

# HUMAN RELATIONS DAY



When you support Human Relations Day, your gift builds community leadership and resources. For example in Chicago, churches are in partnership to engage in community based alternatives to juvenile incarceration. In the Philippines, community organizations are strengthening family resiliency to address substance abuse, particularly with those who are living in the Manila North Cemetery. And in West Congo, United Methodist Churches are working with ecumenical partners to provide pastoral support and advocacy for children and youth who are in prison.

These are the words of some of the leaders who have received funding for community ministries through the Human Relations Day offering:

**“In this multi-Asian, multiethnic, multigenerational church, I’ve lost count of the number of times people have said they were drawn to Buena Vista for two primary reasons: 1. The congregation’s tremendous hospitality and openness; and 2. Its social activism, born out of firm values as the body of Christ. This congregation’s slogan is, ‘Building Beloved Community.’ They take it to heart, and they do it very well.”**

— LYNETTE LEE, CHAIR, BUENA VISTA COMMUNITY INSTITUTE, ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA

**“The Beacon Center is a tool to build consciousness of the need to serve and walk with people whom Howard Thurman would call the disinherited, the people who the church turns its back on, the people of who Jesus ministered to . . . creating wholeness, ministering to those in the community physically, mentally, emotionally, relationally, economically—holistically.”**

— THE REV. JOSEPH DANIELS, EMORY FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D.C.

**“Motor sports is a tool that meets all the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) requirements . . . This program teaches youth not only to set goals, but (also to) map out the course to achieve that goal. During field trips, they hear success stories in different careers and see firsthand what that looks like.”**

— JAMES HARPER, GRACE COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH RESOURCE AND EMPOWERMENT CENTER INC., CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA



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## PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY!

One of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church, Human Relations Day give us an opportunity to make an impact in communities where people struggle because they don't have the tools or resources to reach their God-given potential.

During the challenges of the past year, we have seen how systemic inequality affects the most vulnerable people. When neighbors experience poverty and live in communities that have less access to community resources, as a denomination, we can do so much more together than we could ever do on our own.

Our gifts are part of building beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens. As society begins to recover from this health and financial crisis, these programs are vital in strengthening communities that are most impacted.

Please write your check to your local church with "HRD" written on the memo line and place it in the offering basket. To give online or set up monthly giving, go to [UMC.org/SSGive](https://www.UMC.org/SSGive).



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