



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OFFERING TALK



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Nourished for Holy Living

United Methodists join Christians of different traditions to celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday in October. World Communion Sunday began in 1936 as a way to recognize our ecumenical oneness in Christ and to bring Christians together in a spirit of unity and peace.

In The United Methodist Church, congregations throughout the denomination will also join together to receive a Special Sunday offering that helps students from around the world reach their full potential through scholarships, training and mentoring. The World Communion Sunday offering is one of six churchwide special offerings received throughout the year.

Adapt this offering talk as part of a mission moment to celebrate World Communion Sunday in your congregation. For a fully integrated service, coordinate this message with the accompanying [Liturgy and Sermon Starter](#).

Today we have an opportunity to engage in holy living by nurturing others. Our special offering on World Communion Sunday helps fund scholarships for United Methodist students around the globe.

For example, Kaelin Travis, an African American student from Mississippi, is studying at Alcorn State University to become a soil conservationist. She says that the Ethnic Scholarship from the denomination, combined with the love and moral

support from her home church, encourages her in her studies.

In addition to caring for the environment through her career, she believes in “paying it forward.” She continues, “I look forward to the day that I, too, can support up-and-coming college students.”

Do you remember who helped nurture your dreams? Today you can “pay it forward” with



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your gift that supports young leaders.

David Rangel grew up with a Christian family in a low-income neighborhood in Mexico. After graduating from engineering school, he visited the U.S. for a mission trip in partnership with a United Methodist church. The church helped create a path for him to attend seminary, and when he felt called to study for a Doctorate in Ministry, the World Communion leadership scholarship supported that dream.

He says, “Through the World Communion Sunday scholarship, I feel the unconditional support from people I have never met. It taught me what generosity can do in and for the body of Christ.”

On World Communion Sunday, we especially experience and celebrate the connection of the body of Christ when our offering joins with the gifts of other United Methodists around the globe.

This quadrennium (2017-20), The United Methodist Church has received over \$2.2 million to support the hopes and dreams of emerging leaders for lasting impact.

When you give generously on World Communion Sunday, you equip talented, qualified students from around the globe to become the world changers God created them to be.

Please give online: umcsgiving.org/giveWCS or mail checks to:

World Communion Sunday GCFA, P.O. Box 340029, Nashville, TN 37203.

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