

The New England Mission Resource Booklet

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*Transformed by the Holy Spirit
we will become united in trust,
as we boldly proclaim Christ to the world.*

[New England Conference
Vision Statement **]**

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Visit www.neumc.org/missions for the latest updates and information.

Bishop's Message— "On Fire for Mission"

Ever since the birth of the church at Pentecost, Christians have been "on fire" for mission. That day folks from "every nation under heaven" heard, in their own languages, the Good News of "this Jesus God raised up" (Acts 2:32).

From that day on, the message of faith, hope and love, peace, justice and salvation has spread like "wild fire." Paul, with fire in his belly, traversed the boundaries of the Greco-Roman world. Wesley, with his heart strangely warmed, crossed the socio-economic boundaries of the English-speaking world. Melville Cox, with a burning desire to serve Africa, set out from New England as the first

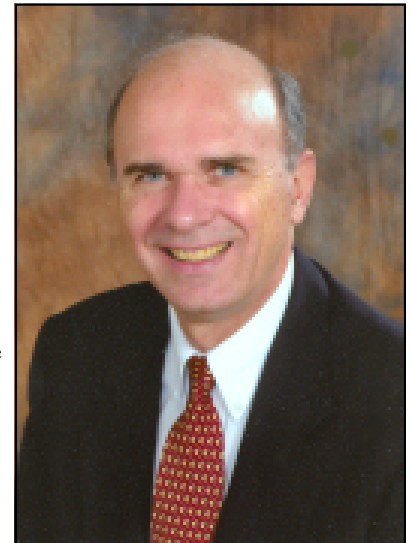
American Methodist missionary over 175 years ago.

Today our United Methodist mission, as stated in the 2008 Discipline, is to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." All across the New England Conference, I discover people and churches that are on fire for mission in their neighborhood,

across our region and around the world. And they are being transformed even as they participate in God's transforming work. In this New England Missions Resource Booklet is fuel (resources) to keep your church burning

The Church exists by mission as a fire exists by burning."

— Emil Brunner



bright with creative, life changing, world transforming mission.

Pray for the fire of the Spirit as you use this resource.

Conference Secretary of Global Missions - Ms. Fay Flanary



At the 2008 annual conference session, Bishop Weaver challenged each of us to LEAP into mission. It is my prayer that you will find this booklet helpful in that quest. Enclosed you will find a listing of resources and local, national and global missions that welcome and need volunteers.

We have made this booklet available to each local church, mission committee and church lay leader. We trust that you will find ways to share this information with the congregation so that everyone will have an opportunity to reap the rewards of volunteering in mission, whether it is in a local mission project or as a volunteer in mission outside of the local community. Please feel free to contact me or the persons listed in this booklet directly.

I wish you joy and blessings in your mission journey.

Leap Into Mission!

*2010 is a
Mission-Leap year in the
New England Conference*

Holy Spirit Initiative

The year 2010 has been declared a "Mission Leap" year in the New England Conference.

Our goal is for each congregation to extend their mission work through at least one (or one additional) hands-on mission experience in the year 2010.

With hands and hearts guided by the Holy Spirit, and practical focus on work in the Gulf region, Nicaragua, and Angola...**JUST IMAGINE the impact** that could be made with our 500+ congregations committed to this "leap forward" in mission work and giving!

Find out more about how to get involved in mission opportunities in these areas:

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Welcome, Vermont!

In 2010, Vermont Churches will be welcomed into the New England Conference, bringing a strong focus on mission and ministry, and many gifts and resources as we journey together for Christ in New England, and beyond!

Visit www.neumc.org/vermont
for more information and updates.

Local Mission Opportunities

There are a number of ways to be in mission and ministry in your local community.

Some of the involvements and activities of our New England United Methodists include:

- ◆ Prayer Quilt Ministry
- ◆ Prayer Shawl Ministry
- ◆ Open Pantry
- ◆ Medical Clinics
- ◆ Parish Nurses
- ◆ Prison Ministry
- ◆ Shelter
- ◆ Clothes Closet
- ◆ Meals
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity
- ◆ Cooper Community Center
- ◆ UMEM
- ◆ Camps
- ◆ Pre-School
- ◆ Teen Drop In Center
- ◆ After School Program
- ◆ Helping Hands
- ◆ Thrift Shop
- ◆ Tutoring/Literacy Program
- ◆ Liturgical Dance
- ◆ Visitation/Companionship

Find out more about these local church ministries and other volunteer opportunities at www.neumc.org/missions

General Board of Global Ministries: The Advance



*The Advance is an accountable, designated-giving arm of The United Methodist Church that ensures **100 percent** of each gift reaches its intended mission or ministry. **You decide** which program or ministry to support through The Advance.*

The Advance is an official United Methodist program that offers you the opportunity to give to any of the ministries, missionaries and projects currently

supported by The United Methodist Church through Global Ministries. Donations can be made in any of the following ways:

Online:
Visit www.advancinghope.org

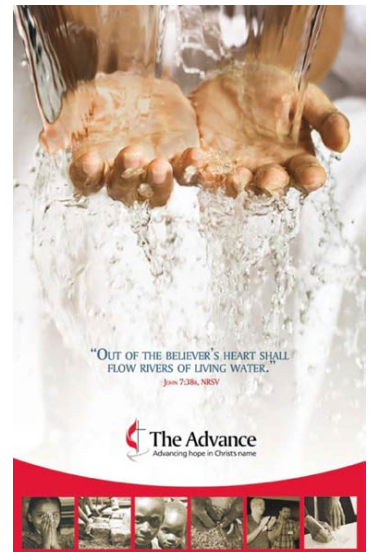
Through Your United Methodist Church:
Make your check payable to your local church. Write the name of the ministry and the Advance code number on the check. Drop your gift in any United Methodist church offering plate or give your gift to your church treasurer, so that your church and annual conference will get Advance credit.

By Mail:
Make your check payable to ADVANCE GCFA. Write the name of the ministry and the Advance code number on the check. Send your check to:

Advance GCFA
P.O. Box 9068, GPO
New York, NY 10087-9068

By Phone:
Credit card gifts can be accepted by phone. The telephone number is: (888) 252-6174

Our Guarantee: 100% of your gift will go to the ministry you choose. No exceptions.



Baby Godwin - the "Moringa baby" - with his grateful mother one year after starting on Moringa food supplementations.

