What difference does it make?
Racial and Ethnic Ministries
strive for unity within diversity,
expanding denominational ministry while
recognizing and celebrating the ethnic
and cultural context of those served.

Education and Scholarships
support young people and students, the
future of the church, so that they can
pursue educational opportunities that will
positively impact their communities.

Global Health
seeks to promote abundant mental,
physical and spiritual health for all people
through community-based programs and
partnerships, hospitals, and clinics.

Volunteers
offer a wide variety of valuable skills and
knowledge through short-term, team-oriented
work and long-term individual projects.

Creation Care
equips the church to address
climate change and environmental
degradation and empowers
EarthKeepers to develop or
deepen community initiatives.

Community and Sustainable Development
create new initiatives to support families
around the world through economic
development, advocacy and more.

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The Advance is an accountable, voluntary giving platform that supports the worldwide mission of The United Methodist Church through the General Board of Global Ministries and the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

You can join the Advance in making a difference in the lives of people across the globe by learning about physical and spiritual needs, praying for God's peace and love to be present, serving neighbors near and far, sharing information and encouraging others to respond, and giving generously to support vital ministry work.

**LEARN**
More than 300 missionaries and 600 projects transform the world through work in hunger and poverty, disaster response and recovery, global health, community development, volunteers, water and sanitation, women and children, missionaries, migration, racial and ethnic ministries, education, scholarships, sustainable development, creation care, and evangelism and church growth.

**PRAY**
"Lord, we pray for our world, for the hurting, for people who need hope and access to necessities. Open our eyes and ears as we seek guidance in how we can answer your call to be in mission. Amen."

**GIVE**
More than $1.6 billion has been contributed to missionaries and mission projects since the Advance was founded in 1948. With hundreds of giving opportunities from which to choose, each donor can support ministry initiatives that align with his or her passion and calling.

100% of your gift will go directly to the designated Advance project.

**SHARE**
Inspire others to respond and play an active role in transforming the world through the long-lasting work achieved by Advance projects and missionaries. Stories, mission kits of fundraising ideas and tools, and many other resources are available at UMCmission.org/Advance.

**SERVE**
Relationships are at the core of all Advance projects, ensuring accountability and sustainability that will make the work of today the hope of tomorrow. These life-changing partnerships and connections allow you to serve in the ways you are called to serve, in communities all over the world.
Dear friends,

What a blessing it is that we are a church with a truly global mission. We are in ministry from everywhere to everywhere, with global and local ministries reflecting God’s love to people around the world.

The enormous task of the church, the task of disciples of Jesus Christ to transform the world, requires us to partner in mission. God multiplies what we do together. What seems unreachable and impossible when we do ministry on our own becomes possible when we offer our individual and collective talents and gifts in ministry.

One of the ways we have found in our mission partnership is by supporting the Advance, the designated mission giving channel of The United Methodist Church. Since 1948, the Advance has raised funds to transform communities and empower individuals across the globe.

The Advance has helped direct more than $1 billion to thousands of ministries worldwide.

I encourage you to explore this catalog and seek ways to join in mission by supporting Advance projects and missionaries. You will also discover invitations to learn, serve, pray, share and give that will reveal the heart of ministry.

The Advance catalog represents a great opportunity to join in God’s mission.

With blessings and thanks for your generosity,

Thomas Kemper
General Secretary, General Board of Global Ministries

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Children play in the Natal Community near Autazes, Brazil, along a tributary of the Amazon River, where a volunteer United Methodist medical team has come by boat to offer a free medical clinic.
**STRENGTHENING MISSION**

MISSIONARIES are ambassadors of love and peace in diverse lands and cultural settings. Global Ministries recruits, trains, and supports these individuals, who follow God’s call to ministries that span the range of human experience to every nation.

More than 200 missionaries serve in 92 countries as pastors, teachers, doctors, nurses, social workers, church planters, evangelists, and in a variety of other ways through various forms of denominational and ecclesiastical ministries.

