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Important note...

This booklet replaces all prior editions of the *Six Lanes of the Advance*. The General Board of Global Ministries has discontinued many projects and has changed the numbers for others. To assure that your dollars go to active ministries, it is important to use the projects and numbers listed in this 2009-2010 edition.

Links to full project descriptions are available online. Find the "Cyber Six Lanes" at www.westmichiganconference.org. Take the "Mission" link to homepages for each of the Six Lanes then click on each project for details.

Driving the 1st and 2nd Miles of Mission

United Methodists support mission outreach in a variety of ways. The primary route is through apportioned giving. An apportionment invites each congregation to remit a “fair share” of dollars to connectional ministry and mission. In West Michigan apportionments are called “Ministry Shares.” Ministry Shares are considered First Mile Giving. Churches should pay Ministry Shares in full before they begin to designate other giving.

Ministry Shares fund World Service and Conference Benevolences. World Service is the heart of our United Methodist presence world-wide. World Service dollars: provide support for over 9,000 mission projects around the world and across the U.S.; provide a network of missionaries, developers, and chaplains; fund schools and colleges; make a wide variety of resources available to local churches and much more. Conference Benevolences stay in West Michigan, maintaining camps, youth ministries, community centers, campus outreach, training for pastors and laypersons, and much more.

John Wesley once said, “Do all the good you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can.” In the spirit of John Wesley, churches that pay their First Mile giving then go on to Second Mile giving through The Advance. The Advance is a way to support projects with special interest to a congregation. An important feature of The Advance is that 100% of every donation goes to the chosen project. This is a claim no other charitable organization can make. Since 1948 The Advance has channeled \$1.2 billion to thousands of ministries in 125 countries.

The West Michigan Conference organizes The Advance in Six Lanes:

- Lane 1: Missionary Salary Support
- Lane 2: Global Projects
- Lane 3: National Projects
- Lane 4: UMCOR/Hunger Relief
- Lane 5: Racial Ethnic Local Churches
- Lane 6: Conference Projects

The Six Lanes is simply a model to help achieve a broad scope of outreach that touches neighbors next door as well as neighbors in places far away. Cruise these pages. Cruise, choose from the dozens of projects, and plan to be a Six Lanes Church.

GEAR UP!

A congregation becomes a Six Lanes Church by paying 100% of their Ministry Shares...



...and giving to at least one project in each of the Six Lanes of The Advance.

Lane 1...Missionary Salary Support

Robert Amundsen #773737 ... pastor of Thousand Sticks UMC, Red Bird Conference
Jamie & Susan Brunk #773911 ... Jamie's a pastor and Susan's a nurse serving Red Bird
John & Suzanne Funk #15143Z/#15144Z ... leaders at Rio Colorado Technical School in Bolivia
Gordon & Ardelle Graner #10835Z/#10836Z ... co-directors at Thiu Rancho Project in Bolivia
Delbert & Sandy Groves #12150Z/#12151Z ... leaders at the New Life Center in Zambia
Andrew Highland #3019575 ... director Looking Glass Community Ministry, Laingsburg, Michigan
Jeff & Ellen Hoover #07989Z/#07990Z ... seminary professors in DR Congo
Maria Humbane #12912Z ... director of the God-with-Us shelter for Zimbabwe AIDS orphans
Elma Jocson #13980Z ... surgeon in training in the Philippines; to be re-assigned in 2010
Nkemba & Mbwizu Ndjungu #12910Z/#12909Z ... direct United Methodist Initiative in Cameroon
Sally Wisner Ott #982966 ... church and community worker serving in Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Helen Sheperd #11810Z ... hospice nurse at United Methodist Center in Mongolia
Mark & Rebecca Smallwood #773777 ... teachers of music and Christian Ed at Red Bird School
Mike Tupper #773004 ... pastor of Hope UMC, Henderson Settlement, Frakes KY
Ut To & Karen Vo-To #14175Z/#14174Z ... leaders of the United Methodist Initiative in Vietnam
Paul Webster #11865Z ... agricultural specialist serving in Zambia and DR Congo



Road Tip

A covenant with a missionary involves a commitment of \$5 per member or \$2,500 per church. Use the form in this guidebook. Missionary bios, project info, and recent newsletters are available on the Lane 1 page of the Conference web site: www.westmichiganconference.org.

