

Mission & Service Commitments 2024



North Carolina Conference
The United Methodist Church

Graceful Surrender

Dear United Methodist Family,

In the United States, it seems that all of life is a competition. We compete in elections, sports, and business. Our court systems are adversarial. We love winners and we are not fans of white flags. We are often taught to win at all cost and never give up. Yet as disciples of Jesus Christ, in the Wesleyan tradition of The United Methodist Church, we understand our relationship with God, others, and our individuality as founded upon and connected by God's grace.

God's grace is gifted to us. It is not won. And it is in our surrender to God's grace that we understand ourselves as connectional people. In our surrender, God's net of grace expands and discipleship increases and the world transforms to glimpse the kingdom of heaven; "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind..." Mt. 13:47.

Surrender to God's grace equips our hearts to sincerely pray Wesley's Covenant prayer:

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine.



Bishop Connie Mitchell Shelton

So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Our covenant prayer of surrender is a courageous act. It encapsulates our mission and calls forth our collective support of our grace-empowered mission. Our opportunities are ever before us. In God's economy nothing is wasted. May we summons the courage, through God's grace to pray our covenant prayer?

May we join in supporting our mission and sing with joy that in our prayers, words, and actions we gracefully surrender to God's grace:

*All to Jesus I surrender;
All to him I freely give,
I will ever love and trust him,
In his presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all. UMH #354*

In Christ,

Bishop Connie Mitchell Shelton

Your Faithful Giving Makes an Impact



Within local churches, gifts are spent as follows: *

33.79% 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.

39.06% Local Pastor(s) Salaries and Benefits:

This item reflects the compensation paid to the church's pastor or pastors in the form of salary, housing, 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 such as hospitalization and life insurance.

18.46% 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 2022 Table II.

NC Conference Budget

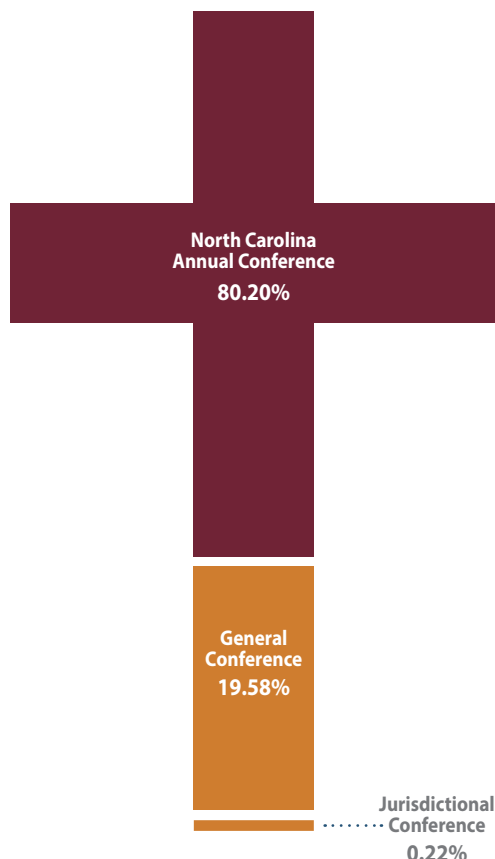
The North Carolina Conference budget is developed through a four-year cycle.

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.

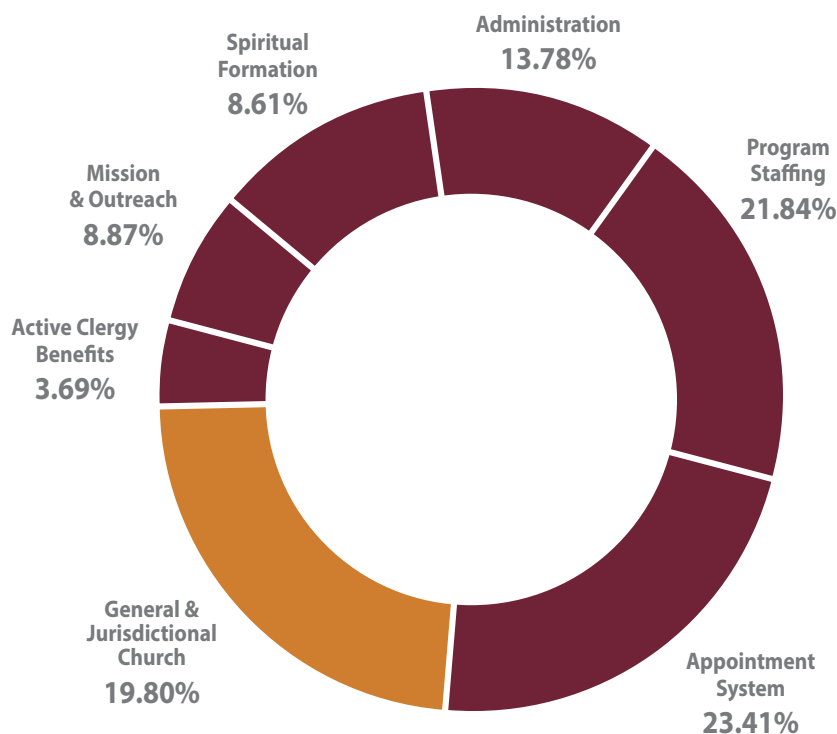


2025 Budget

To Be Raised in 2024

In 2022, 508 churches in the NC Conference, with a total membership of 161,463, spent \$122,891,781 for all causes. This translates to \$833.49 per member.