Additionally, more than 100 Global Mission Fellows—young adults who dedicate two years of service—immerse themselves in new communities in more than 25 countries. World Service Fund apportionment dollars cover only one-third of the costs associated with missionary service, including training, resources, support, and benefits for every beneficiary.

When you give to missionaries, you ensure that The United Methodist Church can provide dedicated resources, support, salaries and benefits for every missionary.

In addition to disaster preparation, recovery efforts and emergency services, Global Ministries works globally to address the root causes of poverty and poor health, specializing in ending the cycle of people becoming self-reliant through advocacy and action.

**PROVIDING RELIEF**

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is dedicated to alleviating human suffering wherever and whenever the need exists, through community-based hope and healing. When war, conflict, natural disasters, or other disruptions disrupt life to such an extent that communities cannot recover on their own, UMCR provides humanitarian relief.

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In the areas of water, sanitation, and hygiene, UMCR partners with organizations to provide appropriate water and sanitation solutions that will enable people to improve their health and safety.

UMCR, a nonprofit organization under the guidance of Global Ministries, receives World Service Fund apportionment dollars. Global Mission partners with UMCR, equipping partners to survivors, supporting them through their recovery.

UMCR provides humanitarian aid to those affected by crises, such as Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and Florence; typhoons in the Philippines; and earthquakes in Mexico.

**BOLSTERING HEALTH**

Global Ministries partners with thousands of communities around the world to support vibrant, healthy living through health boards, church planters, community health workers, and non-clinical health advocates.

Internationally, the work focuses on women and children as well as vulnerable and poor health, specializing in ending the cycle of poverty and poor health, which results in people becoming self-reliant through advocacy and action.

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**EXPANDING THE CHURCH**

Since 1983, Mission Initiatives have focused their work in specific countries. In Asia, the former Soviet Union, West Africa and Central America, this focus has resulted in more than 800 new faith communities with no recent Methodist presence.

These Global Ministries regional offices, in South Korea, Argentina and Africa, have been established to strengthen the possibilities for partnerships and connections that will enable new, innovative ministry.

As Mission Initiatives take root and grow, UMCR partners take the moving responsibility for addressing needs and prevention by working alongside partners, churches, faith communities, and missionaries who serve as church planters in new roles that will empower the new faith communities.

Your support of churchplanting and churchgrowth through Advance provides the means that the church can follow John Wesley’s lead in ‘going to the world’ and helping ‘this world bear mercy’ so we can continue to be our call to make disciples across the globe.

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**THE CHURCH**
Fishermen ply their trade as the sun rises over Lake Kivu, near Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo.

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Over 1,000 new faith communities were birthed over the past nine years in Europe, Asia and Africa.

Nearly 400,000 children have been reached with lifesaving interventions since 2016.

In 2017, 307 United Methodist and partner clinics and hospitals were supported in 30 countries.

In 2017, 346 missionaries were in service.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief has committed to invest over $20 million in relief and recovery in Puerto Rico since 2017.
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ADVANCING HOPE around the world

14 missionaries
50 projects
Marie Ngombe, a young woman from the Democratic Republic of Congo, has experienced three stillbirths, all during home deliveries. Marie’s fourth pregnancy was different. A community health worker came alongside her, and now Marie has a healthy newborn.

Marie’s first live birth occurred at the Dingele Methodist Health Center in Central Congo, which serves 3,460 people in 13 villages. With funding from Abundant Health, the center was renovated, equipped and staffed with trained health care workers and community health workers.

A community health worker supported Marie by visiting her at home during her pregnancy, encouraging her to visit Dingele, accompanying her to appointments and arranging for Marie’s travel for the delivery.

“I gave birth without a problem,” Marie says. “If I had stayed at home, I might have lost this beautiful baby also, or even died myself.”

Addressing health and wellness for children is one part of The United Methodist Church’s Abundant Health initiative, which is tied to a partnership with the United Nations’ Every Woman, Every Child program. The Global Health unit at Global Ministries has a goal to provide lifesaving interventions to 1 million children by 2020, a number that includes Marie’s healthy baby.