Lane 2...World Projects

Africa=====

Africa Church Growth/Development Fund #08233T ... funds strategic ministries in Africa

Cameroon...

Cameroon Initiative #00344A (Ndjungu) ... mission evangelism, youth and women's ministries

Democratic Republic of Congo...

Katanga Methodist University #14433A (Hoover) ... Mulungwishi prepares leaders for ministry
Mulungwishi Seminary Scholarships #05773A ... financial aid for pastors in training
English Speaking School of Lubumbashi #10337A (Hoover) ... intercultural school

Liberia...

Evangelism & Church Growth #3020613) ... ministry to unreached areas and church renewal
Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village #11820A ... Shelter for children orphaned by war
Ganta Hospital #15080N ... curative health services and training in sanitation and nutrition

Zambia...

Front Porch Orphans #14420T ... care and education for children left homeless by AIDS
Kafakumba Pastors' School #11438A ... equipping pastors from five countries for their ministry
Mujila Falls Ag Project #15016A (Webster) ... combating hunger thru agriculture
New Life Center (Uzima Mupya) #15057A (Groves) ... PETs and Evangelism in Central Africa

Zimbabwe...

Babyfold at Old Mutare #11713T ... home for abandoned and orphaned infants
Emergency Fund for Africa University Students #12931A ... assistance with school fees
AIDS Orphans Trust #982842 ... assisting children to live productive lives
Ishe Anesu Project (God with Us) #13071A (Humbane) ...education for abandoned children

Asia=====

China...

Amity Printing Press — Bibles in Nanjing, China #11422A ... printing of scripture in Chinese

Mongolia...

Mongolia Initiative #00209A (Sheperd).. Mission Center, youth ministry and hospice care

Nepal...


Tansen United Mission Hospital #13421A ... promotes health and treats injury/disease

Vietnam...

Vietnam Initiative #00469A (To) #14932A ... house churches, pastor training and street children

Middle East...

Jerusalem Center for Disabled Children #14238A ... treatment, rehabilitation and education
Hope Secondary School #12018A .. School for Muslim and Christian children in Palestine

	<p>Road Tip</p>
<p>Full descriptions of all projects in Lanes 1,2,3, and 4 are available on the Conference web site. Just go to www.westmichiganconference.org, Missions, and click on the project names</p>	

Eastern Europe=====

Lithuania...

Lithuania Initiative #12168A ... support churches rebuilding after the Soviet era
Rehabilitation Center in Birzai #13545A ... substance abuse therapy and after-school programs

Russia...

Russia Initiative #11510A ... Leadership training, church development, publishing of resources

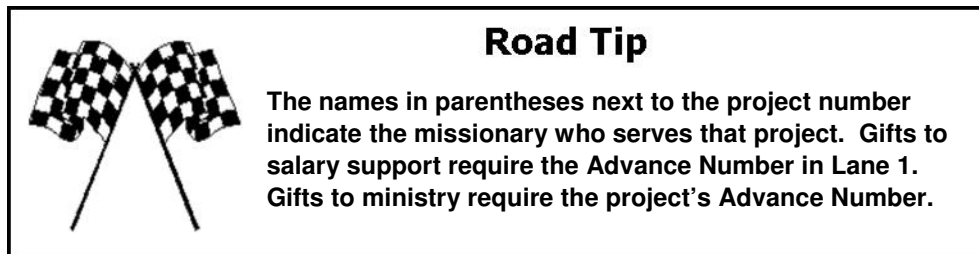
Latin America=====

Bolivia...

