

2024

IMPACT
REPORT

Lord, show us favor;
we hope in you.
Be our strength every morning,
our salvation in times of distress.

— Isaiah 33:2 (CEB)

HOPE



GLOBAL MINISTRIES
General Board of Global Ministries

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

UMCOR

United Methodist Committee on Relief

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On the Cover:

Adriano António Paulino joins in prayer before lunch at the Quéssua Mission in Angola. A feeding program there serves hundreds of children from nearby villages.

Photo: Mike DuBose, UM News

OUR HOPE IS IN THE LORD, OUR STRENGTH EVERY MORNING

The prophet Isaiah lived through a complex and difficult time in history, not unlike ours today. It was a time of internal injustice and inequity within the kingdom of Judah. Yet it was also a time of religious revival and reform, including those led by Isaiah himself. Isaiah 33:2 assures us of hope in challenging times. “We hope in you,” Isaiah proclaims, even “in times of distress.”

In such times, we dig deep into our faith and hold on tight to hope, trusting in God to “be our strength every morning,” whether on a personal, organizational or global level. Hope is here; we never have to wait for it. Even in the most violent places of the world there are seeds of hope.

Global Ministries experienced many changes throughout 2024, both in the church and in the world. Some of these transitions, like Global Ministries’ alignment with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM), could be anticipated and planned for in our work. Others, like decisions made at General Conference, will take time to live into, such as the meaning and practical enactment of the regional structure of the UMC.

Across the church, there is hope that regionalization will be ratified and will lead us into a less colonial way of being the church together. We have historically made a strong distinction between work in the United States and work in other countries, but now, we must see our work in a holistic way. One of the key shifts in the work of Global Ministries over the past few years has been a deepening engagement with our partners around the world.

In 2024, Global Ministries developed a new strategic plan for 2025-2026, which organizes our mission programs and four priority areas into two broad categories going forward:

connecting the church in mission, which includes the work of missionaries and mission volunteers, multiethnic ministries and the Mission Engagement unit; and alleviating human suffering, our Global Ministries’ Global Health work and disaster response and recovery through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), as well as agricultural and income development through the Yambasu Agriculture Initiative.

The formal alignment of Global Ministries and GBHEM under one general secretary transpired in the summer, though the agencies had been working together for several years. Alignment will create a unified presence and an integrated structure for both agencies as they interact with partners and share information across units. This will help us best respond to and support our partners in their mission and ministry.

When we ground ourselves in hope and allow it to direct our sight, then we can see instances of people partnering together to share food and medical care. We see transformative leaders courageously leading congregations and conferences into new expressions of church. We see mission partners recommitting themselves to be in relationship with one another for the sake of serving the world.

Hope is not dependent on what is happening. We can choose hope. Christ is with us and the Holy Spirit gives us the tenacity to be a witness in our hope.

We thank God for all those who partner with us, answering God’s call to be in mission together. This report delves into some of the many impacts of the work made possible by faithful giving and strong support. We thank you, church members, donors, partners and those we serve for the hope you give us to further God’s mission every day.



Roland Fernandes
General Secretary,
Global Ministries
Higher Education
and Ministry
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**Bishop
Sue Hauptert-Johnson**
President,
Global Ministries



**Bishop
David Wilson**
President,
UMCOR



WHERE WE WORK

In 2024, Global Ministries and UMCOR worked with partners to connect the church in mission and alleviate human suffering in more than 100 countries:

Afghanistan
Albania
Angola
Argentina
Austria
Bahamas
Barbados
Belize
Benin
Bolivia
Brazil
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon

Canada
Central African Republic
Chile
China
Colombia
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Cuba
Czech Republic
Denmark
Dominican Republic
Democratic Republic
of Congo
Ecuador

El Salvador
Fiji
Finland
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Grenada
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras
Hong Kong, SAR,
P.R. of China
Hungary
India

Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kenya
Kyrgyzstan
Laos
Latvia



Lebanon
Liberia
Libya
Lithuania
Madagascar
Malawi
Mexico
Moldova
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Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia
Nepal
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South Africa
South Korea
South Sudan
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Taiwan
Tanzania
Thailand
Togo

Uganda
Ukraine
United Kingdom
Uruguay
United States of America
Venezuela
Vietnam
Zambia
Zimbabwe



Connecting the Church in Mission

Global Ministries connects the church in mission through the sending of missionaries and volunteers and by establishing churches and strengthening faith communities.



MISSIONARIES



Global Missionaries

Taking church to the streets

As a missionary in Rome, Italy, the Rev. Eliad Dos Santos works with migrants coming from African countries, South America, Syria, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Often, they end up in the streets without access to social services.

Dos Santos decided to create a space outside her church to distribute food so she could talk to migrants and form relationships. This practice led to building a social service program that served the often-overlooked needs of migrants.

