

EngageMI Projects 2023

STEP 1: Michigan Conference Ministry Shares

We managed to pay our 2022 Conference Ministry Shares in full, and even had enough left over to pay our 2023 district ministry shares in full as well! We thank you all for your dedication to this vital work. Our goal is to do just that again in 2023. Our church has been asked to raise \$14,045, this is a decrease of over \$700 compared to last year.

STEP 2: Michigan Projects

Looking Glass Community Outreach—A community based, non-profit agency located in the southwest corner of Shiawassee County. LGCO collaborates with individuals & families, groups, local churches (like LUMC) and other agencies to enable & empower those in need to tear down any barriers that may cause them to feel alone and isolated from the community as a whole. Some programs they provide are emergency assistance, volunteer taxi, community garden, and reading assistance. For ways to support this ministry beyond your financial giving, please look for regular updates in our newsletter and other announcements.

<http://lookingglassoutreach.org/>

STEP 3: National Projects

Red Bird Clinic—The Red Bird Clinic strives to improve the health of those living in remote mountain Appalachia where other services do not reach, or to persons that have limited or no transportation to available services by providing health programs. Their discount sliding scale fee programs ensure that medical and dental care, rehabilitation, and preventative services are accessible. <http://rbmission.org/ministries/health-and-wellness/>

STEP 4: International Projects

Heifer International Living Gifts—This is a project we have supported before and look forward to supporting again! Heifer International works with communities to end hunger and poverty by promoting sustainable farming practices.

<https://www.heifer.org/our-work/index.html>

Haitian Assets for Peace International—a grassroots organization in the community of Mizak, Haiti that empowers people, promotes health and wellness, delivers skilled training, brings technology and creates economic opportunities to grow personal and community assets for families to thrive not only survive. Their integrated approach harnesses the natural synergy between health, education, and economic development to create momentum for change.

<https://www.haitianassets.org/>

Water for Life—Clean and safe drinking water and sanitation are human rights issues that need urgent attention in rural post-war Liberia. Most residents are drinking from unsafe sources of water and do not have access to standard toilet facilities. As a result, water-borne diseases are common. This project helps communities by constructing wells and proper toilet facilities within communities and schools and sets up community structures and leadership that will supervise and coordinate the wells and toilets. <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/3020811/>

STEP 5: Methodist Mission Personal

Princess Jusu--Princess M. Jusu is a missionary serving in Monrovia, Liberia, as an instructor at the United Women in Faith's Leadership Training Center. Mrs. Jusu's ministry includes teaching skills like tailoring, tie dying, knitting and home economics for women and girls who, for various reasons, have dropped out of school. Princess also assists with the village health outreach program for women. <https://umcmmission.org/missionary-bio/13037z/>

STEP 6: United Methodist Committee on Relief Special Project

Finally, the EngageMI program encourages us to go above and beyond our regular UMCOR Sunday Special Offering to extend continued support to the United Methodist Committee on Relief's work around the world. This year, we have committed to sending all funds designated for UMCOR that you do not allocate for a specific project or disaster response to the cause of **Global Migration/Refugees**.