Advance Spotlight::

Baby Godwin and the Moringa Tree

By Mozart Adevu

Seven-month-old Baby Godwin lay motionless in the smoky cottage kitchen of his mother, Oretha, in the village of Duo. The entire village, including Oretha and her husband, Emmanuel, believed that Godwin was under the spell of witchcraft and couldn't live. They had given up on him.

Duo is about a 20-minute walk from the Camphor Mission where I was conducting training on the production and utilization of the Moringa tree. I had gone to Duo on a visit to promote UMCOR's

Sustainable Agriculture and Development program when I came across Baby Godwin.

I could see that Godwin was terribly malnourished. I suggested to Oretha that she try feeding him Moringa-enriched food. I gave her some Moringa powder and demonstrated how to add it to the family's food, especially that of Baby Godwin.

Oretha used Moringa faithfully and when I returned to visit again after a few months, Godwin looked very healthy and had even been nicknamed "Moringa baby."

This once unknown tree has now become known as "the tree of life" because of its excellent source of nutrition and energy. With regular consumption, it helps strengthen the immune system and holds great promise for HIV-ravaged and malnourished populations in Africa.

As a result of Godwin's miraculous recovery, the villages around Duo are clamoring for the Moringa seeds and have whole-heartedly become involved in their production.

Godwin's parents now understand that their son was malnourished. Thankful to God, Oretha and Emmanuel have become leading crusaders, telling others about Moringa's nutritional benefits and its miraculous nature.

Mozart Adevu is a Global Ministries missionary serving in Ghana.

Estimated total Advance giving since 1948:

\$1,201,211,569

100%

*of each gift reaches
The Advance mission or
ministry of your choice*



Rolling Ridge Retreat & Conference Center—one of the New England Conference Advance Specials

Being an Advance Special authorizes churches to designate “second mile” giving to a specific Agency/Ministry of the Conference



The Hattie B. Cooper Community Center in West Roxbury, MA

Process for Requesting Conference Advance Special Status

Agencies and Ministries requesting Advance Special Status for the New England Annual Conference must first understand what Advance Special Status means.

Policy/Process

- ◆ Advance Special giving is “second mile” giving. This means the churches need to pay all *apportioned* conference benevolences **before** making contributions to an Advance Special.
- ◆ Agencies requesting an amount for an Advance Special are not guaranteed that the amount will be raised and available. It is not budgeted by the Conference. The amount raised depends on “second mile” giving by churches or individuals. An Advance Special is not part of *Apportionments or Mission Shares*.
- ◆ An Advance Special is assigned a number and churches receive mission credit if they donate by the **Advance Special Number** through the New England Conference Treasurer. The numbers assigned are New England Conference **Advance Special Numbers**. General Conference grants their own **Advance Special Numbers** to Advance Specials, which are approved by the General Board of Global Ministries. This is a different application process and the two should not be confused. Agencies and ministries within the New England Conference can make application and obtain **Advance Special Status** at either or both levels.
- ◆ Having New England Conference **Advance Special Status** permits an **Agency or Ministry** to solicit donations from all churches in the Conference. Without **Advance Special Status**, this type of fund raising is not allowed.
- ◆ Advance Special donations are to be used for program funding only. These donations cannot be used for capital improvements.
- ◆ Agencies/Ministries need to recognize that Advance Special donations are raised only through the effort and hard work of such Agency/Ministry. It is up to the Agency/Ministry to promote its programs in order to obtain financial support from the churches. The goal is to encourage churches to give.
- ◆ Advance Special Status is approved by the New England Annual Conference at the recommendation of the Conference Secretary of Global Ministries and Resourcing Team of the New England Conference. Agencies/Ministries must apply for Advance Special Status by completing the Request Form (Attached) and by signing the Covenant.
- ◆ Approval will be for the Quadrennial years (2008-2012) or to the end of the Quadrennium (2012). The Secretary of Global Ministries or Resourcing Team reserves the right to remove an Agency/Ministry that is not supported by churches. The more an Agency/Ministry works to solicit funds, the better its chances of receiving donations and retaining its Advance Special Status. Applications for new Advance Specials will be accepted each year. Applications must be received by the Secretary of Global Ministries by February 28 in order to be screened by the Conference Resourcing Team and then sent on for approval at Annual Conference that same year.

To apply for Advance Special status, visit www.neumc.org/advancespecial for an application, or contact Rosemary McNulty at 978-682-7676 ext. 201.

Advance Specials in the New England Conference

United Campus Ministry at Plymouth State University

Margaret W. Bickford—PO Box 713, Plymouth, NH 03264, 603-786-2475

Rolling Ridge

Larry J. Peacock—660 Great Pond Rd, North Andover, MA 01845, 978-682-8815

Partners In Development, Inc.

Lisa Lassey—PO Box 9, Ipswich, MA 01938, 978-417-9250

First Radio Parish Church

Peter B. Panagore—One Congress Square, Portland, ME 04101, 207-380-1824

Hattie B. Cooper Community Center

Deb Ansourlian—1891 Washington St, Roxbury, MA 02118, 617-445-1813 x12

Down East Maine Missions

Betty Palmer; Marilyn Robb—PO Box 286, East Machias, ME 04630, 207-255-6230

Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence

Rev. Anne Marie Hunter—101 Arch St, 11th Floor, Boston, MA 02110, 617-654-1821

United Methodist Elder Care

Karen C. Amado, NHA—40 Irving Ave, East Providence, RI 02914, 401-438-4456 x139

Safe Net Ministries, Inc

Jill Gregori—PO Box 93, Stafford Springs, CT 06076, 860-463-0379

Worcester Evening Free Medical

Wendell D. Luke Jr.—Epworth UMC, 64 Salisbury St, Worcester, MA 01609, 508-752-2376

SPIRAL Arts, Inc

Priscilla Dreyman—156 High St, Portland, ME 04101, 207-775-1474

Camp Aldersgate

Jennifer Carpenter—1043 Snake Hill Rd, N. Scituate, RI 02857, 401-568-4350

Methodist Conference Home, Inc

Lee Karker—46 Summer St, Rockland, ME 04841, 207-596-6477

MAPA

JoAnn Carlotto, 57 Peters St, North Andover, MA 01845, 978-372-4374

The Children's Center

Christine Karlis—PO Box 667, Methuen, MA 01844, 978-685-6479

Joyful Harvest Neighborhood Center

Catherine Janson—PO Box 447, Biddeford, ME 04005, 207-229-4006

The Navigators Metro Mission

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Wanakee United Methodist Center

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Nicaragua Covenant

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Mechuwana Conference Camp

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Churches receive mission credit if they donate to the Advance Special through the New England Conference Treasurer



United Methodist Elder Care in Providence, Rhode Island



Advance Special giving can help support education programs for children in Angola, Africa

NICARAGUAN STATS

Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and the poorest Spanish speaking country in the world.