Based on these disbursements, the 2025 Budget (funded by 2024 apportionments) is as follows:



Mission & Service Needs

To Be Raised in 2024 for 2025

Totals by Conference	Approved Amount	% of Total Apportionments	Increase/ Decrease of Budget from Previous Year
General Conference	\$2,388,841	19.58%	-32.19%
Jurisdictional Conference	\$26,976	0.22%	-14.12%
Annual Conference	\$9,786,106	80.20%	-19.66%
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$12,201,923	100.00%	-22.45%

Totals by Program or Ministry Area	Approved Amount	% of Total Apportionments	Increase/ Decrease of Budget from Previous Year
World Service & NC Conference Connectional Ministries			
** World Service	\$1,242,571	10.18%	-28.77%
NCC Connectional Ministries	\$10,380,310	85.07%	-19.98%
**Episcopal Fund	\$367,976	3.02%	-47.47%
**Africa University	\$37,465	0.31%	-34.00%
**Black College Fund	\$167,408	1.37%	-33.70%
**Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	\$6,193	0.05%	-18.00%
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$12,201,923	100.00%	-22.45%

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.*

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, 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;
11. The Gary Wayne Locklear Mission Endowment Support
12. The portion of pastor compensation expense funded by equitable compensation grants from the Conference budget.

Mission & Service Commitments

World Service Fund

Support for this fund is to be raised and spent in 2024.

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” (§1812, 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..... \$1,242,571

NC Conference Connectional Ministries

NC Conference budget funds raised in 2024 to be spent in 2025. See page 4 for more information.

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

Congregations for Children.....\$12,000

Focuses on making a positive impact on child poverty in NC by developing or expanding partnerships between UM churches and local public schools. The objectives are to enhance K-3 literacy, meet basic student needs, promote parental and other caring adult involvement, and raise congregational awareness of poverty issues.

Creation Care \$10,000

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.

Health Ministries\$6,000

Encourages healthy living to preserve the physical temple of the indwelling Holy Spirit, through education, advocacy, and screening.

Disaster Readiness & Response\$21,140

Provides organization, training, and oversight of United Methodist disaster response.

Missions & Outreach.....\$678,000

Funds mission and service projects, especially as they address Conference priorities, and engage with and create relationships with those outside the walls of the church. Provides support for our ministry partners within the Conference, and those nationally and internationally. Provides support for affiliated institutions as approved through the Missions Team grant process.

Leadership Development Team *Serves to equip leaders who implement the vision*

CHURCH & WORLD

Center for Leadership Excellence. . . . \$57,000
Provides learning opportunities and leadership training for clergy and laity.

Christian Unity.....\$5,000
Interprets, advocates, works for unity of the Christian church; encourages dialogue, cooperation.

Church & Society..... \$10,000
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.

Conflict Transformation..... \$4,370
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.

Emerging Church Support.....\$900,000
Provides salaries, housing, and benefits for pastors of new churches.

Laity.....\$15,000
Promotes training for laypersons serving as leaders in the church and community. Also funds the Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries.

**New Faith Communities
Salaries & Benefits.....\$290,000**
Salaries/benefits for two staff and part-time assistance as needed.

Office Expenses.....\$60,000
Office expenses and travel.

Safe Sanctuaries..... \$1,000
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.

CLERGY LIFE

**Board of Ordained/
Diaconal Ministry.....\$300,000**
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.

Higher Education & Campus Ministry...\$645,000
Provides support for campus ministries, administers scholarships, connects colleges and the local church.

**** Ministerial Education Fund.....\$419,683**
Assists in the education and training of clergy and diaconal ministers in The United Methodist Church.

**Office of Clergy Life & Assistant to the Bishop
Salaries & Benefits.....\$460,000**
Salaries and benefits for four full-time persons and other temporary help as needed to support the ministry of the Office of Clergy Life.

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



Leadership Development Team *(continued)*

SUPERINTENDENCY & MISSION STRATEGISTS

District Superintendents

Salaries & Benefits.....\$930,000

District Travel.....\$100,000

District Offices.....\$215,800

Provides office and program funding for the work of the districts.

District Centralized Support

Salary & Benefits.....\$650,000

Funds the salaries and benefits for four Administrative Assistants to the District Superintendent and three district administrative support staff.

District Centralized Support

Office.....\$65,000

BISHOP & CABINET

Office of the Bishop.....\$55,000

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.

Cabinet: Immigration Expense Assistance

.....\$17,500

Assists pastors and their families who have to clarify or establish their immigration status.

Effective Ministry Program.....\$30,000

Assists in pastors' salaries during medical or other urgent circumstances and transition.

Cabinet Meeting Expenses. \$35,000

Race Equity & Justice Ministries Team

Serves to envision and direct the work of diversity, equity, and inclusion

Multicultural Ministries.....\$155,000

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. Provides grants for ministries of inclusiveness in districts and local churches. Provides program funds for conference ministries of inclusiveness.

Disability Ministries.....\$2,000

Guides local churches in ministries to and with persons with special needs: offers coaching and training to local churches.

Commission on the Status & Role

of Women (COSROW)\$10,000

Addresses issues and concerns related to the full participation of women in the total life of the church.

Refugee & Immigration.....\$10,000

Assists with refugee resettlement and interpretation of immigration policy.

Anti-Racism Ministries..... \$70,000

Examines the power imbalances between racialized people and non-racialized/white people and makes disciples who practice anti-racism as a spiritual practice and engage in practices of cultural humility.