Rio Colorado Technical School #12308A (Funk) ... skills and education for grades 7-12
Thiu Rancho Project #12309A (Graner) ... agriculture project and youth retreat center
Urban Santa Cruz Children's Ministry #12320A ... ministries for street children
Women's Enrichment #07779A ... Bible, health, evangelism training for women

Special Offering=====

World Communion Sunday...Fund #5820; first Sunday in October; supports scholarships



Lane 3...National Projects

General Projects=====

A Child #123456 ... supports over 70 UMC related community centers that serve children
Homelessness in the U.S. #982385 ... supports ministries in rural and urban communities
Ministries with Women in Crisis #982876 ... programs serving women suffering from abuse
Native American Children's Fund #583581... touches the lives of children & youth in 45 tribes
NOMADS #982658 ... Volunteers in Mission with RVs; contributions go to materials fund
US-2 Program #982874 ... 20-30 year olds serving in ministries of justice and outreach
North Central UMVIM #901375 ... networks and resources work teams in the U.S. and abroad

Regional Projects=====

Alaska...

Nome Community Center #931610 ... counseling, vocational training and recreation for youth

Appalachia...

Appalachia Service Project #982050 ... volunteers repair and build homes

Kentucky...

Henderson Settlement #773365 ... education and economic development in Frakes, KY
Red Bird Missionary Conference #773978 (Amundsen, Brunk, Tupper) ... supports 27 churches and outreach centers served by 17 pastors
Red Bird Mission #773726 ... essential services to people in rural Appalachia
Red Bird Mission School #773728 (Smallwoods) ... education for K-12 in a Christian environment

New Mexico...

McCurdy School Program #581479 ... equip Christian leaders to fight poverty in their community

Special Offerings=====

Human Relations Day ... Fund #5807; the Sunday before Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday

Peace with Justice Sunday ... Fund #5809; observed on Pentecost Sunday

United Methodist Student Day ... Fund #5816; the last Sunday of November

Lane 4...Hunger/UMCOR

Global Projects=====

Bread for the World #982325 ... advocacy for government policies that address hunger

Church World Service CROP Walks #982380 ... raising awareness and funds for hunger

Church World Service Tools of Hope/Blankets #982810 ... shelter, tents, pumps and more

ECHO #982447 ... Educational Concerns Hunger Organization assists small farmers

Global HIV/AIDS Program development #982345 ... global networking to end HIV/AIDS

Heifer Project International #982532... livestock as a sustainable source of food and income

International Disaster Response Fund #982450 ... undesignated funds for global emergency

Landmine Removal #982575 ... harvesting landmines to reclaim land for cultivation

Landmine Prosthesis Program #982580 ... artificial limbs for civilians injured by landmines

Medicine Box #982630 ... drugs and medical supplies for a kit to serve 1,000 persons

World Hunger/Poverty Mission Emphasis #982920 ... assists millions in U.S. and around globe

Regional Projects=====

Africa...

Initiative Overcoming Poverty #3020523 ... empowering women and youth

Nothing but Nets #982015 ... mosquito nets for malaria prevention

Sudan Emergency #184385 ... crisis management and long-term development

Asia...

Afghanistan Emergency #602225 ... restoring the country from war and drought



Road Tip

Since 2004 United Methodists in West Michigan have given \$7.5 million to the General Advance. The General Board of Global Ministries no longer gives plaques to recognize giving. However, West Michigan clearly continues its generous outreach through The Advance.

Caribbean/Haiti...

Brakeman-Smith Scholarship Fund #515-11 ... scholarships for Volunteers in Mission

Haiti School Hot Lunch Program #418790 ... a meal of rice and beans for students in Haiti

Haiti Solar Ovens #418812 ... using the sun to cook food and pasteurize water

HAPI #3020490 ... Haitian Artisans for Peace International

International Child Care:

Grace Children's Hospital #418520 ... cure and prevention for those suffering tuberculosis

Integrated Community Health #418847 ... immunization, vitamin distribution, re-hydration

School, Health, Sewing and Layette Kits ... filling a container at Annual Conference

United States...

