UMCOR Sunday



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"So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

-2 Corinthians 5:20, NRSV

These testimonies reflect how partnering as ambassadors for Christ through our offering to UMCOR Sunday, we relieve suffering in the world.

We raise money here in our conference, but not nearly enough to do what we have to do in the event of a large disaster. But when we combine our money with UMCOR's, we make something really wonderful happen."

"We are touching people when they are at their most raw and vulnerable....We bring a caring Christian presence and walk alongside them so that one day they will be able to walk forward on their own."

"(Water, sanitation and hygiene) workshops have definitely been informative and helpful during such a complex (COVID-19) health emergency. It has become one of the best ways to share, socialize and enhance knowledge for the benefit of health in the community."

- ESTEFANÍA DELGADO, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY WATER BOARD IN THE VILLAGE OF EL GUARANGO, ECUADOR

Please give generously: UMC.org/SSGive



^{Open} Hearts. <mark>O</mark>pen Minds. Open Doors. The people of The United Methodist Church® n UMCOR Sunday, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief, an organization that acts on our behalf when there is a crisis. When we give to specific Advance projects, 100% of our gifts are directed to the designated response.

UMCOR can do this because the funds we receive today join with those of millions of other United Methodists to help cover the costs of doing business. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly when disaster strikes.

The United Methodist Church, the world and our communities are in a time of transition. Together, God's church is an ambassador for Christ, helping our neighbors navigate ongoing global trauma.

Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to be part of extending healing and hope that can guide us to becoming a new creation in Christ. Through our gifts and support, we partner with God and God's people to strengthen Christ's loving presence in a hurting world.

United Methodist Special Sunday celebrations invest in transforming communities, empowering leaders and building up ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support shared ministries equips us to step into a grace-filled new beginning with faithful determination.

From Haiti to Afghanistan, Louisiana to Bosnia and Herzegovina, UMCOR works to meet people's daily needs such as health care, food, hygiene and job security.

UMCOR equips local churches, annual conferences and nonprofit organizations to be in mission with their communities, to respond to those left most vulnerable during this challenging time.

And UMCOR doesn't just respond to the emergency for the short term. Working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR cultivates relationships and helps communities rebuild, often for years after the disaster.

In 2020 United Methodists, through UMCOR:

- assisted nearly 325,000 survivors of climate and humanitarian disasters in 52 countries,
- funded 133 UMCOR disaster response projects totaling more than \$8 million, and
- trained 1,755 individuals in effective disaster ministry.

Please be an ambassador for Christ to relieve suffering by giving generously to support UMCOR Sunday.

HOW TO GIVE:

Write a check to your local church and write "UMCOR Sunday" in the memo line. To give online or set up monthly giving, go to UMC.org/SSGive.

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