

Each time you put a dollar in the collection plate, you participate in the following ministries and more:

Inspire and **EQUIP** local faith communities • Offer United Methodist worship experiences that draw 51,383 people every week in Maryland, D.C., the panhandle of West Virginia and Bermuda • Operate a centralized **MISSION CENTER** in Fulton, Md., for staff and meeting space • Hold a Culture of Call forum to help people explore God's intentions for their lives • Maintain historical church **history and archives** that tell the story of more than 235 years of Methodism • Assist your pastor with **moving expenses** when they change churches • **Defend your church in court** and provide sound legal advice as needed • Provide access to detailed and **strategic demographic information** about your area • Advocate for immigration rights • Help churches build new **facilities** or update existing ones • Provide **SUPERVISION AND SUPPORT** so that your church can have a pastor • **Appoint pastors** to 623 churches • Offer annual **training** to hundreds of church leaders at four **regional Leadership events** • Keep you informed with the latest news and information through **e-connection**, a weekly electronic newsletter • Provide equitable compensation so churches can become self-sustaining • Deliver the **UMConnection**, an award-winning newspaper to inform and engage local church leaders • **TRAIN LEADERS** to reach new people with God's love and build vibrant communities • Start and nurture new faith communities • Create a new generation of spiritual leaders through Young People's Ministry • Train **Certified Lay Ministers** to partner with clergy • Assess clergy giftedness and help pastors live out their specific call • Offer assistance and training to make churches accessible • Send developing clergy leaders to national training events • Promote mental health resources created by youth, for youth • Connect and engage United Methodists with a state of the art website and information system • Assist and support local churches during times of crisis in their congregations • Provide DISC assessments to local churches to engage new leaders • Support the **United Methodist Foundation** to advise your church on its investments • Administer pastors' **pension and medical benefit plans** • Hold an **annual meeting** for 1,500 area United Methodists to plan the BWC's vision and ministry • Operate a **HISPANIC-LATINO LAY LEADERSHIP SCHOOL** • Provide creative outlets for young adults to be in ministry • Empower leaders to work within the area Korean community • Protect children in your church through the **Safe Sanctuary** training • **Investigate complaints** about clergy • **Recruit** and educate future pastors • Distribute **Mission Innovation Grants** to local churches seeking to do a new thing for the benefit of their communities • Preserve your history at **Lovely Lane Museum, Sharp Street and Strawbridge Shrine**, birthplaces of Methodism • Support **Mission u**, an annual school of Christian mission • Initiate and maintain partnerships with interfaith and ecumenical groups • Ensure sound **financial management** of all gifts made to churches • Provide radical hospitality to 15,000 guests every year at our **Retreat and Camping** ministries • Help fund background checks for volunteers in your church working with children • **Support 66 bishops** who provide spiritual leadership to the world • Send 24 delegates to **General and Jurisdictional Conference** gatherings every four years to craft denominational policies and practices • Assist children in learning how to read and improve their literacy skills • Offer a **coaching network** to equip pastors • Promote change-makers through annual **Moral Courage awards** • Operate a Call and Clergy Care office to meet clergy needs as they arise • Use former parsonages as homes for women and families in need •

Thank you for your generosity.

- Train and engage **STUDENT LEADERS** • Sponsor annual advocacy days to train lobbyists and meet with state lawmakers
- Speak prophetically and act practically to bring Hope to the City • Host **immersion trips** to the Mexican border • Train and commission people called to be missionaries • Address and fight systemic racism • Inspire more than 4,000 youth at our **ROCK YOUTH RETREAT** each year in Ocean City • Care for and inspire people living with HIV/AIDS at weekend Quality of Life retreats • Operate a prayer line • Work with churches that fall behind in their missional giving • Equip local churches to develop intentional discipleship systems • Care for orphans in Namibia and Zambia • Host **Camp Joy** participants who repair homes each summer in Alleghany County • Offer a college education to 1,200 students from across the continent at **Africa University**
- Provide training and certification for lay servants to deepen their faith and abilities • Assist in operating facilities for abused and neglected children and their families • Provide American Sign Language interpreting services for Deaf people in worship and other settings • Rebuild area homes destroyed by flooding • Host nationally known experts to teach workshops to church leaders • Operate **three hubs** to collect supplies for the United Methodist Committee on Relief • Offer healing communities to prisoners released from area jails • Provide comprehensive strategic insights and alignment for developing and strengthening ministries • Do prison ministry • Sponsor community **town hall meetings** on pressing social issues like gun control, immigration and opioid addiction • Partner with and support Wesley Theological Seminary in D.C. • Participate in long-term disaster relief around the world • Partner with the Methodist Church of **Puerto Rico** • Provide worship, fellowship and pastoral care for students at the University of Maryland, Howard, American and Frostburg, and Gallaudet universities • Award **MINISTRY GRANTS** that expand the possibilities of what church might be • Witness in rallies and forums to the life-giving love of Jesus • Advocate on behalf of healthcare for all • Put love into action with 125 **VOLUNTEER IN MISSION** trips each year • Provide camping experiences to more than 2,000 children at three camps • Remove physical and attitudinal barriers facing people with disabilities • Feed children in Appalachia, where the average income is less than \$20,000 • Create cross-cultural exchanges for young adults with our partners in the South Conference in **South Korea** • Support 10 historically black colleges nationwide • Proclaim a Christian witness in the West Virginia Council of Churches • Award **college scholarships** to United Methodist students • Deliver readiness training to **DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEERS** who provide urgent care in times of emergencies • Provide legal services to immigrants at **Justice for Our Neighbors** clinics • Bring together parish nurses to support local church health ministries • Engage more than 5,000 people daily on social media • Live in covenant relationship with six **missionaries**
- Offer healing and hope to victims of domestic violence through **Seeds of Security** • Translate the Word of God into many languages • Provide chaplain services to men and women in the armed services • Advocate on Capitol Hill and State Houses for issues we support in our Social Principles • Promote awareness of Native American issues and ministries • Partner with churches and Camp Kristall in the Black Soil District of Russia • Engage in ministry with the poor throughout Maryland, D.C. and West Virginia • **BUILD PARTNERSHIPS** with government and nonprofit groups creating change in their communities • Enable 168,000 BWC United Methodists to **DEVELOP DISCIPLES** of Christ for the transformation of the world.