Food Resources Bank #982493 ... U.S. farmers donate a harvest to fund farmers overseas

National Disaster Response Fund #901670 ... undesignated funds for disaster response in U.S.

New Hope for Newcomers #901779 ... helping refugees resettle and to become self sufficient


North Central UMVIM Disaster Response #901375 ... deploys disaster relief managers

Society of St. Andrew #801600 ... food salvage and distribution to address domestic hunger

Sager-Brown UMCOR Depot #901515 ... relief supplies center in Baldwin, Louisiana

Special Offering...

One Great Hour of Sharing...Fund #5822; observed the fourth Sunday of Lent

	<p>Road Tip</p> <p>Why is One Great Hour of Sharing so important? It pays for all administrative costs for The United Methodist Committee on Relief. This means 100% of every dollar you give goes to people in need with none to overhead.</p>
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Lane 5...Racial Ethnic Local Churches

African-American Church

Battle Creek Washington Heights UMC ... witness and outreach promoting wholesome living

Asian-American Churches

Grand Rapids Vietnamese UMC ... serving the people for the past 25 years

Lansing Vietnamese Ministry ... spreading the gospel and meeting needs

Lansing Korean UMC ... worship, Bible study and youth ministry for the university community

Hispanic Church

La Nueva Esperanza ... "New Hope" for the Hispanic community in Grand Rapids

Native American Churches

Bradley Indian Mission ... Shelbyville; worship, youth ministry, Christian ed, and fellowship
Greensky Hill Indian Church ... Charlevoix; worship, Sunday School, and camp meetings
Kewadin Indian Mission ... worship, Bible study, youth ministry, work camps and camp meetings.
Chippewa Indian Church ... Mt. Pleasant; worship, Sunday School, prayer and revival meetings
Northport Indian Mission ... worship and significant ministries of outreach
Salem Indian Mission ... Hopkins; worship, fellowship and a vital youth ministry
Indian Workers Conference ... leader development for Native American clergy, laity and youth

Multi-Ethnic Churches

Church of All Nations ... formerly Michigan Suhbu Korean UMC; located in Kentwood
Faith UMC ... a new church start in South Lansing offering worship, fellowship and other services

Special Offerings...

Native American Ministries Sunday ... Fund #5813; second Sunday after Easter
RELC Sunday ... Fund #5806; second Sunday in February

Lane 6 ... Conference Projects

Community Development===

Battle Creek: Washington Heights Community Ministries ... enrichment, wellness, advocacy
Benton Harbor: Harbor Harvest Urban Ministries ... tutoring, mentoring, and training
Grand Rapids:
GRASP ... Grand Rapids Area Service Project coordinates volunteers for home repair
Martin Luther King Academy ... tutoring, child and parent support, after-school activities
Justice for our Neighbors ... legal counseling for immigrants
La Nueva Outreach Ministries ... sports, recreation and shelter for homeless
North End Community Ministry ... food pantry, family training, and senior services
South End Community Outreach Ministry ... food pantry, personal growth, parent training
Trinity Community Ministries ... mentoring, recreation, Bible study and life skills
United Methodist Community House ... help and hope for children, youth and seniors
United Methodist Metropolitan Ministry ... equipping people for effective urban ministry



Road Tip

Where are the numbers? Unlike the General Advance projects in Lanes 1-4, Conference Advance Specials in Lanes 5 and 6 do not have numbers. Just remit your gifts to the Conference Treasurer using the project name.