Today, the church in Rome is open for people to come for social services and Pastor dos Santos offers counseling sessions every week. She listens to find out what people need and how the church can be of better service.



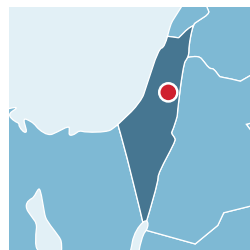
As Christians, we are the presence of God in these people's lives, not only helping them materially, but fighting for a more just and safer world.

— The Rev. Eliad Dos Santos



We owe our faith to Palestinian Christians. They are the ones who kept the flame of faith burning. When my people were still painting themselves blue in Britain, Palestinian Christians were keeping our faith alive. They are our forbearers.

— The Rev. Jane Eesley



Global Missionaries

Feeding the forgotten

The Rev. Jane Eesley returned to Israel-Palestine in 2023 as a Global Missionary to serve with the Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem. She had served in Jerusalem in the 1990s as a young adult. Within months of her arrival, violent conflict between Hamas and Israel began and has since claimed the lives of tens of thousands of people.

Eesley recommended several ministries to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), for grants. Shepherd Society, the outreach arm of Bethlehem Bible College, which delivers food to individuals, received a grant to supply Palestinian Christians with one meal, delivered three times a week. Shireen Awwad, the Shepherd Society's director of outreach, said recipients often spread each meal over two days or share it with their hungry neighbors as well.

48 NEW MISSIONARIES STARTED SERVICE IN 2024



Courtesy of Honest Baraya and Kamisamba Farm

65 GMFs SERVED INTERNATIONALLY



Global Mission Fellows

Harvest in DRC

The people in the photo are from the southeastern part of Kamina in a village called Kinkunki, which is not far from Kamisamba Farm, where I work. They are mostly farmers whose livelihoods depend on their farms. Because of their financial constraints, this rural village finds it difficult to send its children to school, but when they come to Kamisamba Farm to work the harvest and learn ways to improve their crop production, their finances improve too.

— Honest Baraya



Mission Volunteers

Returning to Ecuador

David and Shari Nelson serve as Mission Volunteers from Colorado. They've developed a passion for the ministry of El Sembrador school, its students and teachers. They spent two months in Pastocalle in 2023 to assist the English teacher and establish a computer lab, which has been helping the children in their classwork, and basic computer skills and literacy. They returned to Ecuador in January 2024.

Both David and Shari, lifetime Methodists, worked with the Ecuadoran Methodists to facilitate a praise team retreat to encourage church growth through strengthening faith, leadership skills and technical skills of the members of the Methodist praise teams. Forty-five musicians from across Ecuador attended the three-day event in April along with an ecumenical team from the U.S. through their home church, Broomfield United Methodist Church.



Courtesy of the Nelsons

This year, we continue working with El Sembrador school and a few churches, and helping the national church create a presence on the internet.

— Shari Nelson

MISSION ENGAGEMENT



Since our reopening, we have distributed something like 86,000 lbs. of food, which reached about 4,500 people, or 500 different households. The volunteers are revved up and want to be here, because they know they are contributing to the lives of the clients we serve.

— Michael Boggs



Multiethnic Ministries

Love and care at the pantry door

Last year, the Closet of Hope Food Pantry, a ministry of Hope-Southfield UMC in Michigan, received a Community Engagement grant from Global Ministries to enhance their supply of hygiene products and other needed items. After the COVID-19 pandemic, the mission co-chairs of the church, Jean and Preston Boyd and Michael Boggs, have worked to increase supplies, supportive partners and the clients they serve.

“We try to make sure that we see the clients and that they see the love of Christ in what we do and that they walk away with a good experience,” says Preston Boyd. “That is shown in the surveys we do. The clients say that our pantry cares and that they appreciate the love and care we show them.”



Mission Initiatives

Flourishing churches in Vietnam and Cambodia

Global Ministries' Vietnam Mission Initiative announced its intention to become independent following General Conference. Mission initiatives are not intended to stay mission initiatives forever; the goal is to establish churches that can either function independently or become full, regular parts of the UMC structure. The Cambodia Mission Initiative announced its autonomy earlier in the year.



310 NATIONALS IN MISSION WERE SERVING AT THE END OF 2024 AND \$1,245,249.38 WAS AWARDED IN NIM GRANTS.



Leadership Development

Training young leaders in Southeast Asia

Methodist young adults from four Asian Mission Initiative countries of Global Ministries — Cambodia, Laos, Mongolia and Vietnam — gathered Nov. 4-8 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, for 2024 ASCEND. Sponsored and facilitated by Global Ministries, Higher Education and Ministry and the Board of Missions of the Korean Methodist Church, the global leadership development training event provided young Christians with opportunities to learn sound and healthy leadership skills. The three-year certificate program requires participants to meet quarterly online and in-person each November.