Four (4) million Nicaraguans earn less than \$2 per day

Three (3) out of four (4) children suffer from malnutrition.

1.1 million Nicaraguans do not have a home.



\$1 Million in Together for Tomorrow campaign pledges are designated for the ministries in Nicaragua and West Angola.



Workers are trained at the new West Angola Communications Center, supported in part through the covenant relationship.

International Covenant Relationships

The New England Conference has two international covenant relationships: one in Nicaragua, and one in West Angola. Through these relationships, we participate in mission and ministry together, serving Christ in and with the global community.

Nicaragua

In 1986, the Nicaragua Covenant was established between the New England Conference of The United Methodist Church and La Asociacion de Iglesias de Cristo de Nicaragua (AICN), an indigenous Protestant denomination.

The vision forged by the founders of this covenant was to accompany one another in solidarity in response to the unjust and inequitable dichotomy between North and South, rich and poor. We did this for the sake of reclaiming human dignity and human rights-- education, health care, a decent place to live, potable



water, a caring community-- for all persons. The success and growth of the original ideas have developed into a covenant that provides program support to the families of the churches that

comprise the AICN. The backbone of our long and proud history can be directly attributed to the loyalty and dedication of the individuals and churches of the New England Conference that

have provided financial assistance in support of programs that embody health care, education, children's advancement programs, and economic development of women.

Today, the Nicaragua Planning Committee has expanded the connections and missions of the New England Conference in Nicaragua, through new programs and ministry partners, such as an independent Mobile Health Clinic, and building relationships with the Evangelical Methodist Churches in Nicaragua.

You can get involved through :

- ◆ Advance Special Giving
- ◆ Material Aid
- ◆ Sister Church Relationships
- ◆ Delegation Trips

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781-891-1199

www.neumc.org/nicaragua

West Angola

The New England Conference and the West Angola Conference of The United Methodist Church established a covenantal relationship in 2000.

This relationship is still evolving, and some of the goals are:

- ◆ The mutual sharing of resources as determined by each Conference in dialogue,

- ◆ Regular exchange visits with delegations from each Conference, and
- ◆ The establishment of sister church connections between interested local churches in the two Conferences.

Through faithful and active participation in these activities, we believe the mission and ministry of Christ in both Conferences will be significantly enhanced.

About Angola

The country is in a period of rebuilding—rebuilding with hope—after coming out of a bitter civil war that destroyed its infrastructure. Our Church in Angola is forming key partnerships with government in the rebuilding process, as well as in education, information, and health care.

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On April 26, 1940, at a meeting of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, retired Bishop Herbert Welch, in view of the horrific violence of World War II, called for the formation of an agency to respond to the vast needs of human suffering worldwide, and to act as a "voice of conscience among Methodists". The result was the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR), which focused on studying the most urgent needs and pressing problems around the world, reporting these needs to the local churches, and administering the necessary funds to "the least of these" through partner agencies and ecumenical networks.

In its first decade of operation, committee members faced troubling questions concerning the allocation of funds, partnerships with non-Methodist organizations, the specific nature of their relief work, and continually generating interest in their cause. Their fears were eased when the people of the United States, eager to help after their country entered the war, pulled together to support African, Asian, and European countries devastated by the conflict.

The first ten years of UMCOR (it adopted United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief as its official title in 1968) saw the organization of several services, endeavors, and initiatives, and saw over nine million dollars, from donations both large and small, make its way to refugees, the homeless, and hungry persons all over the world.

Started only as a temporary relief unit, the committee repeatedly received approval from the General Conference to continue its important work, and eventually, in 1972, became an institutionalized unit of the church and part of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church.

The Work of UMCOR

UMCOR's work warms hearts. Through our work United Methodists help to rebuild shattered lives, strengthen self-sufficiency, and encourage partnerships. This work encompasses:

- ◆ Emergency Response
- ◆ Health
- ◆ Refugees and Immigration
- ◆ World Hunger and Poverty
- ◆ Relief Supplies—Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana
- ◆ UMCOR Field Offices

"For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat."

Isaiah 25:4 NRSV

How to give

Giving to UMCOR can be accomplished in a number of ways:

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| Online | at www.umcor.org |
| At Church | Put your gift in the offering plate on Sunday. |
| By Mail | Make your check to UMCOR and mail to
UMCOR
PO Box 9068,
New York, NY 10087 |
| By Phone | Call toll-free (800) 554-8583 |

*Compelled by Christ,
UMCOR responds to
natural or human made
disasters—those
interruptions of such
magnitude that they
overwhelm a community's
ability to recover on its own.*



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

UMCOR receives no World Service funds or any other apportionments.

Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation of all of UMCOR's work by covering the costs of doing business. This means that all gifts designated to specific programs can go 100% to that program because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered.

"Each year, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering provides for those basic needs that make the rest of UMCOR's work possible."
- Rev. Sam W. Dixon,
Deputy General Secretary of UMCOR.

MISSION CENTRAL
*“Where visions of ministry
 become missions of hope.
 Where promises of faith
 are kept in projects of
 service.”*

Mission Central

Mission Central is the mission warehouse of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. Our partners include other United Methodist conferences in the Northeast Jurisdiction as well as a host of denominational and nondenominational mission groups in south central Pennsylvania.

Since its beginning in June 2002, Mission Central has hosted thousands of volunteers who come to Mission Central to experience being "the hands and feet of God" in service. With its volunteers, Mission Central processes United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) "Relief Kits" for use around the world, provides all types of needed supplies for local and national ministries, and assists many projects that are sending God's love around the world. Working in concert with other denominational and nondenominational programs, they have sent medical supplies, educational supplies, and daily living supplies and equipment to destinations such as Africa, Argentina, Kenya, Belarus, and other areas where the needs are great. Their work in disaster response has provided aid for people affected by every major weather event since 2003.

