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**2018 will be the last year that we will be using the Six Lane program in West Michigan.**

Please continue this program until the end of 2018 for your church's mission planning and programming.

Starting on January 1, 2019 we will be starting with a new mission program called **ENGAGE**. This new program combines West Michigan Conference's 6-Lanes and Detroit Conference's Spotlight Church.

The whole state of Michigan has a big heart for mission here and around the world and by joining our conference's mission programs we will be living into the calling that God has set before us.

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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 2018 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.

**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 ... is a senior physician assigned to 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

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

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

Erin Frey #3022207. ... is a Global Mission Fellow serving at Community Ministries Suncoast, Florida

Hyo-Won Park...#3021822...new start church St. Petersburg, Russia

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

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 on the Lane 1 page of the Conference web site: [www.michiganumc.org](http://www.michiganumc.org).

## 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 7, 2018*

## **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 14, 2018*

Peace with Justice Sunday ... Fund #5809; *May 27, 2018*

United Methodist Student Day ... Fund #5816; *November 25, 2018*

## **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 providing 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 UMVIM 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 11, 2018

## **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

## **Special Offerings...**

Native American Ministries Sunday ... Fund #5813; April 15, 2018

RELC Sunday ... Fund #5806

## **Lane 6 ... Conference Projects**

### **Community Development===**

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

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, Holton UMC

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

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

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

Justice for our Neighbors ... legal counseling for immigrants offices in Grand Rapids, Holland,  
Kalamazoo and Traverse City

South Lansing Ministries...serving the needs of people in Lansing area

### **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. Native American support focusing on children and youth.

### **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, 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 2013

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

Christian Education Sunday Offering ... Fund #5442

Golden Cross Sunday ... Fund #5814

Rural Life Sunday ... Fund #5808;



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## Other useful details...

Michigan Area Conference Web Site: [www.michiganumc.org](http://www.michiganumc.org)

General Board of Global Ministries: [www.umcmmission.org](http://www.umcmmission.org)

United Methodist Committee on Relief: [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org)

Church World Service/CROP Michigan: <http://cwscrop.org/michigan/>

Heifer Project International: 1-855-948-6437; [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)

Midwest Distribution Center: 1022 New City Rd., Chatham IL 62629; [www.midwestmissiondc.org](http://www.midwestmissiondc.org)

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Red Bird Mission: HC69, Box 700, Beverly KY 40913; [www.rbmission.org](http://www.rbmission.org)

Sager Brown UMCOR Depot: P. O. Box 850, Baldwin, LA 70514;

Society of St. Andrew: 1-800-333-4597; [www.endhunger.org](http://www.endhunger.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.**