



CONNECTING THE CHURCH IN MISSION AND MINISTRY



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GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Connecting the church in mission and alleviating human suffering

The General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM), which includes the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), strengthens the United Methodist global connection through missionary service, mission initiatives, humanitarian relief, global health programs, and sustainable development efforts. Working through people and partnerships, we advance peace and justice and extend hope and healing within communities worldwide.





GENERAL BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND MINISTRY

**Connecting the church and the academy
and developing transformational leaders**

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) advances the educational mission of The United Methodist Church through ministerial and education leadership support, participation in worldwide associations, and funding for students and institutions of higher learning. Rooted in a network of United Methodist conferences and schools, GBHEM expands education access and develops faithful and principled leaders.

Mission initiatives in countries like the Central African Republic and Mongolia **plant new faith communities**, guided by local Methodist leaders.

MISSIONARIES AND CHURCH ENGAGEMENT

At the heart of the church in mission is God's call to invite new disciples to follow Jesus Christ. Global Ministries sends missionaries—who serve as pastors, evangelists, educators, agriculturalists, and peacebuilders—and engages young adult Global Mission Fellows and short-term Mission Volunteers to work within local communities addressing social issues. We support partners worldwide in nurturing spiritual growth through church and mission engagement, cultivating faith communities, and resourcing racial and ethnic congregations.

More than 370 Nationals in Mission provide skilled and sustainable leadership within UMC ministries.

Missionaries bear witness to God's love in more than 60 countries.





UMCOR responds to more than **100 humanitarian crises around the world each year.**

As a unit of Global Ministries, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) responds to natural and humanmade disasters and provides holistic support that rebuilds lives and communities. Working through partners, we restore dignity and hope to migrants and those displaced by conflict. We support environmental sustainability efforts that protect God's creation and agricultural development that promotes food security and long-term economic sustainability. Our Global Health initiatives eradicate preventable diseases, promote clean water and sanitation, revitalize facilities and train staff, and support the most vulnerable, including mothers, newborns, and children.

Since its inception in 2020, the Yambasu Agriculture Initiative has helped communities in **more than 25 annual conferences in Africa** cultivate food security and increase revenue for local churches.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND RECOVERY AND GLOBAL HEALTH

Through Mustard Seed Migration Grants, **hundreds of U.S. churches have 'welcomed the stranger'** through ministries with migrants and refugees.



EDUCATION

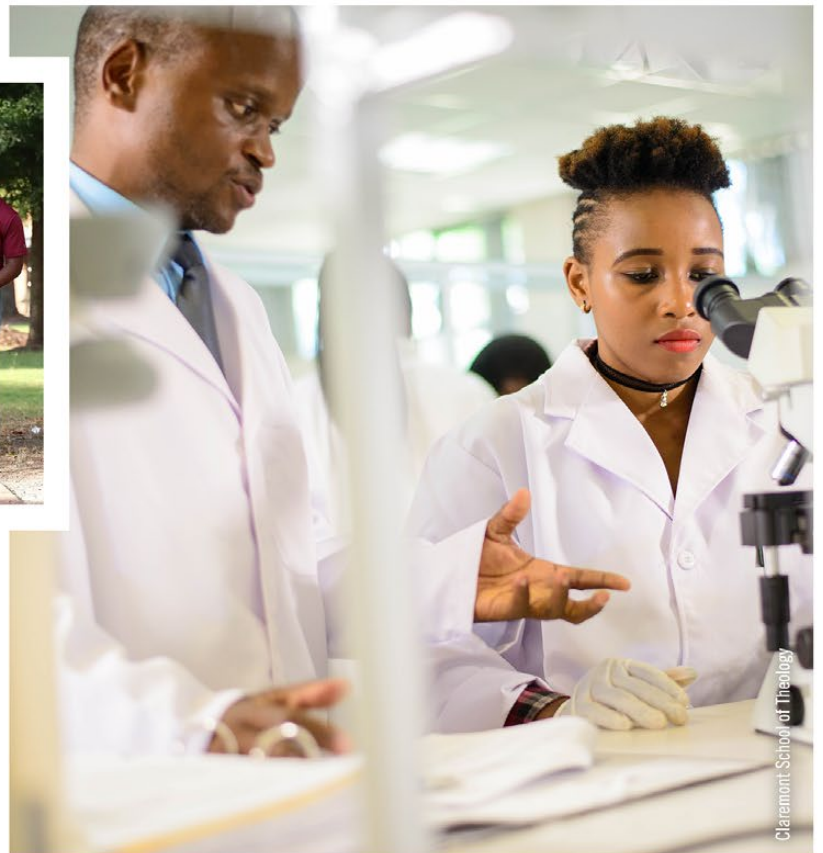
Higher Education and Ministry fosters intellectual and spiritual growth, a core value of The United Methodist Church. GBHEM partners with regional and global educational organizations, connecting the church with pan-Methodist and ecumenical collaborators. We support United Methodist-related schools, colleges, and universities, as well as campus ministers, religious life directors, Wesley Foundations, and ecumenical and interreligious ministries.



The United Methodist Church is affiliated with more than **100 colleges, universities and theological schools** in the U.S. and almost **1,000 institutions around the world.**



Approximately **\$4 million** is awarded in scholarships each year, supporting nearly 2,000 students.



The **Black College Fund** provides approximately **\$XX million annually** to support 11 United Methodist-related Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the United States.

Young adults find help in clarifying God's call on their lives through **leadership and discernment programs.**



MINISTRY

Higher Education and Ministry accompanies both candidates and clergy as they determine and follow their calls to ministry, offering guidance, tools, and pathways for vocational exploration. GBHEM supports training and candidacy through conference Boards of Ordained Ministry, clergy serving in specialized ministry settings, and licensed local pastors in course of study education.

Nearly 600 chaplains serve in specialized ministry settings from healthcare and the military to retirement communities and prisons.



Across Africa, Europe, and the Philippines, **Regional Conference Theological Education Fund grants** bolster theological schools, scholarships, faculty development, and contextual learning approaches.



JOIN US IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

Whether it's serving as a missionary, volunteering with UMCOR disaster response, following your call to ministry, or supporting an Advance, there are many ways to get involved in God's mission through The United Methodist Church.



Learn more about how you can connect, support, and explore United Methodist mission and ministry.



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