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Important note...

This booklet replaces all prior editions of the *Six Lanes of the Advance*. The General Board of Global Ministries has discontinued many projects and has changed the numbers for others. To assure that your dollars go to active ministries, it is important to use the projects and numbers listed in this 2017 edition. (Or consult the comprehensive book published by the General Board.)

Driving the 1st and 2nd Miles of Mission

United Methodists support mission outreach in a variety of ways. The primary route is through apportioned giving. An apportionment invites each congregation to remit a “fair share” of dollars to connectional ministry and mission. In West Michigan apportionments are called “Ministry Shares.” Ministry Shares are considered First Mile Giving. Churches should pay Ministry Shares in full before they begin to designate other giving.

Ministry Shares fund World Service and Conference Benevolences. World Service is the heart of our United Methodist presence world-wide. World Service dollars: provide support for over 9,000 mission projects around the world and across the U.S.; provide a network of missionaries, developers, and chaplains; fund schools and colleges; make a wide variety of resources available to local churches and much more. Conference Benevolences stay in West Michigan, maintaining camps, youth ministries, community centers, campus outreach, training for pastors and laypersons, and much more.

John Wesley once said, “Do all the good you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can.” In the spirit of John Wesley, churches that pay their First Mile giving then go on to Second Mile giving through The Advance. The Advance is a way to support projects with special interest to a congregation. An important feature of The Advance is that 100% of every donation goes to the chosen project. This is a claim no other charitable organization can make. Since 1948 The Advance has channeled \$1.2 billion to thousands of ministries in 125 countries.

The West Michigan Conference organizes The Advance in Six Lanes:

- Lane 1: Missionary Salary Support
- Lane 2: Global Projects
- Lane 3: National Projects
- Lane 4: UMCOR/Hunger Relief
- Lane 5: Racial Ethnic Local Churches
- Lane 6: Conference Projects

The Six Lanes is simply a model to help achieve a broad scope of outreach that touches neighbors next door as well as neighbors in places far away. Cruise these pages. Cruise, choose from the dozens of projects, and plan to be a Six Lanes Church.

GEAR UP!


A congregation becomes a Six Lanes Church by paying 100% of their Ministry Shares...



...and giving to at least one project in each of the Six Lanes of The Advance.

Lane 1 ... Missionary Salary Support

Chin Cho #3022047 ... serves at United Methodist missionary in Mongolia.
Lester Dornon #10919Z M.D., is a missionary Tansen Hospital, Nepal Asia
Deborah Dornon #10920Z ... coordinator of expatriate services at the Tansen Hospital, Nepal Asia
Delbert Groves #12150Z ... director of Spiritual Growth at the New Life Center in Zambia
Sandy Groves #12151Z ... coordinator of ministries for women & children at New Life Center
Jeff Hoover #07989Z ... professor at University of Katanga, DR Congo
Ellen Hoover #07990Z ... director of TESOL (The English Speaking School of Lubumbashi)
Dieudonne Karihano #3019569 ... agriculturist in Mozambique
Sonya Luna #3019618 ... Hispanic Plan Missionary serving in the Michigan Area
Nkemba Ndjungu #12910Z... directors United Methodist Initiative in Cameroon
Mbwizu Ndjungu #12909Z... directors United Methodist Initiative in Cameroon
Chelsea Williams #3022062 ... Global mission fellow at NOAH project in Detroit, Michigan
Ut To #14175Z...leaders of the United Methodist Initiative in Vietnam
Karen Vo-To #14174Z...leaders of the United Methodist Initiative in Vietnam
Paul Webster #11865Z ... agricultural specialist serving in Mujila Falls, Zambia
Robert Amundsen #773978/Pastor 3050-70 ... pastor of Thousand Sticks UMC, Red Bird
Mark Smallwood #773728... teacher at Red Bird School, Kentucky
Rebecca Smallwood Covenant 822...teacher at Red Bird School, Kentucky

	<p style="text-align: center;">Road Tip</p> <p>A covenant with a missionary involves a commitment of \$5 per member or \$2,500 per church. Use the form in this guidebook. Missionary bios, project info, and recent newsletters are available at www.umcmision.org.</p>
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Lane 2 ... Global Projects

Africa=====

Cameroon...

Cameroon Initiative #00344A ... mission evangelism, youth and women's ministries (Ndjungu)

Democratic Republic of Congo...

Katanga Methodist University #14433A ... Mulungwishi prepares leaders for ministry (Hoover)

Mulungwishi Seminary Scholarships #05773A ... financial aid for pastors in training

English Speaking School of Lubumbashi #10337A ... intercultural school (Hoover)

Liberia...

Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village #11820A ... Shelter for children orphaned by war

Zambia...

Bafwano Care Project #3021211 ... educate & feed children and train caregivers in Kitwe
Kafakumba Pastors' School #11438A ... equipping pastors from five countries for their ministry
Lord's Mountain Orphanage #14420T ... care and education for children (formerly *Front Porch*)
Mujila Falls Ag Project #15016A ... combating hunger through agriculture (Webster)
New Life Center #15057A ... PETs and Evangelism in Central Africa (Groves)

Zimbabwe...

Babyfold at Old Mutare #11713T ... home for abandoned and orphaned infants
Basic Essentials for Africa University Students #3020619...Assisting needy students enrolled at
Africa University by providing for their basic needs

Asia=====

China...

Amity Printing Press — Bibles in Nanjing, China #11422A ... printing of scripture in Chinese

Mongolia...

Mongolia Initiative #00209A ... Mission Center, youth ministry and hospice care (Cho)

Vietnam...

Vietnam Initiative #14932A ... house churches, pastor training and street children (To)

Eastern Europe=====

Russia...

Russia Initiative #11510A ... Leadership training, church development, publishing of resources

Latin America=====

Bolivia...

Urban Santa Cruz Children's Ministry #12320A ... childcare and education for street children

Jamaica...

PAPA's Ministries #3021286 ... Pastors & Priests Available for Service

Special Offering=====

World Communion Sunday...Fund #5820; *October 1, 2017*



Road Tip

Full descriptions of all projects in Lanes 1,2,3, and 4 are available on the General Board of Global Ministries' web site. Just go to www.umcmmission.org Missions, and search the project names

Lane 3 ... National Projects

General Projects=====

A Child #123456 ... supports over 70 UMC related community centers that serve children
NOMADS #982658 ... Volunteers in Mission with RVs; contributions go to materials fund

Regional Projects=====

Appalachia...

Appalachia Service Project #982050 ... volunteers repair and build homes

Kentucky...

Henderson Settlement #773365 ... education and economic development in Frakes, KY

Red Bird Missionary Conference #773978 ... supports 27 churches and outreach centers served by 17 pastors (Amundsen)

Red Bird Mission #773726 ... essential services to people in rural Appalachia

Red Bird Mission School #773728 ... education for K-12 in a Christian environment (Smallwood)

New Mexico...

McCurdy Ministries #581479 ... pre-school, after-school and camp ministries for children

Special Offerings=====

Human Relations Day ... Fund #5807; January 15, 2017

Peace with Justice Sunday ... Fund #5809; May 21, 2017

United Methodist Student Day ... Fund #5816; November 26, 2017



Road Tip

The names in parentheses next to the project number indicate the missionary who serves that project. Gifts to salary support require the Advance Number in Lane 1. Gifts to ministry require the project's Advance Number.

Lane 4 ... Hunger/UMCOR

Global Projects=====

Bread for the World #982325 ... advocacy for government policies that address hunger
Church World Service CROP Walks #982380 ... raising awareness and funds for hunger
Church World Service Tools of Hope/Blankets #982810 ... shelter, tents, pumps and more
ECHO #982447 ... Educational Concerns Hunger Organization assists small farmers
Heifer Project International #982532... livestock as a sustainable source of food and income
Heifer Fill the Ark #982418 ... development of Heifer communities world-wide
Imagine No Malaria #3021190 ... nets, community health and education to eradicate malaria
Global Refugee/Migration, Advance #3022144...supports UMCOR's work with refugees, asylum-seekers, and migrants
International Disaster Response Fund #982450 ... undesignated funds for global emergency
Landmine Prosthesis Program #982580 ... artificial limbs for civilians injured by landmines
Material Resources #901440 ... contribute to the purchase and shipment of relief supplies
Water & Sanitation #3020600 ... UMCOR drilling of wells and education in hygiene
World Hunger/Poverty Mission Emphasis #982920 ... assists millions in U.S. and around globe

Regional Projects=====

Asia...

#3020522 Building capacity and training in health, rehabilitation and community development

Haiti...

Haiti School Hot Lunch Program #418790 ... a meal of rice and beans for students in Haiti
Haiti Solar Ovens #418812 ... using the sun to cook food and pasteurize water
HAPI #3020490-Project ... Haitian Artisans for Peace International (Valerie Mossman-Celestin)
Grace Children's Hospital #418520 ... cure and prevention for those suffering tuberculosis

United States...

