

Orion United Methodist Church's Commitment to Missions 2011



Our Commitment Falls into Two Categories:

1 Our Apportioned Commitment

As a United Methodist Church, we have a connection to the mission of our denomination. That connection includes a financial commitment which is called our “apportionments.”

Our apportionments fall into two categories: **[A]** Clergy Support and Administration which includes items such as the salary of our District Superintendent, Conference Staff and the like. Last year we paid \$16,140 for Clergy Support and Administration.

[B] Our second apportioned category is called World Service and Benevolences; these dollars are all mission dollars. This covers an amazingly wide-range of ministries both in Illinois and around the world. Some—but certainly not all—of those ministries include:

- Benevolent care provided by various Conference health and welfare agencies.
- Campus ministries throughout our state.
- The work of our General Agencies such as the General Board of Global Missions and the General Board of Discipleship.

The list goes on. Last year we paid \$10,128 for World Service and Benevolences.

Apportionments are paid out of our Church General Fund, thanks primarily to interest income generated by estate giving to our church.

Our commitment to missions does not end with our apportionments. Take a look inside to catch a glimpse of our other categories of missions giving.

2 Our Second Mile Giving

We United Methodists do not apportion enough to support all of our mission endeavors; we must also rely on generous “Second Mile Giving.” That term comes from the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:41: *“If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two.”*

As United Methodists, we don’t consider paying our apportionments to be a burden; in fact, it is a joy to be part of such a wonderful connection that is so active in reaching people with the love of Christ. It is because of that joy that we are happy to go the second mile in our missions giving.

Our Second Mile Giving also falls into two categories:

- [A]** Additional Support of United Methodist Ministries and
- [B]** Ecumenical Ministries

A | Additional Support of United Methodist Ministries:

1. *Liberia*. The United Methodist Church has a strong presence in this formerly war-torn nation. Last year, Orion UMC invested \$4,334 in Liberia, including:

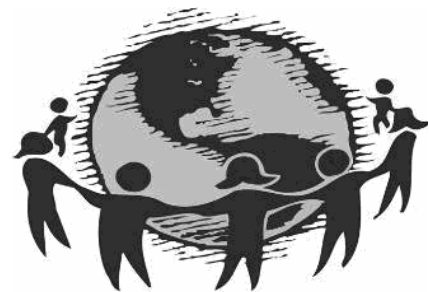
- \$2,000 in support of Missionary Priscilla Jaiah with whom we have a covenant relationship. A native of Liberia, Priscilla currently serves as a school superintendent at Ganta.

- \$2,334 for various ministries in the Kakata/Farmington, Monrovia, Cape Palmas and Garaway Districts. Just as our Conference has a covenant relationship with the Liberia Conference, so our District, the Spoon River District, has a covenant relationship with the Cape Palmas and Garaway Districts in Liberia.
2. Imagine No Malaria. Last year was the first year of a three-year campaign in which we hope to raise \$8,000 for Imagine No Malaria. We raised nearly half that in just one year, giving a total of \$3,930.
 3. Disaster Relief. We gave \$2,632 toward disaster relief in different parts of the world, all of it given through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). The breakdown is as follows: \$1,325 for the Pacific Emergency; \$990 for U.S. Spring Storms; \$215 for Haiti; and \$102 went to UMCOR without further disaster designation.
 4. Golden Cross Agencies. Ten health and welfare agencies affiliated with the United Methodist Church make up our Golden Cross Agencies. They include four Older Adult Ministries (Evenglow Lodge in Pontiac, Sunset Home in Quincy, The United Methodist Village in Lawrenceville, and Wesley Village in Macomb); two Hospital Pastoral Care ministries (Alton Memorial Hospital and Methodist Medical Center in Peoria); and four Children and Family Ministries (Chaddock in Quincy, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis, The Baby Fold in Normal and the United Methodist Children's Home in Mt. Vernon). Our congregation supported these ministries with gifts totaling \$2,363.
 5. Six Special Sundays. Our *United Methodist Book of Discipline* directs us to receive six Special Sunday offerings each year. These include One Great Hour of Sharing (for UMCOR), World Communion Sunday, United Methodist Student Day, Human Relations Day, Peace with Justice, and Native American Ministries. In 2011 these offerings totaled \$760.
 6. Elsewhere Across our Connection, \$7,828 including:
 - UMW district missions pledge, \$4,315
 - The Midwest Missions Distribution Center in Chatham, \$1,500
 - Various Conference Advance Specials and Offerings, \$803
 - NOMADS ("Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service"), \$500
 - Institutional gifts to United Methodist-related colleges, \$350
 - Cunningham Children's Home, Urbana, \$210
 - Central Conference Pension Initiative, \$150