Christian Formation Team

Serves to form and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ

Evangelism & Discipleship.....\$12,000

Focuses on The Great Commission, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. (CEB) This group of ministries focuses on equipping all age-levels to share Christ with others and live in faithful obedience to Christ's teachings.

Financial Discipleship Team.....\$4,300

Interprets stewardship theologically, promotes stewardship education and programs.

Worship.....\$3,000

Designs worship for Annual Conference, and offers worship training for local congregations.

Youth Ministries.....\$96,000

Supports meetings and work of the Council on Youth Ministries and provides seed money for events such as Global Vision, Kaleidoscope, Summer Breakaway, Appalachian Trail Hike, Annual Conference Session for Youth, and Pilgrimage.

Operations & Administrative Resources Team

Serves to empower ministry

OPERATIONS: CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES & COMMUNICATIONS

Archives & History.....\$12,000

Funds meeting expenses for commission, maintains records and history of conference.

Communications.....\$110,500

Supports the production of materials such as the Mission & Service book, Belton Joyner's Bible Study, and Connections; electronic communications; audio/visual support at Annual Conference; electronic equipment purchase and maintenance; video-production including webinars, video streaming; news media relations; conference website nccumc.org; and RAMUS: local church website hosting program.

Conference Media Center.....\$6,226

Provides ongoing support for operations in the conference Media Center.

Conference Connectional Ministries

Staff Salaries & Benefits.....\$1,330,000

Provides funding for a ministry and support staff, their salaries, health and life insurance, pensions, Social Security, travel, etc.

Office, Meetings, & Congregational

Revitalization.....\$85,000

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.

OPERATIONS: ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Annual Conference Expense.....\$169,700

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.....\$120,000

Provides for full-time clerical assistance and a part-time conference secretary.

Office Expenses.....\$15,000

Conference Journal/Printing.....\$3,000

Provides the costs for printing and for the electronic publication of the Conference Journal, directory, and the Conference Workbook.

Operations & Administrative Resources Team *(continued)*

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES

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.

Conference Board of Trustees.....\$750

Funds meetings and work of this board.

Conference Treasurer's Office

Salaries and Benefits.....\$1,000,000

Provides funding for a ministry and support staff, their salaries, health and life insurance, pensions, Social Security, and other benefit costs.

Office.....\$130,000

Operating expenses of conference treasurer's office and statistician, including annual audit.

Contingency Fund.....\$15,000

Provides for unanticipated needs; administered by NCC Council on Finance and Administration.

Equitable Compensation.....\$120,000

Provides funding to supplement salaries paid by local churches to ensure at least base salary levels are paid as determined by the Annual Conference.

Information Management

Office.....\$160,000

Provides funding for managing and maintaining the NCC information technology infrastructure, including computer hardware, software, and network administration.

Joint Committee on

Clergy Medical Leave.....\$200,000

Provides funding for assistance with health and life insurance and transitional grants for clergy who temporarily cannot serve due to medical leave.

Legal Counsel.....\$20,000

Provides for conference legal expenses not funded by a particular board or agency.

**Methodist Building

Operating Fund.....\$200,000

Minister's Moving Expense.....\$100,000

Assists in the moving expenses of pastors.

Nominations \$500

Supports meeting expenses of the conference Nominations Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE: GENERAL & JURISDICTIONAL CONNECTIONS

**General Administration.....\$147,545

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.

General & Jurisdictional

Conferences.....\$30,000

Supplements expenses for General and Jurisdictional conferences and funding for electronic balloting costs.

**SEJ Mission & Ministry.....\$26,976

Supports a cooperative ministry to United Methodists in the Southeast including SEJ Jurisdictional Conference, Lake Junaluska, and Jurisdictional Council expenses.

Total NCC Connectional Ministries \$ 10,380,310

Total World Service & Connectional Ministries. \$11,622,881

Other Program Areas

While the North Carolina Conference budget funds are raised one year and spent the next (see page 4), the 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.....\$167,408

Episcopal Fund

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

Total.....\$367,976

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.....\$37,465

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.....\$6,193

Mission & Service Commitments

Grand Total All Funds:
\$12,201,923

Giving Report for 2023 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.

2023 Contributions & Reporting Deadlines

In order to be recognized as a Rainbow Covenant church, churches must pay 100% of all 2023 apportionments and give a contribution in each of the five lanes. The six Special Sunday offerings are not included.

Contributions

Contributions should be sent to the NCC Treasurer’s Office and be received no later than **January 10, 2024**.

Rainbow Covenant Report

Complete all information on the reverse side of this page to ensure that your church will be recognized for its work in missions over the past year. Please return this form to your District Missions Secretary by **January 31, 2024**.

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2023 Rainbow Covenant Report *

Church _____

District _____

Church Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Chairperson of Missions/Outreach _____

Name/Phone of Person Completing Form _____

1. Did your church complete the first mile of United Methodist Missions by paying 100% of its 2023 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).

Lane 1: Persons in Mission

Lane 2: Conference Missions

Lane 3: National Missions

Lane 4: World Missions

Lane 5: UMCOR

2023 Giving and Church Membership Totals

Grand total of all gifts given to the Advance _____

Your church membership at the end of 2023 _____

Per-member giving to the Advance for 2023
(divide grand total by membership) _____

* NOTE: Contributions should be sent to the NCC Treasurer's Office and be received **no later than January 10, 2024**. RETURN THIS FORM to the District Missions Secretary by January 31, 2024.