Food Resources Bank #982493 ... U.S. farmers donate a harvest to fund farmers overseas
National Disaster Response Fund #901670 ... undesignated funds for disaster response in U.S.
North Central UMCOR Disaster Response #901375 ... deploys disaster relief managers
Society of St. Andrew #801600 ... food salvage and distribution to address domestic hunger
Sager-Brown UMCOR Depot #901515 ... support operation of the UMCOR depot in Louisiana

Special Offering...

UMCOR Sunday also known as One Great Hour of Sharing...Fund #5822; March 26, 2017

Lane 5...Racial Ethnic Local Churches

African-American Church

Battle Creek Washington Heights UMC ... witness and outreach promoting wholesome living

Asian-American Churches

Grand Rapids Vietnamese UMC ... serving the people for the past 25 years

Lansing Korean UMC ... worship, Bible study and youth ministry for the university community

Hispanic Church

La Nueva Esperanza ... "New Hope" for the Hispanic community in Grand Rapids

Native American Churches

Bradley Indian Mission ... Shelbyville; worship, youth ministry, Christian ed, and fellowship

Greensky Hill Indian Church ... Charlevoix; worship, Sunday School, and camp meetings

Kewadin Indian Mission ... worship, Bible study, youth ministry, work camps and camp meetings.

Chippewa Indian Church ... Mt. Pleasant; worship, Sunday School, prayer and revival meetings

Northport Indian Mission ... worship and significant ministries of outreach

Salem Indian Mission ... Hopkins; worship, fellowship and a vital youth ministry

Indian Workers Conference ... leader development for Native American clergy, laity and youth


Multi-Ethnic Churches

Faith UMC ... a new church start in South Lansing offering worship and fellowship

Special Offerings...

Native American Ministries Sunday ... Fund #5813; April 30, 2017

RELC Sunday ... Fund #5806; February 5, 2017

	<p style="text-align: center;">Road Tip</p> <p>Where are the numbers? Unlike the General Advance projects in Lanes 1-4, Conference Advance Specials in Lanes 5 and 6 do not have numbers. Just remit your gifts to the Conference Treasurer using the project name.</p>
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Lane 6 ... Conference Projects

Community Development===

Benton Harbor: Lighthouse Ministries of Benton Harbor... tutoring, mentoring, and training
Grand Rapids:

Justice for our Neighbors ... legal counseling for immigrants

La Nueva Outreach Ministries ... sports, recreation and shelter for the homeless

Martin Luther King Academy ... tutoring, child and parent support, after-school activities

North End Community Ministry ... food pantry, family training, and senior services

South End Community Outreach Ministry ... food pantry, personal growth, parent training

Trinity Community Ministries ... mentoring, recreation, Bible study and life skills

United Methodist Community House ...help and hope for children, youth and seniors

United Methodist Metropolitan Ministry ... equipping people for effective urban ministry

Holton: Holton Community Center ... food pantry, clothing, faith development from Holton UMC

Kalkaska: KAIR ... Kalkaska Area Interfaith Resources food/clothing/household pantry

Lake City: Missaukee Area Cooperative Ministries ... assistance with food, rent, gas, and shelter

South Lansing Ministries ... community services located at Grace UMC

Muskegon: Pathfinders ...mentoring, violence prevention program at three sites inc. Temple UMC

Muskegon Heights: Mission for Area People ... M.A.P. Supper House, Rx assistance, training

Midwest Distribution Center

Health and Welfare=====

Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo ... Good Neighbor Fund and Pastoral Care Dept.

Clark Retirement Community, Grand Rapids ... supports the Benevolent Care Fund

Methodist Children's Home Society ... safe environment, treatment and adoption services

PaWaTing Magedwin Senior Meals, Grand Rapids ... weekly meals and food truck

PET West Michigan ... child-size personal energy transports built in Holland, MI

Spirit Journey...North Point U.M.C.

Outreach to College Students===

Central Michigan University Wesley Foundation, Mt. Pleasant

Ferris State University Wesley Foundation, Big Rapids

Michigan State University Wesley Foundation, East Lansing

Grand Valley State University Student Fellowship, Allendale

Western Michigan University Wesley Foundation, Kalamazoo

United Methodist Camps=====

Conference Camps ... Albright, Crystal Springs, Lake Michigan, Lakeview
and Wesley Woods

Scholarships for Ethnic Youth ... Fund #6910; Camp Scholarships ... Fund #7480

Camp New Day Scholarships ... Fund 7482; for children and youth of incarcerated parents

More Possibilities for Giving=====

Conference Council on Youth Ministries Mission Trip to HAPI

Habitat for Humanity ... all West Michigan Chapters

Michigan Interfaith Council on Alcohol Problems (MICAP)