As a ministry of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, Mission Central is governed by a 27 member Board of Managers elected annually by the Central PA Annual Conference. They are a separate entity, connected to the Central PA Annual Conference through the Conference Council on Ministries with membership on the Conference Board of Global Ministries. Mission Central conducts its activities within the social principals of the denomination.



Ministries

- ◆ Mission Central's ministries include:
- ◆ EArms Around Africa
- ◆ Bethesda Mission
- ◆ Computer Ministry
- ◆ Disaster Response
- ◆ Volunteers In Mission
- ◆ and others....

How to give

For more information and to find out how to support Mission Central, visit online at

www.missioncentral.org

RETHINK CHURCH

Every local church has more doors than just the one that leads to Sunday morning worship. We are asking local churches to have a conversation about what it means to be a people in mission; to look at themselves and to become more welcoming and hospitable; to answer to the seeker's desire for authenticity; to show that words are backed by action; and to extend a genuine welcome. We are asking you to lead your congregation and your community in defining what "Rethink Church" means to them.

Rethink Church is a major campaign launched in May 2009. The campaign goal is sweeping and ambitious – to invite the church and those unchurched who seek spiritual fulfillment, to become more outwardly focused and engaged in the world. The campaign seeks to offer the church, not as a place to come to and stay within, but as a base of operation for expressing faith by moving out into communities and around the globe to become part of God's plan for world transformation.

Powered by the Holy Spirit, 'Rethink Church' serves as a catalyst that can move the denomination, and those we hope to reach, into dialogue -- and ultimately, into transformative, collaborative action. What if church were a verb? What would it look like? In support of this goal, there are Scriptures, ideas, and new ministry tools for your church at www.rethinkchurch.org.

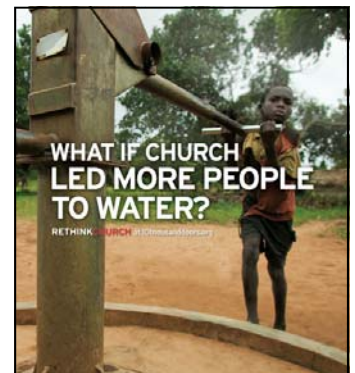
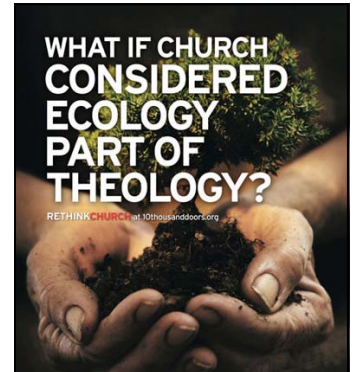
10thousanddoors.org

A new web site, 10thousanddoors.org, will provide visitors with the opportunity to explore church as a 365-day active experience, revealing the myriad paths that lead to and from Sunday worship – all paths that lead seekers into spiritual interaction and faith discovery. It will demonstrate how United Methodists are engaged in the world around us, and invite seekers to participate in the United Methodist mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Key to www.10thousanddoors.org is the Find-A-Church feature, which allows visitors to search for a local United Methodist congregation and to view that congregation's self-created profile. Updateable at any time, Find-A-Church profiles feature local church program information, calendars, contacts and more.

Visit www.rethinkchurch.org and click on the link to update your church's Find-a-Church profile at the umc.org site.

What if
Church
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United Methodist Men

Men's ministries are abundant throughout the Conference. However, it has been several years since there has been a coordinated Conference United Methodist Men's organization, but that is now changing. There are lots of exciting men's ministries in many of our churches throughout the New England Conference. In addition, there are several chartered groups as well as many interested in doing so. Others want to engage in exciting Christian ministry.

A group of men from around the conference are in the midst of developing the conference organization for men in New England. The new organization is being structured in a way that will empower men to engage in ministry for Spiritual growth, Evangelism and Mission (EMS).



District and conference men's gatherings are beginning to happen, and will continue to grow. These gatherings feature hands on mission projects as well as exciting training opportunities.

United Methodist Men in New England are endeavoring to uplift existing UMC ministries such as Lay Speaking, Upper Room, UMCOR, and Walk to Emmaus as well as expand our cooperative efforts with the Society of St. Andrew.

Contacts

Please become part of our effort as we engage men in Christ's work in the local church, throughout New England and around the world. Visit the New England Conference United Methodist Men's website at www.neumm.org. You may contact Paul Cobb at 207-882-6592, or cobbpk@aol.com for additional information.

The General Commission United Methodist Men's website is www.gcumm.org

*United Methodist Men
shall be a creative,
supportive fellowship of
men who seek to know
Jesus Christ, to grow
spiritually, and to seek
daily his will.*

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women is an organization of approximately one million members whose purpose is to foster spiritual growth, develop leaders and advocate for justice. Members raise nearly \$25 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world. The Women's Division is the national policy-making body of this group.

In New England, United Methodist Women are active in mission and ministry on a Conference level, in each District, and in a majority of our local churches.

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UMW Purpose

United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Visit

www.neumc.org/umw

for more information

School of Christian Mission

Each year, the School of Christian Mission offers studies and educational programs on key global mission topics. Children, Youth, and Adult courses are available. Visit

www.neumc.org/socm

Or contact

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\$25

million

The amount United Methodist Women raise each year for programs and projects

“Missionaries are a tangible connection between the church and mission.”

Mission Opportunities—Life in Service

"Missionary" is one of the oldest and most honored offices of the Christian church, with origins in the New Testament. The letters of Paul are those of a missionary called and commissioned to Jesus Christ.

Missionaries witness and serve in dramatically different locales and cultures and engage in a range of professions and activities. They come from many places and backgrounds.

Missionaries are a tangible connection between the church and mission.

All faithful Christians are in a real sense missionaries. Those that convey the Good News of God's love and forgiveness to others near and far carry the missionary spirit within them.

There are a number of mission/life in service opportunities

- ◆ Missionaries
- ◆ Mission Personnel
- ◆ Church & Community
- ◆ Red Bird Missionaries
- ◆ National Plan for Hispanic/Latino missionaries
- ◆ Mission Interns
- ◆ US2

Visit <http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/connections/>

for more information on opportunities life in service as missionaries.