SHARE
Supporting mothers during and after pregnancy, in reliable, accessible and respected health facilities, is key to ensuring a baby’s life begins with a health plan that will allow them to grow strong. Share this story with your friends. Help boost awareness of the need for this type of care around the world.

PRAY
Thank you, God, for the countless health care workers across the globe who serve mothers and families in need. Pray that, because of their work, future generations will be able to experience restoration, healthy lives, and hope.

GIVE
Generous gifts to Abundant Health, Advance #3021770, ensure that health care workers and facilities will continue to combat high infant mortality rates by providing prenatal care, malaria and HIV testing, breastfeeding training and other necessary measures to support mothers and their children.

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Evelyn Nkhambule, wearing her grandson Jesse on her back, stirs chilies she has spread out to dry in the sun at her home in Edundu, Malawi.
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Students work together on spelling words in the combined kindergarten and first grade classroom at the Bishop Judith Craig Children’s Village in Duahzon, Liberia.

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For 17 years, missionary Clara Mridula Biswas has dedicated her life to working with thousands of children living in slum areas of Cambodia. The government moved these young people to an area that has no school, source of income, clean drinking water, spiritual guidance, or emotional and mental support.

Clara, through the Street Children Ministry she leads, empowers 300 children and 100 adults with vital assistance every year. The ministry furnishes scholarships, medical support to those with HIV/AIDS and other illnesses, water filters, well-balanced meals, Sunday school classes, Bible studies, worship services, seasonal celebration gatherings and fellowship opportunities.

Educational experiences, such as English, technology, music and art classes, empower the students to imagine a brighter future so they can chase their dreams of abundance. In addition to gaining many vocational skills and the confidence they will need to succeed, ministry participants also understand that they are loved, that they can have hope, that someone believes in them and that God is with them amid their daily journey, whatever it may hold.

LEARN
A growing Methodist presence is taking root in Asia, including mission work in Malaysia, China, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, the Philippines, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and more.

PRAY
“God, we praise you for the light of hope and faith that continues to shine brighter and brighter in Asia. We are grateful for your presence and for the missionaries and project leaders who selflessly answer your call to serve those who need to know your love. Amen.”

SERVE
Explore a Mission Kit, found at UMCmission.org/Evangelism, to discover ways you and your local church can learn about and support the vital mission work happening in Cambodia.
AFGHANISTAN

COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFGHANISTAN
Training paramedical health workers and female educators to serve girls and people with disabilities

CAMBODIA

CAMBODIA METHODIST BIBLE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
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CAMBODIA MISSION INITIATIVE
Supporting new churches, pastors’ salaries, leadership development and outreach ministries

CAMBODIA WOMEN’S LIVELIHOOD PROJECTS
Providing gifts of livestock and tools for women to create self-sustaining livelihoods

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS
Awarding scholarships to children and youth, enabling them to improve their quality of life

YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Empowering and equipping Cambodian youth to be disciples of Jesus Christ

CENTRAL ASIA

CENTRAL ASIA MISSION INITIATIVE
Supporting new churches through leadership training ministry with the poor and health care programs

CHINA

AMITY PRINTING PRESS — BIBLES AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE
Providing free ethnic minority language Bibles for ethnic minority Christians

HAPPY CHILDREN’S HOME OF CHINA
Providing housing, food, clothing, education and medical care for 23 children

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ISABELLA THOBURN COLLEGE — PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
Educating students using advanced technology, thus enabling them to compete in the job market

LEE MEMORIAL GIRLS’ HIGH SCHOOL
Educating orphaned and destitute girls, enabling them to reach their full potential

LUDHIANA CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL
Building relationships through student scholarships, children’s health care and medical equipment

OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL FOR THE MENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN – NEW SCHOOL BUILDING
Providing free special education support to underprivileged children

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OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL, NAPPALAYAM — EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR MENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN
Educating and rehabilitating mentally challenged children

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SCHOLARSHIP FOR CHILDREN FOR EDUCATION AT MABEL JONES HOSTEL
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ADVANCING HOPE in Asia & the Pacific
75 missionaries 86 projects
“Despite the unpleasant plight migrants and refugees face, many manage to keep the smile of hope,” said Nicodemus Doe, a Global Mission Fellow who served migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Europe from 2015 to 2017.

