



HOOSIER UNITED METHODIST Mission Opportunities

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The Rev. LeKisha Reed, Associate Director of Mission and Advocacy, is available to you in the new Indiana Conference Center and would like to hear what your congregation is doing in mission and advocacy. Submit mission news, information and volunteer opportunities to lekisha.reed@inumc.org or call 317-924-1321. The Indiana Conference Mission and Advocacy area has created a Facebook Fan Page. Check it out [here](#).

Mission Census being taken by Conference will continue through the summer

Register to participate at www.inumc.org/missions. If you need a paper copy of this survey, call the Conference Center at 317-924-1321 or toll-free 877-781-6706.

Thank you for participating in this important survey.

REMINDER

Rx Consultation in Iowa

- Friday through Sunday, May 7-9
- Walnut Hills UMC in Urbandale, Iowa
- For more information, visit www.gbgm-umc.org/northcentralvim/rxconnexion.html.
- Get the packet of information here or write to umvim-ncj@brookings.net.
- Early Bird registration deadline was April 19. Still taking registrations.
- A special session is planned for Parish Nurses to meet with Patricia Magyar, General Board of Global Ministries.

May 1 Deadline for School of Christian Mission Scholarships

- July 13-16
- Anderson University
- Scholarships will be awarded to three different age groups:
 - Chi-Mi-Ca (children ages 3 through grade 5)

- Yo-Pe-Mi-Ca (youth grades 6 through 12)
- Young Women (ages 18-35)
- All application forms, instructions and applicable deadlines are available online.

MISSION NEWS

Hoosier congregations join with more than 1,000 others for Change the World weekend

This past weekend of April 24-25, more than 1,000 United Methodist organizations participated in the global Change the World with radical service. From Alabama to Washington, New York to Mozambique, a thousand-plus churches, along with districts, clusters and conferences, are revving up to put on more than 1000 Change the World events. Some 22 Hoosier UM projects were included in the weekend event. The causes are many – everything from preventing malaria and curing breast cancer (like Seminary UMC in Roanoke) to protecting the environment and feeding the homeless. United Methodist congregations took to the streets, schools, parks, nursing homes, neighborhoods, hospitals, homeless shelters and more to make a difference.

Because World Malaria Day was yesterday, April 25, many churches decided to stage an event with a global focus. Several youth groups across the U.S. will “Sleep Out to End Malaria” – camping under bed nets to show solidarity with families in Africa who rely on mosquito netting to protect them from malaria. Many have found creative ways to raise money for Imagine No Malaria, the malaria initiative of The United Methodist Church which officially launches that weekend.

Aid ongoing as China mourns quake victims

As China observed a national day of mourning for earthquake victims on April 21, a team from the Amity Foundation, a United Methodist partner, was assisting survivors. More than 2,000 people were killed when the 7.1-magnitude earthquake struck the Yushu area of China’s northwestern province of Qinghai on April 14. More than 12,000 were injured and 175 remain missing, according to Chinese officials. The affected area’s high altitude, near-freezing temperatures and damaged roads have made rescue operations more difficult.

The Amity team now on the ground in Qinghai includes two staff members who led a team of professional voluntary psychological counselors in the Sichuan earthquake region in 2008, according to She Hongyu, an Amity executive and director of the foundation’s research and development center. Within a week of the earthquake, Amity distributed three shipments of blankets, food and water. The fourth Amity shipment arrived in the Qinghai province the night of April 21, She reported. Rice, flour, blankets and mineral water from that shipment were distributed in three different places.

Donations to support UMCOR’s response and help earthquake survivors can be made to International Disaster Response, China Earthquake, UMCOR Advance #982450. Donations can be placed in church offering plates, sent by mail or made online. Details are available at www.umcor.org.

Racial justice agency hires five new staff

WASHINGTON (UMNS) –The United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race has hired five staff to join two members brought on earlier in the year. “Expertise comes in all colors,” said Erin Hawkins, top staff executive. “The proof is on our team.”

Mary Phillips, a member of the Laguna of Pueblo tribe in New Mexico and co-author “Healing and Mental Health for Native Americans: Speaking in Red,” will be the coordinator of monitoring and research. *Giovanni Arroyo*, pastor of Salem United Methodist Church in Baltimore and skilled in creating community alliances with the Hispanic/Latino community, will serve as team leader of monitoring and advocacy. *Victor Cyrus-Franklin Jr.*, a seminary graduate who has worked for the Southeast regional office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will be responsible for advocacy campaigns related to immigration, global health, poverty and inclusiveness at General Conference and jurisdictional conferences. *The Rev. Myungim Kim*, pastor at Pennington (N.J.) United Methodist Church and an executive board member of the Korean National Plan, will be the new annual conference coordinator. *The Rev. Amy Stapleton*, former staff member of the Methodist Federation for Social Action, is the coordinator of program administration and management. The arrival of new team members will be staggered over the coming weeks.