Deaconess and Home Missionaries

For laity in The United Methodist Church who feel called to a full-time vocation in service with those who are marginalized and in need in the world today, there is an opportunity to be a part of a supportive community in connection with The United Methodist Church as a deaconess or home missionary.

For more information, visit:

<http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/about/us/mp/deaconess-homemissioner/>

Missionaries Supported by the New England Conference

- ◆ John Chikwaira
- ◆ Evelyn Eberle
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- ◆ Gayle Lesure
- ◆ John Yambasu
- ◆ Dierdre Zimmerman
- ◆ Mark Zimmerman

John Chikwaira

John Chikwaira is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church assigned to the United Methodist Church in Zimbabwe.

"Missionary work is not only about spiritual development, but is centered on four points of development: spiritual, mental, physical and social," John notes. A mechanical engineer by trade, John serves the Zimbabwe Annual Conference as a mechanic and project supervisor. He tends to the physical needs of the church by keeping the equipment and machinery in good working order, including its vehicles and generators and overseeing and coordinating church projects, some in remote areas.

A native of Harare, Zimbabwe, John's call to mission service came in 1998. "My wife had worked for the

church for over seven years, and was invited to missionary work," he recalls. "I had a garage of my own which was doing very well." However, Normor's calling prompted John to reconsider his own. "I decided to give up my garage and join the missionary work. Friends and relatives tried in vain to discourage me," he continues, but "today I am continuing with the same work of repairing vehicles." To John, this demonstrates that God has a use for his skills and talents, and thus confirms his sense of calling.

Before entering into mission service, John worked as a professional mechanic and workshop manager in a number of settings from 1998-99, Super Auto Electrical from 1995-97, and Post and Telecommunication from 1992-94. He studied mechanical engineering at Harare Poly-

technic from 1981-84.

John and his wife Normor are the parents of one daughter, Michelle Sylvia. John's parents are Abel and Sylvia Chikwaira of Harare.

John is a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Harare.

John Chikwaira is available for Covenant Relationship support in Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, New England Annual Conference, New York Annual Conference, Troy Annual Conference, Wyoming Annual Conference .

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John Chikwaira
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Evelyn Eberle

Evelyn Erbele, an ordained elder in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, is serving with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church as Mission Interpreter in Residence for the Northeast Jurisdiction.

Ev was in Russia from 1996-2006. While there she helped to develop programs to orient and educate adults to the Christian faith. Ev shares, "For the most part we, meaning those of us raised in the West, have been exposed to church culture since birth and possess a basic understanding of church and the Scriptures. Not so for the peoples of Eastern Europe. Adults of this region were not allowed to

attend church or Bible study. For that matter, many still don't own a Bible. With this awareness in mind, it is reasonable to ask if the saying is true that the future of the church is in the youth and children, then the question is, 'Who is teaching them?' "

From 1999 until June 2005 Ev traveled to Lithuania and Latvia for one week a month to participate in education courses. 2005-2007 Ev was pastor of the Eiguliai United Methodist Church in Kaunas, Lithuania. Eiguliai church was organized in 1999 and from its beginning this small community has striven to minister to the multifaceted needs of at-risk children.

Ev has written and published

a study book in both Russian and Latvian entitled, "A Biblical Understanding of the Christian Faith and Church Membership Through the United Methodist Church."

Ev holds a Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Seminary. A native of Warwick, Rhode Island, Ev and husband Teri, also a GBGM missionary, are the parents of two adult children, Andrew and Anna.

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Evelyn Eberle



W. Terence Eberle

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Teri Erbele, an elder of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church currently serving as Mission Interpreter in Residence with the Northeast Jurisdiction. He is available for speaking at local churches and mission events in districts and conferences as well as working with groups interested in understanding the call to mission and interpretation of mission throughout the UMC.

Jesus began his ministry by quoting Isaiah, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Luke 4:18-19) Teri rejoices that as a missionary and a preacher of the Good News that he can participate in this continued ministry of Jesus who promised to be with us always and everywhere.

From 2005-2007 Teri served as District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church in Lithuania. In conjunction with service in Lithuania, he also served as Area Financial Executive (AFE) to Latvia and Eurasia.

In Russia from 1996-2005 as AFE, Teri was responsible for the bookkeeping of all Advance projects, served as treasurer of each Advance project and managed the distribution of the Latvia and Lithuania Initiative funds.

Teri previously served from 1989-1995 as the Area Financial Executive in missionary service in Nigeria, West Africa. Prior to missionary service Teri was appointed as pastor to churches in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. Apart from his pastoral responsibilities, he also served as District Mission Secretary, Conference Board of Global Ministries secretary, and District Church Extension Society secretary and chairperson.

Teri was born in Michigan and raised in Nigeria. He holds a Bachelor of Mathematics from Portland State University and a Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary.

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Belinda Forbes

Dr. Belinda Forbes is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church serving in Managua, Nicaragua. Belinda is assigned to work with Accion Medica Cristiana (AMC or Christian Medical Action), a Nicaraguan Christian ecumenical non-governmental development organization specializing in community health development in indigenous communities of Nicaragua's Atlantic Coast. Her role with AMC is to deliver quality dental care to patients in AMC's Managua clinic as well as serve the organization in the area of international relations.

Of her assignment, Belinda recalls an example of AMC's impact in the Managua community. "You can't imagine my emotion when I arrived in Sahsa and saw a working water spigot in each of the houses, and smiles on all the children who knew that something good was happening, and they wouldn't have to go down to the river to carry water any more. Sahsa now has the best quality drinking water in the entire region."

Reflecting further, Dr. Forbes continues, "The professional skills of AMC's staff and their commitment to enabling communities to be their own agents of change, plus the hope and commitment of local volunteer community health workers in the far reaches of Nicaragua's indigenous regions make a holistic effort for development possible. This organizational level between AMC and the community is undergirded by a strong faith in God that upholds Christian values in an ecumenical and mutually respectful way."

Belinda shares one more thought, "In 2003 we interviewed the Vice-Minister of the Nicaraguan Ministry of Health who stated that if Accion Medica Cristiana did not continue working in the Atlantic Coast region of the country, the effects would be catastrophic for these villages."

Belinda has served in Nicaragua in many capacities through the years. Prior to her commissioning as a GBGM missionary, she served as an Innovative Short Term missionary for Board; before that she served as a lay missionary of the New England Annual Conference. Belinda has worked on projects ranging from primary rural health care, to delegation coordination, to the creation and sustenance of North/South partnerships, including the covenant relationship between the New England Annual Conference and the Association of Iglesias de Cristo of Nicaragua.