Nicodemus’ ministry was one of building relationships and advocating for those seeking protection and security in the Mediterranean region.

“The experience is enriching my faith and exposing me to different cultures, faiths and people, and the challenges some of our brother, sisters and children face in the context of migration,” said Nicodemus, who is originally from Liberia.

Nicodemus worked in partnership with Safe Passage, a project that connects local work in border monitoring with political advocacy for a humane asylum and migration policy.

During his service, Nicodemus traveled to the Netherlands and Greece, engaging with many people facing an uncertain future as they awaited direction on their journey toward safety.

He recalled, ‘‘My involvement … has motivated me to put my faith into action during and after my service. I like the work and enjoy doing it because it helps, on some level, to alleviate human suffering. I have learned to be in solidarity with uprooted people and be in ministry with them, and I’ve experienced the prophetic role of the church as a social justice advocacy agent.’’

SERVE

Individuals and congregations can join in mission with migrants and refugees in Europe by praying for and being in solidarity with them, those working with them, and the countries experiencing war and human rights abuses that serve as the main drivers for forced migration.

SHARE

According to the United Nations, 68.5 million people are displaced in the world today—more than at any other time since World War II. Shine a light on this crisis by amplifying stories and sharing information about ways that we can come together to help those in need, whether in your community or across the globe.

GIVE

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is responding to the millions of people fleeing war, persecution and violence in their homelands. Support these efforts by giving to Global Migration, Advance #3022144.

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Refugees and migrants, from Syria, Iraq and other countries, walk through the Hungarian town of Hegyeshalom on their way to western Europe.
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Providing opportunities for spiritual formation for pastors and church members in Europe

PUBLISHING CHRISTIAN LITERATURE
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SERBIA IN MISSION TOGETHER
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SLOVAKIA IN MISSION TOGETHER
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Funding pastors’ salaries and church ministries and establishing new churches

UNIVERSITY STUDENT MINISTRIES
Shaping a new generation of post-Soviet youth through Christian faith

UNITED KINGDOM

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Encouraging relationship building between Catholics and Protestants through program settings

SERVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM
United Methodist missionary Alison Gilmore and her daughter prepare for a day of community service in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

PHOTO BY MIKE DUBOSE
Maria Santos Baquiax, a young married mother of two, lives in the Santa Apolonia area of Guatemala. Not long ago, she spent most days carrying about 75 pounds of water per day, 12 times a day. She carried water jugs and balanced another jug on her head—all with a baby strapped to her back. Today, because of a Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) partnership between the United Methodist Committee on Relief and Asociación Bienestar Progreso Desarrollo (Development Progress Welfare Association), she can turn on a tap and get clean water just outside her door.

“My life has totally changed,” said Maria, who now has time to work in her family’s farming business. The project that brought Maria water supported two indigenous Mayan communities through chlorinated water systems, latrines, gray water filters and WASH education.

“The entire community owns the water project,” Maria shared. “We all use clean water now. Families are practicing better hygiene, and we all have a better understanding of the importance of washing our hands.”

ABPD has been a reliable Global Ministries integrated program partner since 2014, working with indigenous Mayan communities in rural Guatemala through nutrition, community health, water and sanitation programs.

LEARN
WASH works with partners around the world in the most disadvantaged places. Between January and October 2018, UMCOR granted almost $2 million to WASH programs, benefiting over 270,000 people with clean water and sanitation interventions. Projects support schools, health facilities and churches to maximize the impact of projects across a whole community.