Clarian plans \$375M tower at Methodist Hospital

INDIANAPOLIS (IBJ) – Clarian Health is planning to build a bed tower at United Methodist-related Methodist Hospital in a massive project that shows renewed commitment to the downtown campus.

The tower would have 175 to 250 beds and allow Methodist to make all its rooms private. Right now, half of Methodist’s 760 beds are in pairs in semi-private rooms. Clarian projects it could spend \$375 million to \$500 million on the project, which would not be complete until mid-2015.

The work, all centered on the intersection of Capitol Avenue and 18th Street, will include demolition of an aging bed tower with 100 psychiatric beds, as well as a partially used parking garage. Clarian is likely to build a parking facility with room for offices on the east side of Capitol.

“The downtown location is the best place for us to serve the 6 million people of Indiana,” said Sam Odle, Clarian’s chief operating officer. He added, “We’re modernizing all of our facilities and expanding those facilities to meet the patient demand.”

Since the 1997 creation of Clarian as a joint venture of Methodist and the Indiana University School of Medicine, Methodist has seen only one modest expansion. In 2002, Clarian centralized cardiovascular procedures there with a \$36 million addition.

Women, men’s groups confront violence

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMNS) – United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women have agreed to a first-of-its kind joint effort to stand with women against domestic violence. The organizations agreed to collaborate on domestic violence programs, training and resources that can be used in churches across the country.

Last fall, directors of United Methodist Women encouraged local units to partner with United

Methodist Men groups to sponsor domestic violence awareness events in their churches and communities.

During its April 12 meeting, the Women's Division board learned that the Commission on United Methodist Men had agreed to "combine our efforts against domestic violence."

Harriett Jane Olson, top staff executive of the Women's Division, commented on the importance of the historic partnership. "From the silence on this topic in our congregations, it appears as if churches assume that this epidemic of violence does not affect their members. However, experts warn pastors and congregational leaders that they should be prepared to respond to an outpouring of stories and needs if they begin open discussion of domestic abuse in a way that makes victims and families feel supported," she said.

Gilbert C. Hanke, top staff executive of the Commission on United Methodist Men, said domestic violence is "a subject that we either ignore, or convince ourselves it only happens outside the church." While he noted that some victims are male, "that represents a very small percentage (16 percent) and diverts our attention from the overall problem. I hope we can address the overt abuse that takes place in all our communities, as well as create a safe, welcoming environment within men's and women's ministry for everyone that is damaged by domestic violence."

**FOR THE LATEST IN DISASTER NEWS AND RECOVERY
VISIT www.disasternews.net and www.umcor.org.**

NEWLY LISTED MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Two Volunteer in Mission trips this summer to Crow Creek Reservation

The Indiana Conference Team on Native American Ministry is sponsoring two trips to the Crow Creek Reservation in Fort Thompson, South Dakota. The trips are *July 11-17* and *August 1-7*. Projects will range from light construction and fence work to working at a local church and community center. Evenings will include traditional native ceremony. Trip leaders can only register 50 participants for each trip. *Registration deadline is May 28*. The trips are for both youth and adults. Youth attending must be at least 14 years old. All participants 18 years old and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All participants must attend one of the three scheduled mandatory desensitization training sessions and must be in attendance the entire time. Dates are May 15 at Shiloh-Wesley UMC in Spencer, Ind. and June 5 at Northside Community UMC in Terre Haute, Ind. Team leaders: first trip the Rev. Diane Wells; second trip the Rev. Frank Oakman. Cost is \$400 per person including lodging, meals, and supplies at the reservation. Transportation and other expenses to and from Crow Creek Reservation are the responsibility of each volunteer. For more information, for first trip – contact Rev. Wells at bdiane1947@yahoo.com or call 812-829-0198; Rev. Oakman at foakman@clergy.net or call 812-232-2478. The insurance form required for everyone registering is at <http://umviminsurance.info>.

PREVIOUSLY LISTED MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Hoosier help is needed for Africa University scholarships

Information has been received from Africa University that some students began classes this semester with only partial scholarships. They will not be able to sit for their exams unless their fees for the semester are completely paid. Please encourage your church to send funds to help these students finish the school year. You may send your contributions to the Indiana Conference in the usual way marked Africa University Student Scholarship and add Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, or Angola. Those are the students who have partial scholarships from Indiana at present. Thanks for your help. For more information about AU scholarships, visit www.support-africauniversity.org.