I learned a lot about myself, leadership and education, which taught me what is good or not good to lead. As I go back to Mongolia, I want to study leadership in youth ministries and organizations.

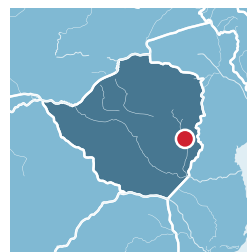
— Participant from Mongolia

218 SCHOLARSHIPS WERE APPROVED WORTH \$1,002,700, WITH 62% AWARDED WITHIN AFRICA.



I come from very humble circumstances. This scholarship is crucial to my life.

— Garakai Malunga



Scholarships

Thankfulness overflows

Professor Garakai Malunga (center) is a 2024 World Communion Scholar studying for a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health at Africa University in Zimbabwe. At 49 years old, he may not be the typical scholar, but he has a deep appreciation for receiving a scholarship at this time in his life. His research combines both public health and biomedical science. He is investigating two indigenous herbs traditionally used by people experiencing malaria symptoms and interviewing people who have used this remedy to understand the effectiveness and side effects of the herbs. He will then conduct laboratory tests on actual malaria parasites to evaluate toxicity and efficacy of the herbs.



Alleviating Human Suffering

Global Ministries and UMCOR respond to humanitarian crises around the world through disaster relief and recovery, migrant and refugee support, environmental sustainability, and agriculture, food security and livelihood initiatives.





Health Systems Strengthening

UMC facilities respond to mpox

With support from Global Ministries, UMC health boards and facilities were equipped to respond to an mpox outbreak in DRC, providing essential medical care and education about the virus. The collaboration between health boards and local community leaders, like UMC pastors, played a crucial role in addressing this public health challenge, focusing on prevention, treatment and education to safeguard the health of vulnerable populations.



Before, I didn't know what mpox was, let alone differentiate it from other skin diseases. Now I can recognize the symptoms and know what to do if I notice them in myself or someone else in my family.

— Patrice Lumumba Okeke

72 GRANTS AWARDED

\$5,291,658 IN TOTAL

1,022,176 PEOPLE REACHED



I have just given birth to my second son here without difficulty. We are in good health, I don't have a fever, and my child too, is doing very well. I gave birth in very good conditions at the Nganza Health Center.

— Mamu, Patient at Nganza



Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

Protecting pregnant women from malaria

Part of prenatal care at the Nganza Health Center in DRC — and for most United Methodist facilities partnering with Global Ministries — is a routine course of malaria prophylactics, much like what travelers take to avoid contracting it. Women also receive a long-lasting insecticide-treated bed net upon arrival at the center, and the combination generally keeps them free of malaria throughout pregnancy. This greatly improves the likelihood of delivering a healthy baby.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Well repair led by women in South Sudan

I am here to represent women and show our community that women, just like men, can play an important role in driving community development.

— Adut, water committee member

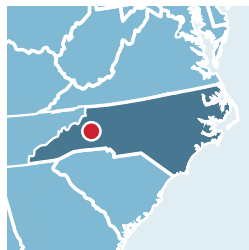
Normally, when a well breaks down in South Sudan and there are no technicians and no parts available, it may be weeks, or even years before a repair crew arrives. The Women's Well Repair Initiative provides a solution.

Through economic resources, self-sustainability and women's participation in community initiatives, the health care, education and overall stability for communities in which it works increases.

Churches nominate candidates, like Julia, a mother of three in Alok whose husband is absent. Her pastor described her as "someone who bore the weight of suffering most acutely within her community." The congregation voted unanimously to nominate her for the training.

Two key partners involved in this training project, Water is Basic (WIB) and Women's Empowerment Solutions Initiative (WESI) of South Sudan, designed the program to reach 300+ communities in Bhar el-Ghazal.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND RECOVERY



Disaster Response

Hope after Hurricane Helene

Shortly after Hurricane Helene inundated communities in Western North Carolina with 12 inches to nearly three feet of rain in September, Spruce Pine United Methodist Church became a hub for disaster relief. Every square foot of the church was used in service to the community. It offered a food pantry, water, a clothing closet and baby supplies. The Western North Carolina Disaster Response office asked if the church would be willing to host UMC Early Response Teams (ERTs) making plans to travel to the region. Within days, UMCOR awarded the conference a grant to support relief efforts.

187 GRANTS
AWARDED

\$37,619,705 IN
TOTAL



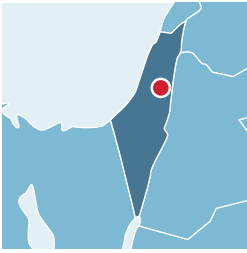
Environmental Sustainability and Disaster Response

Mobile solar trailers deployed in Georgia

This was the first time we deployed our entire solar array! We had just one panel left in the trailer as a spare. The quiet, clean, renewable energy fueled the heart of the camp. It powered lighting, refrigeration, air conditioning and more.