SHARE
According to the World Health Organization, 2 billion people across the globe use a contaminated drinking water source—a number in telling others about the crisis. Share information about the need for clean water and sanitation across the globe to turn those needs.

SERVE
Explore a Mission Kit, found at UMCmission.org/Water, to discover ways you and your local church can learn about and support WASH projects (Available: #3020600) around the world.
Learn more at UMCmission.org/Advance

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3023230

MARY JO PHILLIPS MEMORIAL CENTER OF ASUNCION, PARAGUAY
Day care serving children 2 to 4 years of age in a very impoverished area of Asuncion
3020539

NEW HORIZON METHODIST SCHOOL
Providing education, recreation, music and art in an improved school in Paraguay
3021089

URUGUAY
CHILDREN AT RISK
Teaching children to achieve a healthy life and prevent abuse, reaffirming their well-being
14959A

Learn more at UMCmission.org/Advance
A few years ago, Rasha Hajajelj’s husband was involved in a workplace accident that left him temporarily disabled. With her husband unable to work, Rasha, who lives in Al-Walajeh, Palestine, was determined to support her family. Rasha found the support she needed by joining Palestine’s Rural Women’s Development Society, a nonprofit organization and United Methodist Committee on Relief partner. Through RWDS, Rasha learned about new organic farming techniques and food diversity. “Now, we don’t need to buy vegetables from the market, which used to be a financial burden to us,” says Rasha. Rasha’s home garden has become a model for her community. With high unemployment rates and restricted movement of goods and people in Palestine, small-scale cooperatives help sustain besieged communities. “I aspire to expand my work in my garden by planting on a bigger scale, so I can sell my produce in the market for income,” says Rasha. “Even though this garden is small, it has made a huge impact on our lives and helped in our finances.”

PRAY
“Loving God, send your spirit of peace and hope to surround the millions of people around the world who are hungry. We ask that you will use our gifts in ways that will end this suffering. Amen.”

SERVE
According to the World Health Organization, 821 million people suffer from hunger; this is one in nine people in the world. Explore a Mission Kit, found at UMCmission.org/Hunger, to discover ways you and your local church can learn about and support the vital mission work happening across the globe to alleviate hunger.

GIVE
Advance-supported hunger and poverty projects (World Hunger and Poverty, Advance #982920) are present in 20 countries, with work ranging from farmer field schools and animal-care training to nutrition education and vocational training opportunities. Your generosity makes this work possible.
ISRAEL/PALESTINE

AUGMENTING FOOD PRODUCTION AND INCOME IN TIMES OF SIEGE: URBAN GARDENS

Augmenting food production and income for women in Gaza, Palestine, through urban gardens

BETHLEHEM BIBLE COLLEGE

Training Arab Christian leaders to serve and strengthen their church and community in the Holy Land

DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE TO PALESTINIAN REFUGEES — MIDDLE EAST COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Advancing human rights, health, education, self-realization, income generation and world recognition

HOPE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Educating and boarding disadvantaged children from the West Bank in a caring Christian environment

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRISTIAN YOUTH IN LIBERATION THEOLOGY

Supporting Palestinian Christian youth through trips, Bible study, workshops and volunteering

JERUSALEM PRINCESS BASMA CENTER FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Empowering children with disabilities through comprehensive rehabilitation and inclusive education

JERUSALEM SCHOOL BETHLEHEM

Equipping tomorrow’s leaders to influence the Arab world with the message of hope through education

MAR ELIAS PEACE STUDY CENTER

Providing scholarships and interfaith educational programs for future peacemakers in Israel/Palestine

SHEPHERD SOCIETY

Providing short- and long-term humanitarian assistance and development aid for the Palestinian people

THE FOUR HOMES OF MERCY FOR DISABLED

Serving people with special needs by providing them with appropriate services and a loving home

WADI FOQIN NABJU COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Providing community development projects for residents of Palestinian villages in the West Bank

THE FOUR HOMES OF MERCY FOR DISABLED

Serving people with special needs by providing them with appropriate services and a loving home

WI’AM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

Advancing a culture of peace and acceptance while promoting nonviolent resolutions to conflict

ADVANCING HOPE in the Middle East

3 missionaries
13 projects
Hurricane Michael hit the southeastern U.S. as a Category 4 storm in October 2018. The most powerful hurricane to hit the U.S. in nearly half a century, Michael took the lives of more than 50 people and left hundreds of miles of damage in its wake.