2024 Rainbow Covenant Overview

Photo by Jesse Gardner on Unsplash

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 Missions**
- 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: umcmmission.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 umcmmission.org/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 umcmmission.org.

At the end of the fiscal year, please fill out the Rainbow Covenant form and send it to the District Mission Secretary who will issue the Rainbow Covenant Certificate to participating 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.

Lane 1 Persons in Mission

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.

Lisa Bachman (#S-00272) NC Conference

Lisa is a Deaconess serving with Hope4Humanity (H4H) -- a ministry striving to disrupt unjust systems while demonstrating that every person is of value and vital to the wholeness of our humanity. H4H's foci are immigration, domestic violence and indigenous justice. *Contact – Email: lbachman@nccumc.org Web: springforest.org/hope-4-humanity*

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: jwilb4@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 central 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*

Sharon Brignon (#S-00303) NC Conference

Sharon is a Deaconess working with Southern Alamance Family Empowerment (SAFE) food ministry as a volunteer and chairperson of the SAFE Board of Directors. She also serves as a team member with Hope 4 Humanity (H4H), an ecumenical and interfaith mission of hope, re-imagining all people as being created in the image of God and having sacred worth. *Contact - Email: sharonbrignon06@gmail.com*

Brenda Brown (#S-00295) NC Conference

As a Deaconess, Brenda serves as a coach with Passion and Partnership, as receptionist at the Fayetteville Operation Inasmuch for the homeless and struggling, as a Hospice Health Care worker with Cape Fear Valley Hospice and Palliative Care and in her own church as the Children's Ministry directory and church pianist. *Contact - Email: bbbrown28390@yahoo.com Phone: 910-818-1604*

Karen Cheek (#S-00296) NC Conference

Karen is a Deaconess whose ministry is with Hope for Humanity (H4H), an ecumenical and interfaith mission of HOPE re-imagining all people as the image of God and of sacred value. H4H's mission strategy is to partner with lay and clergy leadership in congregations and organizations by providing formation and training in mission outreach as part of Christian discipleship. Karen also assists victims of domestic violence through the Family Justice Center of Alamance County, serving as a Court Navigator. *Contact - Email kcheek@nccumc.org Phone: 336-290-2916*

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

Lane 1 Persons in Mission

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

Annette Greer (#S-00304) NC Conference

A Deaconess, funds will assist with ministry expenses. Contact - Email: greera@twc.com

Butch Huffman (#S-00192) NC Conference

Butch engages, encourages and resources 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

Priscilla Jaiah Gilayeneh (#13035Z)

Liberia, Africa

Priscilla, missionary with the Board of Global Ministries, is the administrator of the Ganta Mission Station in Ganta, Liberia. Contact - Email pjaiah12@gmail.com Phone: 336-376-3658

Related Lane 4: World Missions

- Ganta United Methodist Hospital #15080N

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, Deborah, actively serve foreign migrant workers with special needs. Contact - Email: RJulian@umcmision.org

Melba McCallum (#S-00195)

Gateway District, NC Conference

Melba, a Deaconess, is the founder and director of Partners in Ministry (PIM), 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: mmccallum@nccumc.org

Related Lane 2:

Conference Missions

- Partners in Ministry #S-00193

Effie McGill (#S-00305) NC Conference

Effie is a Deaconess whose ministry is a volunteer Communications, Media, and Technology Coordinator at Partners In Ministry (PIM) in Laurinburg. PIM serves children, families, and adults in Richmond, Scotland, and Robeson Counties. Contact-- Email: effie.mcgill@gmail.com

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/outreach/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 Agriculture & Development Project #S-00288

Lane 1 Persons in Mission

Yuko Miller (#S-00251) NC Conference Evangelist New Bern, NC

Yuko is an evangelist to the NC Conference who also serves 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. Yuko also works with a children's orphanage called Jesus' Angels located in the Mindanao Island, Philippines. *Contact – Email:* ymiller@nccumc.org; *Phone:* 252-229-2028

J. J. Park (#3022592) Vietnam

J.J. is a missionary with GBGM, serving as country director of the Southeast Asia Mission Initiative, residing in Ho Chi Minh City. A vital need is for trained pastoral and lay leadership, and the development of indigenous trainers. J.J. has responsibilities in accomplishing these goals. *Contact – Email:* jpark@umcmmission.org; *Web:* umcmmission.org/missionary-bio/3022592/

Related Lane 4: World Missions

- Vietnam Mission Initiative #14932A

T. Park (#3022591) Vietnam

T. Park is a United Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as the Christian education coordinator for the United Methodist Mission in Southeast Asia. *Contact – Email:* cpark@umcmmission.org; *Web:* umcmmission.org/missionary-bio/3022591/

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

Luis de Souza Cardoso (# 3022667) Uruguay, South America

Rev. Dr. Souza Cardoso, a missionary with GBGM, serves as coordinator of the lay pastoral team and as a chaplain at the Crandon Salto School, with the Methodist Church in Uruguay. *Contact – Email:* lcardsoso@umcmmission.org

Any other missionaries who are listed at umcmmission.org/missionaries/



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Lane 2 NC Conference Advance Specials

