

The Purpose of the Church is to  
make disciples of Jesus Christ for  
the transformation of the world.



# 2024

## Second Mile Mission Giving

[Jesus said,] "Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'"

"Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.'"

Matt 25:37-40 (CEB)

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# What's the Second Mile?

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In Roman days, a soldier could compel civilians to carry their baggage for up to one mile. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus instructs that his followers must “go also the second mile.” (Matt 5:41b)

To go the second mile means to go beyond what is expected, to do more than the required minimum, in relieving the burden of another. Your tithes and offerings support the ministries of NMUMC (the first mile, or what is expected). Your second mile missions giving goes beyond this in order to help relieve the burdens of those in need.



Sometimes our second mile efforts involve money; other times they involve materials or our time. Second mile efforts should always involve our prayer.

## Why the Change?

In the past, our missions giving has been part of our first mile giving, that is, our tithes and offerings. But there are two problem with this. First, by having missions giving part of the ministry budget, our missions giving is subject to all other expenditure levels and to the conference tithe. Second, now congregational members will have a more direct say in what missions we support and by how much.

# 2024 NMUMC Missions Giving

North Manchester UMC offers two pathways for your Second Mile Missions Giving:

- Monthly Emphasis (monthly goals between \$350 and \$600)
- UM Special Sunday Offerings (goals between \$125 and \$200)

**Our total 2024 Second Mile Missions Giving goal is \$6,975.**

## Monthly Emphasis (\$5,950 goal)

Each month in 2024, NMUMC will offer a particular mission emphasis for your second mile giving (*goal for each*).

### January — Midwest Mission Distribution Center (\$350)

MMDC shows God's love in practical ways through the distribution of educational, health, micro-business, and disaster relief supplies meeting basic human needs around the world and around the corner.

Midwest Mission partners with UMCOR, Christians in Mission, Food for the Poor, Franciscan Mission Warehouse, and US Southern Command.

<http://www.midwestmission.org/>



### February — Pine Creek Camp (\$500)



Provide support for annual operations and projects at Pine Creek Camp, one of the seven camps operated by the Indiana Conference that is located in our Northwest District. Our annual goal is \$1,000.

<https://impact2818.org/our-team/pine-creek-camp/>

### March — Fellowship of Churches (\$500)

The North Manchester Fellowship of Churches is the "umbrella" under which many services are provided to those in need. One such ministry is REACH, which provides help with utilities, rent, gas and other expenses. Another is Thursday's Child, which provides diapers, clothing, and other supplies for infants. The Food Pantry, Open Table, and Fellowship Meals are also included.

<https://www.facebook.com/manchesterfellowshipofchurches/about/>



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## April — Sycamore Preschool (\$500)

Sycamore Preschool strives to be a school in Christian living. As the children learn to live within and outside the home, through sharing, group play and peer relationships, they are learning to respond to Christian and educational ideals. Children grow spiritually, emotionally, mentally, socially and physically through our goals in this preschool experience. Our annual goal is \$1,000.



<https://www.northmanchesterumc.com/sycamore-preschool/>

## May — Rock Solid Teen Center (\$500)



Rock Solid provides a safe and secure place for youth to go after school, a place that is conducive to fun, relaxation and structured activities. We provide them with a nourishing meal, positive and stable role models who are willing to take the time to show they care and lend a helping hand, and the help they need with their homework. Rock Solid supplies the necessary foundation to make right choices in their lives. Our goal is to equip youth with the basic tools to grow into people of positive character. <https://www.rocksolid.us/>

## June — New Beginnings and Waypoint Shelters (\$500)

New Beginnings Ministries, located in Wabash, is a home for young male adults, ages 18-25, who want a faith-based program to get their lives on track. <https://www.newbeginningsofwabash.com/>



Waypoint provides women the opportunity to live in a transitional recovery home allowing them to build a foundation for their life with the support of others in similar situations. <https://waypointwabash.com/>

## July — Henderson Settlement Mission Trip (\$500)

Henderson Settlement's mission, as part of the body of Christ, is to lift up Jesus Christ by providing basic needs in Appalachia through God's love. One means is by creating opportunities for better lives through Christ centered service with others. Your gift supports our annual work trip each October. <https://www.hendersonsettlement.com/>



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## August — Sycamore Preschool (\$500)

See April. Our annual goal is \$1,000.

## September — 85 Hope (\$500)

85 HOPE is a free medical clinic inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to provide primary health care to uninsured and under-insured low-income adult residents of Wabash County.