Total Additional Support of United Methodist Ministries: \$21,847

B **Ecumenical Ministries:** Our commitment to missions does not end with our denomination. Here are some of the other ways in which we are engaged in the Mission of the Church:

1. Orion Ministries: \$4,564, including:
 - \$3,564 for local benevolences
 - \$610 for the Orion Food Pantry
 - \$150 for the Community Band
 - \$140 for Orion After Prom
 - \$100 for the Western District Library
2. Henry County Ministries: \$850, including:
 - \$500 for Henry County Senior Citizens
 - \$350 for area nursing homes
3. Quad Cities Ministries, \$4,404, including:
 - Christian Friendliness/Youth Hope, \$1,935
 - Christian Care, \$1,350
 - Churches United of the Quad Cities/Winnie's Place, \$630
 - Honor Flights of the Quad Cities, \$154
 - Salvation Army, \$200
 - Quad Cities Paws, \$135
4. Volunteers in Mission, \$1,702 for members who participated in short term mission trips with Midwives for Haiti and YouthWorks
5. Compassion International, \$1,028 in support of our two sponsored children, Happiness Raphael of Tanzania and Sonia Mamani of Bolivia.
6. Haiti, \$550 for Waves of Mercy plus another \$225 for sewing fabric designated for Haiti for a total of \$775.



7. Ministries Beyond our Community, \$837. This includes soldier's packages, \$452; Missionaries Ted and Kim Treadway of Woodhull, \$120; Jack Carey's BodyBuilder Ministries, \$100; World Vision, \$100; St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, \$100; Cup of Cold Water, \$40; and Juvenile Diabetes Association, \$25.
8. Sunny Bunny Easter Eggs, \$87, which provides work and dignity for the mentally handicapped.
9. African Palms, \$43, which we give out every Palm Sunday. This provides work and dignity for the people of Tanzania.

Total Additional Support of U.M. Ministries (2A): \$21,847
Total Ecumenical Support and Benevolences (2B): \$14,290
Total Second Mile Giving: \$36,137

Where do our Mission Funds come from?

There are a number of committees, classes and organizations within our church which help us maintain our commitment to missions. They also represent ways in which you can become involved in the mission of our church:

- The Missions Committee
- United Methodist Women
- Rebecca Circle
- Youth Council
- Our Children and Youth Sunday School classes which were each given \$50 and were asked to give that to a mission.
- Special events such as today's Chili Cook-off, this summer's Sunday School Hour Breakfast and last December's Come Home for Christmas.
- Special offerings and designated giving.
- Our Church's General Fund.
- Factory Bible Study "Coffee Money"

General Church Expenses for 2011	\$198,660
Apportionments are excluded (1A + 1B)	\$26,268
Second Mile Giving is excluded (2A + 2B)	\$36,137
Total Church Expenditures for 2011	\$261,065

Apportioned World Service and Benevolences + Second Mile Giving = \$46,265. This means that in 2011 we "tithed" 17.7% of our Total Expenditures to Missions. Praise the Lord!

A Word of Caution: Although we are thrilled to be such a Mission-Minded Church, we cannot become so Mission-Minded that we neglect the general day-to-day needs of our church.