	<i>Improving Health Globally</i>	<i>Engaging in Ministry with the Poor</i>	<i>Creating New Places for New People</i>	<i>Developing Principled Christian Leaders</i>
All God's Children UMC (#S-08004)		†	†	†
Alliance Medical Ministry (#S-00142)	†	†		
Anathoth Garden (#S-00248)		†		†
Apex Immigration Services (#S-00289)		†		
Caswell County Parish, Inc. (#S-00008)		†		†
Center for Leadership Excellence (#S-00279)			†	†
Cross & Key Prison Ministry (#S-00103)	†	†	†	†
Dinner Bell Farm - Creation Ministries (#S-00306)	†		†	
Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC (#S-00025)	†	†		
Golden Cross (#S-00153)	†	†		
Haiti Outreach Ministries - Economic Development (#S-00292)	†	†		
Hispanic Ministries (#S-00107)	†	†	†	†
Humanitarian & Health Outreach Shipping (#S-00276)	†	†		
Immigration & Sanctuary Legal Support Fund (#S-00299)		†		
ISA Grant Scholarships (#S-00033)		†		†
Mothers & Their Children (#S-00054)		†		†
Native American Cooperative Ministries (#S-00143) & (GBGM #791001)	†	†	†	†
NC Council of Churches (#S-00051)	†	†	†	†
NC Immigration Law & Justice Center formerly Justice for Our Neighbors (#S-00198)		†		
NC Storms Emergency Response (#S-00176)		†		†
Partners in Ministry (#S-00193) (RDPIM)	†	†	†	†
Rise Against Hunger (#S-00101)	†	†		†
Robeson County Church & Community Center (GBGM #791742)	†	†	†	†
Rotifunk Hospital: Mission of Hope/Sierra Leone (#S-00281)	†	†		
Samaritan's Fund (#S-00298)		†		
Society of St. Andrew (NC Office) (#S-00081) & (GBGM #801600)	†	†		†
Table Ministries, Inc. (#S-00283)		†		
The Lodge (#S-00291)		†		
United Methodists Against Trafficking (#S-00300)		†		
UM Volunteers in Mission Work Teams (#S-00021)		†	†	†
Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry - W.A.R.M. (#S-00307)		†		
White Plains Child Development Center (#S-00277)		†		
Yokefellow Prison Ministries (#S-00078)		†		†
Youth Service Fund (YSF) (#S-00082)	†	†	†	†

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All God's Children UMC (#S-08004)

Seeks to meet the needs of impoverished children and youth in rural Bertie, Hertford and Northampton counties. *Contact – Phone: 252-345-1144 Email: placeofpossibilities@outlook.com*

Alliance Medical Ministry (#S-00142)

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. *Contact: Web: anathothgarden.org*

Apex Immigration Services (#S-00289)

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: clientsvs@apeximm.org Phone: 919-589-5231 Web: apeximm.org*

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*

Cross & Key Prison Ministry (#S-00103)

A joint ministry of the NC and Western NC Conferences with a mission of "equipping churches for prison ministries, education on criminal justice issues and advocacy for reform" and a vision of "ministry to the incarcerated, working toward a more just society." *Contact – Mark Hicks Phone: 336-689-1443 Email: mhicksdbom@gmail.com Web: crossandkeyprisonministries.com*

Dinner Bell Farm - Creation Ministries (#S-00306)

Provides eco experiences, educational events, and retreats to inspire and nurture a faithful response to love, care for, and protect fellow beings and the Earth. Extends ecological awareness, stewardship, and justice, rooted in the Christian story and faith, to renew a healthy God-given relationship with creation. "Learning in action" experiences available at farm or elsewhere in NC to experience and be present to creation, community, and Christ. *Contact – Rev. Stephanie Campbell Phone: 239-287-5111 Email: dinnerbellfarmnc@gmail.com Web: dinnerbellfarmnc.com/creation-ministries*

Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC (#S-00025)

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 – Email: benefitsteam@nccumc.org Web: nccumc.org/outreach/golden-cross*

Haiti Outreach Ministries - Economic Empowerment Initiative (#S-00292)

In the poorest slums of Port-au-Prince, Haiti Outreach Ministries (HOM) seeks to empower communities to achieve financial stability and sustainability. Meeting basic needs such as education and health care is essential, as is creating economic opportunity for individuals and families as a pathway to self-sufficiency through vocational training, small business incubation, and other business development activities. *Contact - Caroline Hammock Email: chammock@haitiom.org Phone: 917-683-1993*

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Hispanic Ministries (#S-00107)

Ministry to help support congregations develop ministry with fast-growing Hispanic population in eastern North Carolina. *Contact - Ernesto Barriguete Email: ebarriguete@nccumc.org Phone 919-779-6115 Web: nccumc.org/hispanic*

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. Helps with legal fees for those who have participated in sanctuary advocacy for sanctuary rights in NC. Provides funds for refugee and immigrant emergency immigration legal fees and supports refugee & immigrant USCIS applications for benefits. *Contact - Laure Kalau Email: lkalau@nccumc.org*

ISA Grant Scholarship (#S-00033)

Assists persons with financial assistance to participate on a mission team. Priority is given to youth 21 years old and younger and will not exceed \$250. *Contact - Miles Baker Hunt Email: umvim@nccumc.org*

Mothers & Their Children (#S-00054)

An interfaith program providing mothers and their children support necessary to maintain and strengthen family relationships to help break the cycle of children following their parents to prison. *Contact - Stephanie Dixon Phone: 919-828-4767 Email: sdixon@mothersandtheirchildren.com 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 - Pam Baker Phone: 910-685-4191 Email: rdnacm@bellsouth.net Web: nativeamericanministries.org/*