Kalkaska: KAIR ... Kalkaska Area Interfaith Resources food/clothing/household pantry
Laingsburg: Looking Glass Services (Highland) ... gardening, recreation, and training
Lansing: Open Door Ministry ... food, meals, shelter, counseling, financial aid and hospitality
Muskegon Heights: Mission for Area People ... M.A.P. Supper House, Rx assistance, training

Health and Welfare=====

Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo ... Good Neighbor Fund and Pastoral Care Dept.
Clark Retirement Community, Grand Rapids ... supports the Benevolent Care Fund
Methodist Children's Home Society ... safe environment, treatment and adoption services
PaWaTing Magedwin Senior Meals, Grand Rapids ... weekly meals and food truck

Outreach to College Students===

Central Michigan University Wesley Foundation, Mt. Pleasant
Ferris State University Wesley Foundation, Big Rapids
Michigan State University Wesley Foundation, East Lansing
Grand Valley State University Student Fellowship, Allendale
Western Michigan University Wesley Foundation, Kalamazoo

	<p style="text-align: center;">Road Tip</p> <p>Do you have older editions of the Six Lanes booklet in your file? Please discard them. Many Advance Projects are no longer valid; others have new numbers. Go to the Conference web site for project descriptions.</p>
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United Methodist Camps=====

Conference Camps ... Albright, Crystal Springs, Lake Michigan, Lakeview and Wesley Woods
Lake Louise United Methodist Camp
Scholarships for Ethnic Youth ... Fund #6910; Camp Scholarships ... Fund #7480
Camp New Day Scholarships ... Fund 7482; for children and youth of incarcerated parents

More Possibilities for Giving=====

Habitat for Humanity ... all West Michigan Chapters
Michigan Christian Advocate ... the news magazine for The UMC in the Michigan Area
Michigan Interfaith Council on Alcohol Problems (MICAP)
Midwest Distribution Center ... disaster relief supply depot in Chatham, IL
PET Holland ... child-size personal energy transports built in Holland, MI
Volunteer in Michigan In-Conference Construction

West Michigan Centers for Peace and Justice:

Central District Creative Peace Movement

Grand Rapids District Peace With Justice Community

Grand Traverse District Swords into Plowshares Peace Center

Kalamazoo District Swords into Plowshares Peace Center

Lansing District Shalom Center for Justice and Peace

Special Offerings=====

Camp Sunday ... Fund #5812; any Sunday in March

Volunteer in Mission Awareness Sunday ... Fund #5850; first Sunday in June

Christian Education Sunday Offering ... Fund #5442; third Sunday in September

Golden Cross Sunday ... Fund #5814; first Sunday in May

Rural Life Sunday ... Fund #5808; on or about the last Sunday of August



Road Tip

Mission giving does NOT work like an ATM Machine! In other words, it's not all about money. Mission involves relationship. Expand your mission outreach to include prayer and hands-on volunteer activity as well.

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The Advance: 212-870-3790; www.advancinghope.org

Covenant Relationships: Rachael Barnett, 212-870-3716; rbarnett@gbgm-umc.org

Church World Service/CROP Michigan: 1-888-297-2767; <http://cwscrop.org/michigan/>

Heifer Project International: 219-642-3096; www.heifer.org

Midwest Distribution Center: 1022 New City Rd., Chatham IL 62629; www.midwestmissiondc.org

New World Outlook Magazine: <http://gbgm-umc.org/now/wno-new/>

North Central UMVIM: Lorna Jost, 605-692-3390; www.gbgm-umc.org/northcentralvim/

P.E.T. Holland: Keith Laidler, 616-786-2774; kj11209@att.net

Red Bird Mission: HC69, Box 700, Beverly KY 40913; 606-598-3155; www.rbmission.org

Sager Brown UMCOR Depot: P. O. Box 850, Baldwin, LA 70514; 1-800-554-8583;
<http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/sagerbrown>

Society of St. Andrew: 1-800-333-4597; www.endhunger.org

United Methodist Committee on Relief: 1-800-554-8583; www.umcor.org