West Michigan Centers for Peace and Justice:

Heartland District Creative Peace Movement

Grand Rapids District Peace With Justice Community

Grand Traverse District Swords into Plowshares Peace Center

Kalamazoo District Swords into Plowshares Peace Center

Lansing District Shalom Center for Justice and Peace

Special Offerings=====

Camp Sunday ... Fund #5812; any Sunday in March

Volunteer in Mission Awareness Sunday ... Fund #5850, June 4, 2017

Christian Education Sunday Offering ... Fund #5442; September 10, 2017

Golden Cross Sunday ... Fund #5814; May 7, 2017

Rural Life Sunday ... Fund #5808; on or about August 20, 2017



Road Tip

Do you have older editions of the Six Lanes booklet in your file? Please discard them. Many Advance Projects are no longer valid; others have new numbers.

Conference Advance Specials

To be a Conference Advance Special, a ministry/project/agency must meet these criteria...

1. Have a mission statement reflective of the purpose of the West Michigan Conference: “Create Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.”
2. Be affiliated with The United Methodist Church by mandate of the organization.
For example:
 - a. Inclusion of board members who are United Methodists.
 - b. Partner with churches within the United Methodist connection.
 - c. Be housed within a United Methodist church.
 - d. Do ministry reflective of The Social Principles or Mission Goals of The United Methodist Church.
3. Receive financial support from local United Methodist churches and the district.
4. Provide ministry within the boundaries of the West Michigan Conference.
5. Provide a ministry that engages United Methodist churches and their people beyond the local area.
6. Be a legal, non-profit organization or under the umbrella of a legal, non-profit entity.
7. Provide evidence of a yearly financial audit.

—approved as a working document of the Conference Board of Global Ministries, November 11, 2013

If you wish to apply for inclusion in the Six Lanes of the Advance (i.e. add a project to Lane 5 or Lane 6), submit a request and supporting documentation that addresses these criteria. Send the request to Mark and Sharon Burkart, 1517 S. Broadway Street, Hastings MI. The request will be considered by the Conference Board of Global Ministries.

For more information contact...

- Chair, Conf. Bd. Of Global Ministries, Del Troutman, 269-621-3663; dtroutman1@frontier.com
- Secretaries of Global Ministries: Sharon and Mark Burkart 269-967-0301; sharonannburkart@gmail.com
- Albion District Mission Secretary: John Williams, 517-629-6768; jwilliams@albion.edu
- Grand Rapids Mission Secretary: Laurie Mieskowski, 616-451-2879; LaureM@GrandRapidsFUMC.org
- Grand Traverse Mission Secretary: Mike Simon, 231-275-7236; pastor.mike@lakeannumc.com
- Heartland District Mission Secretary: Kathy Shepard, 989-828-6486; kshepard@edzone.net
- Kalamazoo Mission Secretary: at present, contact the District Office
- Lansing Mission Secretary: at present, contact the District Office 517-347-4173
- Refugee & Immigration: Shirley Freeman, 269-381-8208; shirleytupperfreeman@gmail.com
- United Methodist Women: Shirley Chapel
- Haiti Task Force Chair: David Hills
- Volunteer in Mission Chair: Rob Hughes
- Heifer Contact: Nancy Spalenka, 616-249-0513; gandn@altelco.net
- UMCOR/Hunger Chair:

Other useful details...

Michigan Area Conference Web Site: www.michiganumc.org

General Board of Global Ministries: 1-800-862-4246; www.umcmmission.org

United Methodist Committee on Relief: 1-800-554-8583; www.umcor.org

Church World Service/CROP Michigan: 1-888-297-2767; <http://cwscrop.org/michigan/>

Heifer Project International: 1-855-948-6437; www.heifer.org

Midwest Distribution Center: 1022 New City Rd., Chatham IL 62629; www.midwestmissiondc.org

North Central UMVIM: Lorna Jost, 605-692-3390; umvim-ncj@brookings.net

P.E.T. West Michigan Keith Laidler, 616-786-2774; kj11209@att.net

Red Bird Mission: HC69, Box 700, Beverly KY 40913; 606-598-3155; www.rbmission.org

Sager Brown UMCOR Depot: P. O. Box 850, Baldwin, LA 70514; 1-800-554-8583

Society of St. Andrew: 1-800-333-4597; www.endhunger.org

Midwest Mission Distribution Center: 1-217-483-7911; office@midwestmissiondc.org



Road Tip

Mission giving does NOT work like an ATM Machine! In other words, it's not all about money. Mission involves relationship. Expand your mission outreach to include prayer and hands-on volunteer activity as well.