They are the ones who teach us what it means to pray, "Thy Kingdom Come."



And remember ...  
It's not about  
programs ...  
It's about loving the  
least.  
It's about touching  
the face of Jesus.



**MISSION - NOT an ADDENDUM TO WORSHIP ... IT IS WORSHIP!**

We send out a Mission email about twice per month ... sometimes a bit more often, sometimes a bit less.

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