NC Council Of Churches (#S-00051)

An instrument for cooperative study and action, 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 Immigration Law & Justice Center

formerly Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) (#S-00198)

Formerly known as Fayetteville Justice for Our Neighbors at St. Andrews UMC, the NC Immigration Law & Justice Center provides affordable legal services, education, and advocacy to help immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. Educates the public and policy makers on US immigration system impacts. Part of the national Immigration Law & Justice Network. *Contact - Brandy McPherson Email: information@ncimmigrationcenter.org Phone: 910-441-3753 Web: ncimmigrationcenter.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: mmccallum@nccumc.org Phone: 910-206-2686 Web: pim-nc.org*

Samaritan's Fund (#S-00298)

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. Funds are used to meet unexpected/unanticipated expenses due to family separations. *Contact - Laure Kalau Email: lkalau@nccumc.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. *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)

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 food each week to many food-insecure. *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. *Contact* - J. Antoine Miner - Lodge Manager *Email:* officeadmin@faoiam.org *Phone:* 910-433-2161 *Web:* faoiam.org

United Methodists Against Trafficking (UMAT) (#S-00300)

Periodic workshops are taking place in districts across the conference that focus on the subject of human trafficking, which has become a social concern in our state. Funds given to this advance will help support these workshops in various parts of the conference. *Contact:* Rev. Mark Hicks *Email:* mhicksdbom@gmail.com *Phone:* 336-689-1443

UM Volunteers In Mission Work Teams (#S-00021)

Provides assistance for Volunteers in Mission work teams from within the NC Conference. *Contact* – Miles Baker Hunt *Email:* mhunt@nccumc.org *Web:* nccumvim.org

WARM - Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry (#S-00307)

Serves low-income homeowners by repairing or modifying substandard housing, making it safe, healthy, and storm-resilient, preserving its value for the owner and their heirs, allowing older residents to age-in-place, and maintaining affordable housing for the next generation. Funds are needed to cover infrastructure expenses that are ineligible for the ministry's government contracts but critical to fulfilling the ministry's mission. *Contact:* JC Lyle *Email:* jclyle@warm.org

White Plains Children's Center (#S-00277)

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. *Contact* - *Phone:* 919-469-2217 *Email:* director@whiteplainschildrenscenter.org *Web:* whiteplainschildrenscenter.org

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) 740-0392 *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
- UNC – Chapel Hill #S-00077

General Scholarship Funds

- Duke Divinity School #S-00026
- Louisburg College #S-00027
- Methodist University #S-00028
- NC Wesleyan College #S-00029

Benevolent Funds

- Methodist Home for Children #S-03500
- Methodist Retirement Homes #S-03600

United Methodist Camps

- Chestnut Ridge #S-00062
- Don Lee #S-00063
- Rockfish #S-00065

Any other Advance specials that are listed at umcmmission.org/areas-of-impact/

Lane 3 National Missions

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 – Manuel Padilla Flores Email: MPadilla@umcmmission.org*

Native American Comprehensive Plan (#982615)

Supports leadership development, new church starts, and discipleship formation in the Native American community. *Contact – Cherbon Kernell Email: nacomp@prodigy.net*

Central Appalachian Missionary Conference

Beverly, Kentucky (#773978)

(Formerly called the Red Bird Missionary Conference.) The conference program facilitates the development of local churches and local lay leaders in isolated rural mountain communities. *Contact – Phone: 606-658-6039 Email: media@redbirdconference.org Web: centralappalachianumc.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 – Brianna Goodwin Email: bgoodwin@robesonotogether.org Phone: 910-738-5204 Web: robesonotogether.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 that are listed at umcmmission.org/areas-of-impact/

Lane 4 World Missions

Acts One Eight Missions (#S-00256)

Wil and Yolanda Bailey work with the Methodist Church of Costa Rica to help mission work teams connect with projects of the churches in San Isidro. Contributions to CRMP help the Baileys sustain and grow this ministry. *Contact – Phone: 011-506-8853-4965 Web: costaricamissionprojects.com*

Curamericas Global (#10158A)

Provides vaccinations, nutritional monitoring of children, prenatal care, and other preventative health care services in Haiti, Guatemala, Bolivia, and Liberia. *Contact – Andrew Herrera Phone: 919-510-8787 or 877-510-4787 Email: andrew@curamericas.org Web: curamericas.org*

El Salvador Missions Projects (#S-00257)

Brian Dubberly works with the Evangelistic Methodist Church of El Salvador to establish churches, distribute food, keep a medical clinic open, and help the church meet the overwhelming social needs of the people of Ahuachapan. *Web: salvadoranmissionprojects.com*

Freedom Global: Uhuru Girls' Academy/ Kenya (#S-00302)

A private secondary education school that provides opportunities for girls from vulnerable backgrounds. In spite of poverty, tribal violence and displacement, abuse and poorly resourced primary schools, these students have made education a priority. *Contact: Brad Brown Phone: 919-428-3997 Email: BradB@FreedomGlobal.org*

Global Health Initiative: Abundant Health Advance (#3021770)

The Abundant Health Advance enables the church to partner with hundreds of communities, community volunteers - including children as peer educators - and teams of health workers served by or working at United Methodist hospitals and clinics, mainly in sub-Saharan Africa. The facility and community-based programs are primarily in health systems strengthening; maternal, newborn and child health; malaria prevention, diagnosis, and treatment; and water sanitation and hygiene. Lifesaving and sustaining interventions. *Contact – Kathleen Griffith. Email: KGriffith@umcmmission.org*

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 – Bill Haddock 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 - Ed Rutenkroger 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.