Belinda was born in Newtownards, North Ireland, U.K. She holds a B.A. in biology and Spanish from American International College in Springfield, MA, and a D.M.D. from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston. Before going to Nicaragua, she was in private practice in Boston for four years and coordinated the health program emerging from the covenant relationship between the New England Annual Conference and the Association of Iglesias de Cristo of Nicaragua.

Belinda is married to Dr. Gerardo Antonio Gutiérrez, a medical doctor with a Masters degree in Public Health and is project manager for AMC's community health development projects. They have two daughters - Isabel Maria and Kiara Alexandra. She is a member of Uncasville United Methodist Church in Uncasville, CT. in the New England Annual Conference.

Belinda Forbes is available for Covenant Relationship support in New England Annual Conference, and Troy Annual Conference.

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Belinda Forbes
NICARAGUA



Juarez Goncalves

Juarez Goncalves

Juarez Goncalves is a missionary of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church assigned, through the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries in the United Methodist Church, to the New England Annual Conference. Ordained as a clergyman in Brazil, he serves as pastor for the conference's Brazilian-Portuguese Language Ministry.

A native of Carazinho, Brazil, Juarez earned a bachelor's degree from the Faculdade de Teologia da Igreja Metodista in Sao Paulo. Before coming to the US, he served 18 years as pastor of several churches in Brazil. During that time, he also served 11 years as regional secretary for the Aracatuda Region.

He is married to Clauri de Mello Goncalves, and they have three children, Guilherme, 17; Samuel, 13; and Joao Marcos, 12. His parents are Maria Paulina Goncalves and Rua Marechal Floriano of Carazinho, where they are members of the Igreja Metodista de Carazinho.

Juarez Goncalves is available for Covenant Relationship support in New England Annual Conference .

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Gayle Lesure

Gayle Lesure is a deaconess and a church and community worker in the Wesleyan District of the West Virginia Conference. A missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, she is involved in the Greater Clarksburg Cooperative Parish, a project related to GBGM.

"It is really great to experience churches and communities working together to live out the gospel by responding in loving ways with persons who struggle to provide for their family's needs", Gayle shares.

Before this assignment Ms. Lesure served as an Associate for Program and Community ministries at Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, North Carolina. She was part of a team which promoted all Hinton-sponsored training and consultative events and ministries in the area. Applying contemporary promotional skills to help both pastors and congregations, the staff organized seminars and training programs, and conducted research, depending on the needs of the congregation.

Immediately prior to joining the Hinton staff, Ms. Lesure was a church and community worker at the Upper Sand Mountain Parish, Rainsville, Alabama.

Gayle received a B.A. degree in Religious Studies and Biblical Literature at Scarritt College in Nashville, TN, continued her graduate studies there and earned a Masters degree in Church and Community Ministries.

Ms. Lesure's home annual conference is the New England Annual Conference.

Gayle Lesure is available for Covenant Relationship support in Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference , New England Annual Conference , Peninsula/Delaware Annual Conference , West Virginia Annual Conference .

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Gayle Lesure



John Yambasu

John Yambasu

Rev. John K. Yambasu is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church serving as a Regional Missionary with Women, Children, and Youth with the Africa Youth Network in Accra, Ghana.

Rev. Yambasu's focus is working in a wholistic ministry with young people and young adults who have been affected by war. His ministry includes conflict resolution, social and restorative justice, drug and substance abuse, HIV/AIDS/sex education, global, social and economic issues, leadership, and empowerment.

John received his Bachelor of Science degree in his home country of Sierra Leone at the University of Sierra Leone in the field of Agricultural Education. Rev. Yambasu attended Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, GA from 1998-1999 and was conferred with a Master of Theology degree. He also studied at the Haggai Institute in Singapore and received certification in the area of leadership.

John has worked in Sierra Leone as a senior teacher and department head with the Hartford School for girls. He also was at Sierra Leone Theological College as a lecturer in Developmental Psychology, as well as working with the UMC of the Sierra Leone Annual Conference as Director of Youth/Young Adult Ministries, Director of Christian Education, and Regional Coordinator of the West Africa Central Conference Youth Committee. Rev. Yambasu was ordained in 1990 in the Sierra Leone Annual Conference, and was founder of the Child Rescue Centre in Sierra Leone as well as serving as executive director of the center from 1999 to 2000.

John gives full credit to his elder brother, "who thought it wise to send me to school. I received all my primary and secondary education in UMC mission schools and was strongly influenced by missionary teachers." He was very active in the church while attending school and continued that participation as a teacher.

Describing a time when he knew God was apparent in the ministry to which he is now called, Rev. Yambasu shares that the climax of the ten year war in Sierra Leone came while he was studying at Candler, and his family had remained in their homeland. At one point he had no contact with his family and his studies were interrupted as his concern grew. "One night, I knelt by my bed and pleaded with God that if He could only save my family, I would devote the rest of my life serving Him as a missionary to reach out and minister to those children whose parents were killed during the war and who had no one to care for them." Discovering his family was safe; John returned to West Africa after his tenure at Candler and began his ministry to war-affected children. Rev. Yambasu refers to The Gospel of John 10:10 as he shares his belief that his work with young people is touching their lives not only with the spiritual gospel but with the social gospel as well.

John and his wife Millicent are the parents of five children: Rebecca, Adima, John, Emmanuel, and Elizabeth. He is available for Covenant Relationship support in Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, New England Annual Conference, New York Annual Conference, North Central New York Annual Conference, Troy Annual Conference.

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Deirdre Zimmerman

Deirdre Zimmerman is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church – in partnership with the Church Missionary Society of Ireland – serving with her husband, Dr. Mark Zimmerman, in Kathmandu, Nepal. A nutritionist and dietitian by training, she was first assigned to work for United Mission to Nepal's Nutrition Programme, which addresses the problem of malnutrition in women and children through training and education.

After a two-year break to look after their young sons, Zachary and Benjamin, Deirdre has returned to part-time work as advisor to Nutrition Promotion and Consultancy Services (NPCS, an offshoot of the previous Nutrition Programme) and to Serve Nepal (an organization working for the rehabilitation of sex workers). Of her work Deirdre says, "I see this as involvement in God's work to restore full life and to provide for all the needs of all people: nutrition and health (in all its facets) being essential for people to achieve their God-given potential." She continues to be busy with the care of their sons, and also sees the support of Mark in his work as an important role.