Approximately 75 percent of the damage was to agricultural land, destroying crops and livelihoods of storm survivors for at least a year.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief and its trained partners in Michael’s path were well-prepared for the storm, responding immediately with water, cleaning kits, a shower trailer and other necessary supplies.

The United Methodist connection deepens the denominations support for survivors facing recovery. Many local church partners offer care not only for the body, through food and shelter, but also for the soul through emotional support and comforting words of hope that so many storm survivors need to hear as they seek new steps in their journey to rebuild.

UMCOR will continue to offer support, working with storm survivors, partners and volunteers to ensure that long-term recovery is realized.

LEARN
In 2017, UMCOR responded to 44 disasters across the U.S. – including storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and wildfires. More than $21.5 million was given to assist those facing disaster via UMCOR-implemented grants.

UMCOR’s U.S. Disaster Response efforts are funded through Advance #901670; UMCOR International Disaster Response amplifies humanitarian relief work around the world. Learn more at UMCOR.org.

PRAY
“God, we praise you for the work that we can accomplish through UMCOR and for the thousands of volunteers who answer your call to aid those in need when disasters strike. May we join them in being your neighbor, both near and far, through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Amen.”

SERVE
Encourage a Mission Kit, found at UMCmission.org/DisasterRelief, to discover ways you and your local church can learn about and support UMCOR projects across the globe.
UNITED STATES

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MINISTRY CENTER: GLENDALE

Preserving, protecting and promoting the history and stories of African-Americans in The UMC
3023054

ALASKA CHURCHES

Supporting an array of local church and conference missions in the Alaska United Methodist Conference
931007

APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT, INC. (ASP)

Rebuilding a relationship between the Appalachian Church and community developers for new and innovative mission personnel serving the poor and disenfranchised in rural and urban areas in the U.S.
931024

CLINTON INDIAN CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTER

Rebuilding a relationship between the United Methodist Church and the people of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes
302207

COMMUNITY DEVELOPER

Providing grants for racial, ethnic and multicultural congregations to hire community developers
992273

DISCIPLE BIBLE CENTER ORGANIZATION, INC.

Supporting UMCOR’s Disaster Response, providing relief, education, health and social services to low-income families
301086

DISSABILITIES MINISTRY

Providing accessibility and program grants, resources, education and advocacy to annual conferences and congregations, so people with disabilities can participate at all levels in United Methodist churches
302205

DISASTER RESPONSE, UNITED STATES

Supporting UMORP’s response to disasters
992067

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

Providing services to low-income families
581254

GUILDING CHAPEL UMC

Constructing a new facility and providing mission and ministry to surrounding communities
992024

GOO’S COUNTRY COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

Coordinating church efforts to spend less time on survival and more time making disciples
302043

GOOD WORKS, INC.

Connecting people from all walks of life within the poor and disenfranchised so people can experience the reign of God can be experienced
992024

GULF SIDE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Recruiting the organization’s leadership to address poverty, education and health
760223

HEART AND HAND MINISTRY

Offering encouragement and resources to low-income families
391281

HELP FOR BABIES, CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, INC.