Lane 4 World Missions

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. *NC Conference Contact – Jaye White Phone: 919-779-6115 Email: jayewhite@nccumc.org*

Agape Agriculture & Development

Project #S-00288

Gifts to this project enable refugee 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 maternal and child health by offering free prenatal, delivery and postnatal care for pregnant women and empowering teenage girls through its Madonna Project and Helping Girls be Girls program in the 150,000 population Moyamba District. *Contact Ivan White Phone: 910-540-2760 Email: ivanwhite@earthlink.net 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 - Rosanna Panizo-Valladares Email: rpanizo@nccumc.org*

Vietnam Mission Initiative

(#14932A) Vietnam

The Vietnam Mission Initiative will address the following goals: 1) provide leadership training for pastors and lay leaders; 2) plant new faith communities; 3) support community development; and support one annual meeting per year. *Contact - Jaye White Email: jayewhite@nccumc.org Web: umcmmission.org/advance-project/14932a/*

ZOE Empowers (#S982023)

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@zoeempowers.org or Gaston Warner, Phone: 919-414-4167 Email: gaston.warner@zoeempowers.org Web: zoeempowers.org*

Lane 5 United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

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.

Web: umcmmission.org/umcor

Email: umcor@umcor.org

Phone: 800-862-4246

How to Give

Write a check:

Make checks payable to a local United Methodist church and place in that church's offering plate or write a check payable to NC Conference - UMC and mail to NC Conference - Treasurer, PO Box 890202, Charlotte, NC 28289-0202. Please write the Advance number and name in the memo line.

Pay by telephone:

888-252-6174

Give online at:

umcmmission.org/umcor

Featured UMCOR Advance Specials

Church World Service, CROP Hunger Walk (#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 materials: 800-297-1516 Email: webwalk@crophungerwalk.org Web: crophungerwalk.org*

Global Migration (#3022144)

This fund helps the UMC address the global refugee and migration crisis. *Contact - Jack Amick, Phone 770-625-7644 Email: Jamick@umcor.org Web: umcmmission.org/learn-about-us/global-migration/*

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: CMiller@cwsglobal.org Web: umcmmission.org/umcor*

International Disaster Response & Recovery (#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. *Email: Khillsuzoka@umcor.org*

US Disaster Response & Recovery (#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. *Email: lmartin@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.

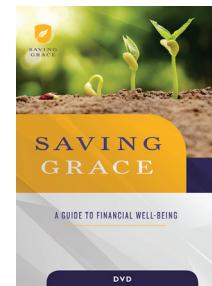
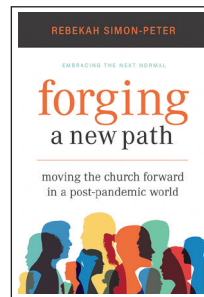
The Media Center has over 3,000 video and printed resources available for use by local churches. Resources include materials for Bible

studies, Sunday School, leadership training, mission awareness, stewardship programs, and more.

View the entire collection of resources in our online catalog at nccumc.org/media-center/. To request resources, call 984-257-0981 or e-mail Laura Dallas at ldallas@nccumc.org. Resources can be mailed to you at no charge.

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Stewardship

Consecration Sunday.....BOOK

Thousands of congregations have experienced 15-30% increases in financial giving with this program the first year plus additional significant increases in subsequent years of its use.

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James Harnish explains John Wesley's three simple rules for money in this churchwide 4-week study.

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.

The Generosity Challenge.....DVD

In this 4-session study, participants are encouraged to embrace a life-giving journey toward generosity and provided a road map on how to get there.

Generosity RisingBOOK

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.

Generosity, Stewardship, and

Abundance.....BOOK

Practical advice to pastors and church leaders tasked with funding ministry and inspiring others toward responsible stewardship and greater generosity.

God vs. Money.....DVD

This DVD study for church leaders and finance teams encourages trust in God's promises instead of money's false promises.

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 SoulsBOOK

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

Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being

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Money management from a Wesleyan perspective. Reach personal financial goals and address life concerns.

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Children & Youth

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This tale sensitively portrays the challenges faced by refugees and other newcomers.

Elizabeth & Stella Meet ZOEBOOK

Each girl, in her own way, is impacted by this empowerment movement that helps orphans learn to take care of themselves.

Is It Just Money?.....BOOK

A study is designed to engage youth in an exploration of money as it relates to faith and justice.

Let the Children Give: Time, Talents, Love, & Money

This book helps kids show their love for God by becoming stewards of God's gifts.

Money MattersBOOK

Teach children about the concept of money, the importance of generosity, and how God intends us to use money as an expression of love for others.

One Rainy Day I Took Jesus to School with MeBOOK

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.

77 Creative Ways Kids Can ServeBOOK

Project ideas to teach children about service. Involves animals, crafts, the environment, and more.

Church Revitalization

The Adept ChurchBOOK

Rev. Dr. F. Douglas Powe, Jr. helps congregations develop realistic road maps for navigating between a rock and a hard place with a clear process for defining reality.

Being the Church in a Post-Pandemic WorldBOOK

Kay Kotan offers this guide to what conversations might be helpful for your church's leadership.