Operation Classroom needs volunteer to set up 10 laptops for schools

Operation Classroom, our Hoosier United Methodist mission to Sierra Leone and Liberia's schools, is looking for someone who would like to set up 10 laptops to send to Sierra Leone. The laptops are located at the Wagner's home, which is 10 miles north of Lebanon and 20 miles south of Lafayette. Work needs to be completed before May 15. If interested or know someone who is willing to do this for the children of Sierra Leone, contact Joe Wagner at ocmission@frontiernet.net or 765-650-0231. Thank you.

MORE WAYS TO GIVE TO HAITI, CHILE RELIEF

UMCOR Haiti Emergency updates at www.umcor.org

United Methodist Men to collect hand tools for Haiti relief

To learn more about this project, [click here](#).

Haiti and Chile Earthquake Emergencies need your support

Here are the UMCOR Advance numbers for Haiti and Chile:

- UMCOR Financial support can be made to Haiti Emergency UMCOR Advance #418325.
- UMCOR Financial support can be made to Chile Emergency UMCOR Advance #3021178.

To send funds collected for UMCOR, have churches make checks to Indiana Conference UMC with memo notation to either one of these Advances, including number. Send check to INUMC, Dept. 6089, Carol Stream, IL 60122-6089.

Questions about Haiti and Chile relief efforts, contact LeKisha Reed in the Indiana Conference Center at toll-free 877-781-6706 or 317-924-1321 ext. 1006.

Tents Desperately Needed in Haiti for Earthquake Survivors

- For more information, visit Children of Abraham at www.coa-worldwide.org.

Health, Layette, Birthing Kits Needed

- For complete information about kits, click here.

For more information about latest in Haiti relief efforts by UMCOR, visit www.umc.org/haiti, www.umc.org and www.churchworldservice.org.

FLOOD RECOVERY INFORMATION

United Methodists Continue in Flood Recovery Efforts Statewide

- For information about flood recovery, click here.

ONGOING MISSION PROJECT REMINDERS

For more information about these opportunities, listings of ongoing projects and contact information, please visit <http://inumc.org/volunteeropportunities/category/10>.

Operation Classroom announces ingathering for Annual Conference session

- For content list, go www.inumc.org and click on 2010 Annual Conference. Choose one or more of these items and bring them to the Indiana Annual Conference session at Ball State University near Emens Auditorium June 10-12.
- For more information, contact Operation Classroom at 765-436-2805, ocmission@frontiernet.net or www.operationclassroom.org.

Operation Classroom announces VBS outreach projects

- The items include:
 - *Vitamins* and first aid items
 - *Balls* such as soccer balls, basketballs, kick and volley balls (NO American footballs, softballs or baseballs – they don't play these sports)
 - Also, pump and needles to pump up the balls.
 - *Sports equipment* for track and field
- Also sneakers (They do not have to be new – but they need to be clean and in good condition.)
- These items can be purchased by the VBS group or you can send funds to the Operation Classroom office for us to do the purchasing.
- Other supplies are also needed, such as pencils, pens and notebooks.
- Contact John Barker 765-346-0979 or jl.barker36@live.com.
- For more information about Operation Classroom, visit www.operationclassroom.org.

Bibles needed for schools in West Africa

- 10 to 15 RSV (preferred) Bibles for each of our UM-related schools in Liberia and Sierra Leone (That's more than 700 Bibles needed).
- For shipping information, visit <http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/operationclassroom/shipping.html>.
- For questions contact the Rev. Joe or Carolyn Wagner by e-mail

wagners@operationclassroom.org or call 765-436-2805.

Check Out the New Gambling Recovery Ministries Web Site

- Check out the United Methodist-related Gambling Recovery Ministries' greatly expanded Web site www.grmumc.org.
- Sign up for e-news Bonus Pages at www.grmumc.org.
- This ministry is supported in part through your congregational tithe to the conference.

NOMADS Volunteers Work in Response to Disaster

- To learn more about the NOMADS program and projects visit: <http://www.nomadsumc.org>.

Volunteers Needed in North Dakota

- Volunteers are needed for rebuilds in Fargo/Moorhead and the Jamestown areas. Contact: Joan Buchhop at jbuchhop@lssnd.org or call 701-775-6151.

