CELEBRATING
UMVIM AWARENESS SUNDAY
QUICK FACTS ABOUT UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

CHRISTIAN LOVE IN ACTION

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone." - 1 Corinthians 12:4-5, NRSV
UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

- Grassroots movement within The United Methodist Church
- Official channel for both lay and clergy
- Short-term assignments at their own expense
- National and international assignments
- Began in 1976 and is organized by jurisdiction.
- The General Board of Global Ministries networks with the jurisdictional UMVIM offices, which, in turn, coordinate with annual conference offices.
THE MINISTRY OF UMVIM

UMVIM teams serve for several days to several weeks.

Work includes construction

Renewing of mission facilities

Teaching

Witnessing

Conducting medical clinics

Holding Bible studies

Bible school for children

Disaster relief efforts around the world

Wide variety of opportunities to display the love of Christ in the world.
UMVIM AWARENESS SUNDAY

2016 General Conference approved

- “UMVIM Awareness Sunday calls the Church to celebrate those who have served in short-term missions and the work of UMVIM throughout the world. If the annual conference so directs, an offering may be received and used by the annual conference Volunteers in Mission program. (The Book of Discipline, 2016, paragraph 265.5)

UMVIM Awareness Sunday Celebration Date

- “Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) Awareness Sunday shall be observed annually on a date to be determined by the annual conference or local church.
- The observance of UMVIM Awareness Sunday shall be under the general supervision of the General Board of Global Ministries Mission Volunteers.” (The Book of Discipline, 2016, paragraph 265.5)
- A great day to celebrate is on Laity Sunday.
UMVIM AWARENESS SUNDAY SUPPORT

| Encourage your local church to celebrate UMVIM Awareness Sunday. |
| Ask your pastor or church leader to invite an UMVIM volunteer to share his or her experience with your congregation. |
| Request time for a mission moment that lifts up the ministry of UMVIM during worship service. |
| Recognize volunteers in your church or your annual conference. |
| Create a display with pictures and videos that highlights volunteers. |
| Pray that God will use every aspect of UMVIM as an instrument of His grace and mercy. Pray that this ministry portrays Christian Love in Action.** |

Give through your local church or through The Advance at [www.umcmission.org/volunteer](http://www.umcmission.org/volunteer).

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HOW TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF UMVIM

- Pray for the ministry of UMVIM — place volunteers on your daily prayer list.
- Volunteer to help them with their ministry.
- Give through your local church or annual conference to support your conference Volunteers in Mission program.
- Give through The Advance to your jurisdictional UMVIM ministry.
Jurisdictional Advance UMVIM Numbers

South Central Jurisdiction #901455
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