The Church Revitalization Checklist: A Hopeful and Practical Guide for Leading Your Congregation to a Brighter TomorrowBOOK

Start fresh, leverage your strengths, and discover hidden opportunities for church growth.

Dare to Shift: Challenging Leaders to a New Way of Thinking BOOK

Challenges readers to make intentional shifts in their understanding of relationships, leadership, stewardship, and discipleship.

Forging a New Path: Moving the Church Forward in a Post-Pandemic World..... BOOK

Our future won't come from superficial or technical changes but from profound changes in the way we live out being the church.

Fresh Expressions of People Over Poverty BOOK

Rev. Audrey Warren & Bishop Carter discuss furthering our missions by rethinking how we utilize the space we inhabit.

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.

Inside Out: Everting Ministry Models for the Postmodern Culture BOOK

Plot a new course to navigate emerging trends in your local context.

Navigating the Future: Traditioned Innovation for Wilder Seas.....BOOK

Discover a way of being that cultivates a moral imagination shaped by storytelling and expressed in transformative action.

Recovering Abundance: Twelve Practices for Small-Town LeadersBOOK

Twelve civic-spiritual practices, rooted in Jesus's miracles among the multitude, that rural and small-town leaders can use to renew their congregations and communities.

Sustaining While Disrupting: The Challenge of Congregational Innovation BOOK

Guides leaders in stewarding traditions while seeking innovative opportunities for faith communities.

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Creation Care

Climate Justice: A Call to Hope

and Action, 2nd EditionBOOK

A UWF 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.

Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global WarmingBOOK

If these 100 techniques and practices are deployed collectively on a global scale over the next 30 years, they represent a credible path forward to reach drawdown.

Eating Together Faithfully: A Framework for Conversation BOOK

An ecumenical, community-based resource for congregations and communities to explore food and food systems from a Christian perspective.

A Hopeful Earth: Faith, Science, and the Message of JesusBOOK

A 6-session study, Bishop Sally Dyck, and scientist, Sarah Ehrman, connect the Bible, faith, science, and Jesus with options for actions.

Hospitable Planet: Faith, Action, and Climate Change BOOK

Learn the biblical case for action on climate change and specifically what to do and how to do it.

Landscape Liturgies: Resources to Celebrate and Bless the EarthBOOK

Prayers, rituals, blessings, and liturgies from Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist, and Orthodox sources.

Nature's Final Curtain Call? Who Cares About Creation's Care?BOOK

The poems in this book address some of the wonders of nature. Will these wonders will survive?

Reforesting FaithBOOK

Matthew Sleeth makes the convincing case why trees are essential to every Christian's understanding of God.

Refugia Faith: Seeking Hidden Shelters, Ordinary Wonders, and the Healing of the EarthBOOK

Explores how Christian spirituality and practice must adapt to prepare for life on a climate-altered planet.

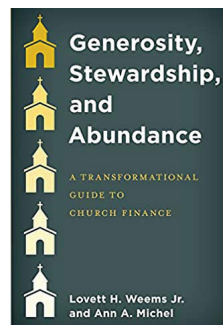
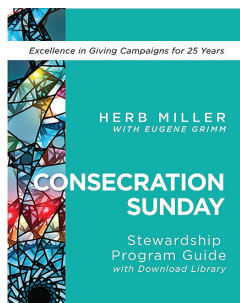
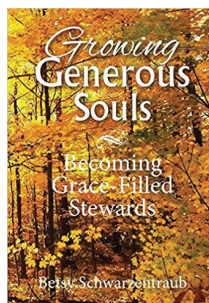
Serving God, Saving the Planet:

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.

Wake Up World: Hope Through UnderstandingBOOK

This curriculum is an excellent introduction to our climate crisis for faith communities.



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Beyond Slavery: Christian Theology and Rehabilitation from Human Trafficking.....BOOK

How the tools of moral and political theology might offer insight for Christians who wish to help survivors live a normal life after enslavement.

Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis DVD

This study offers eight unique perspectives from experienced authors from renowned organizations such as World Relief and Church World Service that provide insight into refugee stories and experiences.

Ending Human Trafficking: A Handbook of Strategies for the Church Today.....BOOK

A handbook designed to educate churches and para-church organizations for truly effective work.

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.

Five Loaves, Two Fish, Twelve Volunteers: Growing a Relational Food MinistryBOOK

Tells the story of eight churches that share food ministry with people who need their services.

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 MarginsBOOK

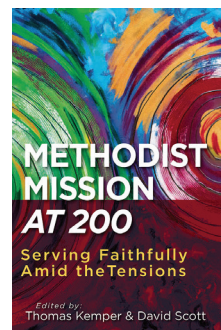
Unlikely friendships are at the center of an alternative paradigm for mission where people are not objectified as potential converts but encountered in a relationship of mutuality and reciprocity.

Go! How to Become a Great Commission ChurchBOOK

Study biblical passages where God commands us to “go” while exploring tactics to move your church forward in mission.

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.



Methodist Mission at 200 BOOK

This book tells the story of 200 years of Methodists in global mission.

A Missionary Mindset.....BOOK

Teaching us to approach the mission field as if we were from a different country and learning a new culture, a new way of communicating, and a new way to connect people to the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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.

Shelter Theology: The Religious Lives of People Without HomesBOOK

Calls for proximity to people living without homes who are practicing their faith amid poverty.

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.

Walking with Nehemiah: Your Community Is Your CongregationBOOK

Study the Book of Nehemiah and discover how God is calling you to engage with your community.

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.

NC Conference Resources

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