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Crisis, trauma, disaster response training conference offered

- Friday, April 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn Indianapolis South
- For more information, visit www.psysolutions.com/facilities/vallevista/index.html or click here for information and registration flyer.

Operation Classroom VIM Trips to Africa

- Workteams to Sierra Leone 2010
 - May 2 to 23 To Koidu – University of Indianapolis, Lang Brownlee, team leader
 - June 12 to July 15 - Constructing a school for the blind - Les and Hope Law, team leaders
 - July 25-August 3 - Construction project to be decided - Kay Hess, team leader
- Workteams to Liberia 2010
 - June 21 to July 6 - Tubman-Gray School - Especially for College Students
 - Construction of Elementary Building - Jill Bowen Team leader
 - June 22 to July 8 or July 20 to August 1 - Teaching seminar on reading, phonics and writing (elementary level)
 - Sept 7 to 27 – Kay Zeigler and Bob Evans Leaders, Construction project to be decided

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- Information packet
- How to register
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- Write umvim-ncj@brookings.net for the packet.
- For more information, visit www.gbvm-umc.org/northcentralvim/rxconnexion.html.

Chain Saw Training Course in Wisconsin

- May 15 at Pine Lake United Methodist Camp
- Limited to 10-15 beginners or experienced cutters
- Cost: \$35 includes lunch
- Register by May 7
- More information: Chuck Wedemeyer 414-354-8285

Construction Volunteers Need to Construct New Houses

- Work Camp Schedule for S.O.W.E.R. 2010 (**S**haring **O**ur **W**itness – **E**nriching **R**elationships)
 - Week 1 May 16 – 22 Frame shell
 - Week 2 May 23 – 29 Roofing, interior walls, exterior doors, windows, siding
 - Week 3 July 11 – 17 Install insulation and drywall, finish siding and soffit
 - Week 4 July 18 – 24 Finish drywall & paint, install porch railing
 - Week 5 August 8 – 14 Finish interior trim, install underlayment, and flooring
 - Week 6 August 15 – 21 Install interior doors, trim, and kitchen cabinets
- To learn more or to join one of these camps contact Ralph & Carolyn Brandon, SOWER VIM Team Leaders. 231 McMillen Dr., Newark, Oh 43055, ph 740-344-5581, SOWER@wocumc.org

Volunteer In Mission Trip Planned to Africa University

- May 20-June 8, 2010
- Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe, Africa
- Cost of the trip: \$3800
- For more information, contact Rev. Anyike at 317-925-1997 or Ruth Ellen Stone at ruthellen1@juno.com.

Indiana Conference Mission Volunteers Resource team offers leader training workshop

- May 22, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (ET) at Northwest UMC in South Bend
- Cost is \$7 per person plus \$25 for VIM Training Manual (only 1 needed per church).
- Please bring a sack lunch.
- Registration deadline is May 15. Registrations forms are available here online.
- For more information, contact Bonnie Albert, bonkay@hotmail.com or call 219 464-1447.

Applications Sought for Hunger Justice Leaders

- June 12-15
- For information, visit www.bread.org.

Elgins to Lead TeachUM Team to Managua, Nicaragua

- teachUM teams to Managua, Nicaragua
- June 14-23, 2010
- For more information, e-mail rrelgin@comcast.net

Terre Haute Church has Space Available for VIM Trip to Russia

- June 15-26
- More information at www.umcmemorial.com, click on the Missions tab
- Peter Priest, Emeritus Professor of Russian

Vietnam/Cambodia

- June 20-July 2, 2010
- Contact: Rev. Dr. Christian Van, 773-213-6613
- Visit their Web site.

Christ UMC in Washington supports orphan work in Tanzania

- June 23-July 9
- For more information, visit <http://christum.org/index.php/missions>.
- Contact Susie Singleton at 812-254-6650 or e-mail joe.singleton@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Poland

- June 24-July 7, 2010
- Cost is \$2,500
- Contact Ron Fontenot 618-628-8262.

Flood of Justice Missions

- For your senior high youth
- July 18-24, 2010
- July 11-17, if needed
- Cost is \$250 per registrant
- More information here.

Peru

- July 29- Aug 12, 2010
- Contact Judy Bruun.

West Ohio Church Announce Two Mission Trips Need Volunteers

- E-mail Grove City Missions for more information
- JAMAICA:
 - July 31-Aug. 7
 - Cost is \$1,300
 - Team Leader: Carol Coudle.
- UGANDA:
 - Summer 2011
 - Cost is \$3,200
 - Team Leaders: Jan Scharenberg and Dayna McFarland.