Providing essential health supplies to babies, children with disabilities and seniors
992149

HENDERSON SETTLEMENT

Creating opportunities for better lives through Christ-centered service
773283

HINTON RURAL LIFE CENTER

Providing home repair to address substantial housing affliction that are linked to poor health
773272

HISPANIC-LATINO MINISTRY ADVISORY GROUP (TENNESSEE)

Providing the development and marketing of new and existing Hispanic/Latino ministries
982280

HOMELESSNESS IN THE UNITED STATES

Providing start-up assistance for new and innovative church-based ministries with homeless people
982280

HOUSE OF THE CARPENTER

Providing for basic human needs such as food, clothing, and providing life-skills education
391282

JACKSON AREA MINISTRIES

Creating partnerships to improve the quality of life within the Appalachian counties of Ohio
194243

JEREMIAH PROJECT

Empowering middle school students and providing home repairs for God’s people in need
301212

JUBILEE PROJECT, INC.

Addressing the needs of the whole person through direct service and empowerment programs
793283

JUST NEIGHBORS MINISTRY

Providing immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees in northern Virginia
301302

KINGDOM HOUSE CHILDREN’S SERVICES

Providing immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees in northern Virginia
301302

LEADERSHIP TRAINING ON FAITH AND JUSTICE FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

Providing ecclesiastical leadership training in programs on faith and justice for Christian students
932223

LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE

Providing quality education and forming bilingual and bicultural leaders for the church and society in Ohio
581300

MCCURDY MINISTRIES COMMUNITY CENTER

Providing shelter and care for women, children, refugees and immigrants, using church partnerships
301208

METHODIST BORDER MISSION NETWORK

Providing shelter and care for women, children, refugees and immigrants, using church partnerships
301208

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Abiding Harvest Community Garden in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

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Amos House, Inc.

Providing ecumenical leadership training in programs on faith and justice for Christian students
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Reconstructing the organization’s leadership to address poverty, education and health
760223

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MISSISSIPPI
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MISSION
Progressing toward health and wholeness and developing Choctaw leadership

NATIONAL JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS
Creating a welcoming community by providing immigration legal services, education and advocacy

NATIVE AMERICAN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
Developing leaders and churches within the Native American community

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
Sharing resources with 13 Native American congregations for programming, evangelism and leadership

OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY WESLEY CHINESE FELLOWSHIP
Providing ESL and Bible study classes to newly arrived Chinese families in the Oklahoma City area

OKLAHOMA BIRD CHICKEN SCHOOL
Providing career and college preparation, spiritual growth and Christian leadership development

OKLAHOMA RED BIRD CLINIC COMMUNITY HEALTH
Providing health programs for low-income uninsured and uninsured people in remote mountain areas

OKLAHOMA BIRD MISSION
Empowering and advocating justice through spiritual, educational, health and outreach ministries

RED BIRD MISSION CONFERENCE CHURCH AND OUTREACH MINISTRIES
Meeting community needs and developing disciples through holistic ministry in rural Appalachia

REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT SUPPORT SERVICE OF EMMAUS
Supporting more than 600 refugees and immigrants each year in Albany, N.Y.

ROBESON COUNTY CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.
Providing emergency assistance with utilities, housing, clothing, food, furniture and tutoring

SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW
Salvaging fresh produce to reduce hunger and improve the health of people in greatest need across the U.S.

STRENGTH FOR SERVICE
Providing a daily devotional primarily to military personnel

THE CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE
Helping torture survivors rebuild lives with hope through health care, service and advocacy

THE TREE OF LIFE MISSION
Serving the American Indian community

UNALASKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY MINISTRY
Ministering to the Bering Sea fishing fleet, processors, stranded crew members and the community

UNITED METHODIST NOMADS
Providing volunteer labor for U.M. organizations needing construction, remodeling and repairs

WILLOW CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MINISTRY
Working in partnership with area churches and groups to meet emergency needs of families

United Methodist missionary Donna Chaat Pewo serves as a Church and Community Worker with Cheyenne-Arapaho children in Clinton, Oklahoma, which is part of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

PHOTO BY PAUL JEFFREY
Children wave goodbye to a visitor in Kunderpara, a village on an island in the Brahmaputra River in northern Bangladesh.