In addition to her formal role, Deirdre understands her assignment as a 'ministry of presence.' "I hope my presence in Nepal as a United Methodist missionary can encourage the local Nepali church that the universal church stands in solidarity with them (a minority faith in a Hindu country), and that I may be a channel for bringing some of the gifts of the Nepal church into American churches. I also hope there will be opportunity in personal relationships with Hindu colleagues, friends and neighbours to share something of our Christian faith."

A native of Ireland, Deirdre earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Nutrition and Dietetics in 1993 from Trinity College/Dublin Institute of Technology. She earned certification in tropical community medicine and health in 1996 from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, and in 1999 was certified in the management of food and nutrition programs by the International Agricultural Centre in the Netherlands. From 1993-1995 Deirdre was a clinical dietitian at Birmingham, England Heartlands Hospital where she later worked as a senior pediatric dietitian.

Deirdre Zimmerman is available for Covenant Relationship support in Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, New England Annual Conference, North Central New York Annual Conference, Peninsula/Delaware Annual Conference, Troy Annual Conference, Western New York Annual Conference, Wyoming Annual Conference.

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Deirdre Zimmerman



Mark Zimmerman

Mark Zimmerman

Dr. Mark Zimmerman is a United Methodist missionary assigned to work in Kathmandu, Nepal, a predominantly Hindu country in the Himalayan region of Asia. He is a medical doctor specializing in internal medicine. Mark has been working in Nepal since 1986 – initially as a hospital-based clinical doctor, later as medical director of Patan Hospital (1998-2005), and now as director of the new, independent organization, Nick Simons Institute (NSI).

"NSI emerged out of several confluent streams. First, those of us working in Nepal's hospitals have long been aware of (and frustrated by) the huge urban-rural gap in health care. For many people in the hills, quality health care is the privilege of the prosperous few. Second, in the last few years our mission hospitals have conducted innovative types of training that improved rural health care. Finally, Jim and Marilyn Simons of New York came to Nepal to create a memorial for their son, Nick, who had worked here and died. Through training and staff support, NSI is working to improve health care for rural Nepali people. We believe that God's hand brought these situations together, and we value your prayers for this exciting work."

During the summer of 1980, Mark worked as a medical student in a hospital in The Gambia, West Africa, and that experience stimulated his interest in overseas medicine. After completing his internal medicine training in 1986, he worked for two years as a doctor in Nepal, supported by funds from the United Methodist Women. This experience led Mark in 1990 to become a long-term GBGM missionary.

A native of Warminster, PA, Dr. Zimmerman holds a B.A. from Johns Hopkins University and an M.D. from Dartmouth Medical School. He did his residency in Internal Medicine at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, N.Y. Mark is a member of the Lehman Memorial UMC in Hatboro, PA, although his most recent church affiliation in the U.S. was with the State Street UMC in Fulton, N.Y.

Mark is married to Deirdre Zimmerman, also a GBGM missionary. They are the parents of two sons, Zachary and Benjamin.

Mark Zimmerman is available for Covenant Relationship support in Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, New England Annual Conference, North Central New York Annual Conference, Peninsula/Delaware Annual Conference, Troy Annual Conference, Western New York Annual Conference, Wyoming Annual Conference.

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MISSION INTERPRETER IN RESIDENCE (MIIR)

Lyda Pierce

Lyda Pierce, missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, is currently serving as Mission Interpreter in Residence (MIIR) for the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

As MIIR Lyda is in reflective conversation with people throughout the NEJ about mission - raising awareness of and support for missionaries. She relates to local churches, districts, conferences, jurisdictions and multi-church activities as she cultivates relationships and participation in events.

With GBGM from 1985 until 2004, Lyda left to serve as a pastor in Oregon while son Lucas and daughter Abigail attended high school.

From 1996-2004 she was a professor and dean at the Theological Community of Honduras. As professor, Lyda's focus was as the women's program feminist theologian. She was instrumental in the pastoral response to PTSD team after hurricane Mitch.

In Guatemala from 1994-1996, Lyda was women's program coordinator. She served as executive-at-large for GBGM in the Latin American office 1993-1994. After her commissioning in 1985, Lyda served in Nicaragua until 1993, participating in the women's program and setting up sister congregations.

Born in California, Lyda studied sociology and religious studies at The Evergreen State College. She received her Master of Divinity in Theology from the Pacific School of Religion. Lyda was ordained in 1982 and later earned her Doctorate of Ministry in Feminist Theology from San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Lyda sees herself as human; a woman; seeker of the way of Christ; wife - "a joyful role" - married to Paul Jeffrey, also a GBGM missionary; mother - "the most rewarding and hardest job!"; elder; friend; theologian - "aren't we all theologians as we seek to name our experiences with the Divine?"; listener; and missionary— "it is good to be back again".

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Lyda Pierce

“Traditional walls of division are torn away as we risk involvement in response to God’s call to Christian mission.”



Volunteers in Mission

History of United Methodist Volunteers-in-Mission (UMVIM)

The United Methodist Volunteers In Mission movement arose spontaneously out of the local church, as United Methodists felt called to express their faith through hands-on mission. As time went on, conferences and jurisdictions organized to recruit, support, and coordinate projects for those wanting to make a loving difference in the world. The General Conference of 1980 officially sanctioned United Methodist Volunteers In Mission and directed the General Board of Global Ministries to “affirm Volunteers In Mission as an authentic form of personal missionary involvement and devise appropriate structure to interpret and implement opportunities for mission volunteers in the global community.” (§ 1302.14, Book of Discipline 2004) This legitimization sparked the movement in most conferences throughout the denomination, and the 1988 General Conference suggested that every annual conference name a Volunteers In Mission Coordinator to work cooperatively with the General Board of Global Ministries and the jurisdictional UMVIM offices.

At a recent meeting held in Arkansas, Conference Volunteer In Mission Coordinators, Conference Disaster Coordinators and United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) personnel signed a covenant outlining the roles of the respective organizations. UMVIM role was defined as the organization that “sends” teams in response to disasters while the local Conference Disaster Coordinator’s role is to manage the disaster locally and “host” the teams. UMCOR has a supporting role. The covenant stated that UMVIM is responsible for training and the Disaster Coordinator is responsible for managing Disaster Early Response Teams for the Conference.