<https://www.85hope.org/>



## October — Taiama Enterprise Academy (\$500)

The Taiama Enterprise Academy is a new program of Operation Classroom designed with our partners in Sierra Leone, Africa, to address unemployment and poverty. The TEA offers an innovative education with the potential to break the cycle of poverty through STEAM emphasis that will equip graduates to make a difference wherever they go. Preparation for the future as a business person, as a community worker, or as a university student are at the core of the TEA.



<https://www.operationclassroom.org/taiama-enterprise-academy>

## November — Pine Creek Camp (\$500)

See February. Our annual goal is \$1,000.

## December — Overseas Missions: Nicaragua Church Support and Kafakumba Transformational Outreach Center (\$600 total)

Tabernaculo Ocho Agua Viva (Pastor Chema) is located in the Nueva Vida barrio of Ciudad Sandino, Nicaragua. The funds will be used to provide bags of food and household goods like soap and toilet paper to the congregation. (\$300)

Kafakumba Transformational Outreach is about equipping the people of Africa with the principles of the Kingdom of God in order to transform lives. Begun by John and Kendra Enright, this ministry continues with local leadership and the help of Indiana native Ken Vance through projects like: Widows, Pastors School, Fisenge Church, and ChicKENS. (\$300)

<http://www.kafakumba.org/>



**WE GIVE BECAUSE . . .** much has been given, Jesus invites us to, and it makes a difference. The Bible is clear: Galatians 6:2 (NRSV) says, “Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

# 2024 NMUMC Missions Giving

## UM Special Sunday Offerings (\$1025 goal)

United Methodist Special Sundays are designated Sundays throughout the year that provide opportunities for giving. These special offerings are earmarked to support specific ministries in Indiana and around the world.

On these Sundays, local congregations are empowered to give toward causes and organizations that promote sustainable life change. These offerings help offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency, and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere.

These Special Sundays are part of our denomination-wide effort we call **connectional giving**. It is one of the most powerful vehicles for generosity we have. Together, our churches are making an impact all over the world.

NMUMC may also have other special second mile missions giving opportunities, including emergency appeals.

## Jan 14 Human Relations Day (\$125)

Human Relations Day encourages us to recognize the rights of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with one another.

This special offering benefits neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

## Mar 10 UMCOR Sunday (\$200)

This Sunday calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt.

When we give on UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing), we empower the United Methodist Committee on Relief to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church. Our giving helps the most vulnerable in their darkest days.

We believe all people have God-given worth and dignity — without regard to race, religion or gender. On UMCOR Sunday, we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

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## **April 14 Native American Ministries (\$125)**

Native American Ministries Sunday serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. Through our giving on Native American Ministries Sunday, we're able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations, and seminary students.

When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You also empower congregations and ministries that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

## **May 26 Peace with Justice (\$125)**

Peace with Justice Sunday enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs.

The special offering benefits peace with justice ministries within the annual conference and through the General Board of Church and Society.

## **Oct 6 World Communion Sunday (\$125)**

World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The special offering supports World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program, and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.

Given the first Sunday in October, the offering provides scholarships for gifted and qualified people around the globe. Our gifts are a blessing to individuals who face financial obstacles while preparing for the vocation God has given them.

World Communion Sunday can be especially impactful for ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible.



## Nov 24 UM Student Day (\$125)

United Methodist Student Day is dedicated to supporting students. There are many United Methodists without the resources to attend the school of their choice, or for some, any school at all. These are bright and dedicated students who need scholarships.

The United Methodist Student Day offering supports United Methodist scholarships administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

This Special Sunday helps prepare our students for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

## Dec 24 Bishop's Christmas Offering for Children (\$200)

Will you help make a difference in the lives of children around the world this year? Each year, our Indiana Annual Conference supports the Bishop's Christmas Offering for Children, which is divided to meet the needs of the following ministries:

- Impact 2818, the Indiana Conference camping ministry
- The 3 Indiana United Methodist-related children and youth homes: Bashor United Methodist Home, Indiana United Methodist Children's Home, and United Methodist Youth Home
- Local outreach projects
- United Methodist advance projects (national and global)
- Bishop's Fund for emergency children's projects.

## WE GIVE BECAUSE ...

*We are called to experience God's love through Jesus Christ, accept the salvation He offers, and share it with others.*

The Missions Committee's **purpose** is outreach — to help people know Christ through reaching out and ministering to a hurting world.

Our **target** is our community and the world at large.

Our **responsibility** is to organize outreach and caring ministries to the community and beyond, in order to express our unconditional love and to bring people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Our **goals** are:

- 1) Involve our membership in some kind of mission project each year.
- 2) Encourage new people each year to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- 3) Help fund local, national and foreign missions.
- 4) Offer learning opportunities to help people become mission oriented, and to encourage involvement in mission events.