Support for Volunteers in Mission

The vitality of the UMVIM movement is attested to throughout The United Methodist Church. It was supported through the 2004 General Conference action leading to ¶247.12 in The Book of Discipline which requires the charge conference to receive annual reports on all UMVIM teams, forwarding the report to the annual conference and the general church. Additional 2004 General Conference actions ruled that each annual conference may set aside a Sunday to be declared Volunteers In Mission Awareness Day; that each local church provide for a celebration of the UMVIM movement; and that local churches draw upon resources of the Conference UMVIM Committee to help make the day memorable, one of “Christian Love in Action.” (1 John 3:18) The 2006 New England Annual Conference supported a resolution in support of the General Conference action that states: “That a Sunday of the local churches choosing (3rd Sunday in September is recommended) be set aside and declared Volunteer In Missions Awareness Day.”

UMVIM participants testify to lives transformed and congregations renewed as they become involved in this kind of mission outreach. New relationships are developed with persons from other cultures, and traditional walls of division are torn away as we risk involvement in response to God’s call to Christian mission.

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Guidelines for UMVIM Teams

A United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM) team is one that serves locally, nationally, or internationally where it is invited; works in a ministry endorsed by the host Methodist church, partner church or agency, or non-government organization (NGO); and serves in cooperation with the local host group. The intent of these guidelines is to ensure that the presence of the team will

not interfere with the authority and integrity of the church leadership, thereby strengthening and upholding the local church. The team will have an UMVIM trained leader who provides training for the team, ensures completion of proper forms and insurance coverage, and is in communication with annual conference and jurisdictional UMVIM leadership.

Purpose of UMVIM

The 1996 General Conference established the Mission Volunteers Program Area (of which UMVIM is a part) within the General Board of Global Ministries, with instructions to enable the participation of Methodists throughout the world in global mission volunteer programs so that affirming, empowering, and trusting relationships would be estab-

lished. The strength of this movement gains momentum day by day as the worldwide church prepares to send and receive those who want to make the love of God visible, meaningful, supportive, and redemptive.

The UMVIM motto, "Christian Love in Action," is taken from 1 John 3:18, in which Christians are asked to love "not in word or speech,

but in truth and action." Living our faith is at the very heart of our Christian calling and reflects the purpose that has grown out of our understanding of who we are and what we want to be: those who express "Christian Love in Action."

Characteristics of UMVIM

1. Are open to God's blessing.
2. Radiate Christ's love.
3. Share Christ's great spirit of kindness, acceptance, and unity.
4. Serve Christ and His people.
5. Lift up God in all they do.
6. Have a healthy prayer life.
7. Think team, not self.
8. Are flexible, patient, and relaxed.
9. Realize that people are more important than work results.
10. Understand that cultures are different, not superior or inferior.





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Churches that have sent teams

This is not an all-inclusive list as some churches do not report their mission team activities.

To the Gulf Coast for Katrina

Readfield UMC - Readfield, ME
 Wilmington UMC - Wilmington, MA
 Northside UMC - Brewster, MA
 Holy Trinity UMC - Danvers, MA
 Lee Memorial UMC - Norwich, CT
 Franklin UMC - Franklin, MA
 W. Scarborough UMC - Scarborough, ME
 Memorial UMC - Taunton, MA
 St. John's UMC - Dover, NH
 United Church of Auburndale - Newton, MA
 Weston UMC - Weston, MA
 Federated Church - Marlborough, NH
 Green St. UMC - Augusta, ME
 Harvard Epworth UMC - Cambridge, MA
 Calvary Church, United Methodist - Arlington, MA
 To Rural Mission St. John's Island, SC
 First UMC - Westfield, MA
 First UMC - Greenfield, MA
 Barrington UMC - Barrington, RI
 East Bridgewater UMC - East Bridgewater, MA
 East Greenwich UMC - East Greenwich, RI
 First UMC - Newton, MA
 Orleans UMC - Orleans, MA

Phillips Academy, Andover, MA
 South Church in Andover - Andover, MA
 St. Johns Evangelist - Duxbury, MA
 St. Johns Preparatory School - Danvers, MA
 Tri State District Team - Saco, ME
 West Concord UCC - West Concord, MA

To UM Economic Ministry - Salem, ME

New Hampshire District
 First UMC - North Andover, MA
 North Boston Korean UMC - North Andover, MA
 Harbor UMC - Scituate, MA
 Carter Memorial UMC - Needham, MA

To Appalachia Service Project - TN, KY, WV, VA

Milford UMC - Milford, NH
 Faith United Parish - Fitchburg, MA

Other Domestic Destinations

Community Church (Federated) - Brookline, NH - Youth to West VA

To International Destinations

Old South UMC - Reading, MA - Chile
 First UMC - North Andover, MA - Dominican Republic (MAPA)
 Fisk UMC - Natick, MA - Friends of Ghana to Ghana, Africa

HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN GET INVOLVED

It all starts with you! Begin by calling an informational meeting to explore the possibility of forming a team - at least a year before you want to send a team. The UMVIM Coordinators are more than willing to come to your meeting to assist you. Determine who your potential leaders are. Have them attend team leader training provided by the New England Conference UMVIM Coordinator. Contact Coordinator with your interest so a training session can be planned.

If you do not have anyone who has UMVIM experience - whether with an adult team or a youth team - have some members join an existing team. Good teams to start with are ones going to Rural Mission, United Methodist Economic Ministry or to the Gulf. The Danforth teams have taken members from all over the Conference and, as a result, have trained several new team leaders. Another option is to take your youth on a mission to Appalachia Service Project, Henderson Settlement or Redbird Mission. These ministries send you all kinds of information for your preparation as well as handle everything on site including all meals. No one needs building experience before they go. The people you send will gain valuable experience to help you form your team.

Once someone is trained, with a small group of organizers, and with the help of the UMVIM coordinators, you can plan for a trip. Then announce it and call for interested members and publicize it within the church. You're off and running!

What is
 Your
 Church
 Doing in
 Mission?

*“What I’m interested in seeing you do is:
sharing your food with the hungry,
inviting the homeless poor into your homes,
putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad,
being available to your own families.*

*Do this and the lights will turn on,
and your lives will turn around at once.”*

—From Isaiah 58, The Message

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