— Tom Staigle, UMCOR ERT member





Disaster Response

Support and relief for Gaza

UMCOR support for relief work in Gaza includes large grants that further the work of partners who can implement large scale distribution of food, water, personal hygiene and other non-food items. Grants also support health care and health facilities that have managed to remain open inside Gaza. Smaller grants of equal importance support organizations that can mount small-scale projects to reach specific vulnerable populations with targeted relief.

Contributions to large-scale relief efforts since October 2023 have provided, whenever possible, food rations, fresh food, water, nonfood items such as shelter supplies, hygiene supplies and medical care. Some have also helped with counseling and information sessions about health, wellbeing and avoiding live munitions.



The people of Gaza have experienced suffering so deep that it will be felt for generations to come. Tens of thousands of civilians have been killed, families and whole communities displaced, and almost all infrastructure including homes, hospitals and schools destroyed.

— Roland Fernandes, Global Ministries General Secretary



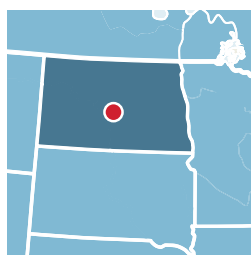
Disaster Response

Care after triple disasters in the Philippines

In one barangay, the flooding reached up to the neck of the average person. Small boats had to be used to transport goods and people, and it affected everyone. I spoke with a pastor there and he said there is still water on the roads after three months.

— The Rev. Joseph Estadilla, District Superintendent and Dean of the Cabinet, Manila Episcopal Area

Late in the summer of 2024, fishing villages and even inland towns in the Bay of Manila were affected by a triple calamity. Typhoon Carina, a southwest monsoon and oil spills from three different tankers in the same week strained the capacity of communities to recover. The Manila Episcopal Area Disaster Management Office (MEA DMO) supported by UMCOR, assessed the triple disasters and sent out a “call to action.” Churches took a special offering and gave direct aid by distributing food and water. The MEA DMO created a committee to maximize and ensure a coordinated response for local churches and annual conferences.



Global Migration

Meeting Christ at the table

Legacy United Methodist Church in Bismarck, North Dakota, received an UMCOR Mustard Seed Migration Grant to support Ukrainian immigrants in their community. The church held inter-cultural cooking classes so that congregants and community members could teach each other recipes from their home country, creating unity in food and table fellowship despite language barriers.

Wow, I just did a little thing, and it brought so much. Opportunities like this are a great conduit to serve and do God's work.

— Kenton Carlson, Legacy UMC church member

137 HUMANITARIAN CRISES RESPONDED TO



Disaster Response

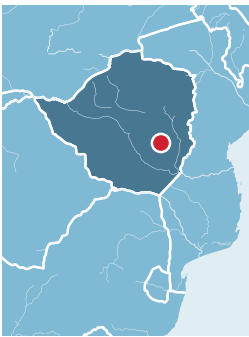
Vital aid for flood survivors

In Tanzania, devastating floods affected thousands at the end of 2023 and into 2024. The disaster displaced families and damaged homes and places of worship. UMCOR mobilized to provide essential aid, working alongside local partners to deliver food, clean water, hygiene supplies and shelter materials to those in need.



UMCOR was the first organization to come to our aid, and support was distributed to everyone, without discrimination . . . Many Masai have joined the UMC after witnessing this generosity and compassion.”

— Emanuel Matita, resident of the Masai district



Agriculture and Livelihoods

New greenhouses in Zimbabwe fuel education

Two greenhouses at The United Methodist Church's Hanwa Mission are helping to fight climate change and improve education at the mission's schools. With support from Zimbabwe Volunteers in Mission and Global Ministries' Yambasu Agriculture Initiative (YAI), the Hanwa community constructed two half-acre greenhouses. YAI also supplied fencing, a hand tractor, a trailer, a plow and pedi-wheels as well as pepper seedlings. Each greenhouse generates significant revenue and creates employment for parents of students.

These greenhouses will become a major component of the agricultural curriculum at the Hanwa Mission schools, and a major proportion of the fund generated by this project will go directly back into the schools.

— Charlie Moore, Zimbabwe Volunteers in Mission team leader, Baltimore-Washington Conference

10 GRANTS AWARDED TOTALING \$1.8 MILLION THROUGH THE YAMBASU AGRICULTURE INITIATIVE

In 2024, UMCOR responded to:

3 EARTHQUAKES

32 FLOODS

26 TROPICAL STORMS
HURRICANES

16 TORNADOES

1 LANDSLIDE

25 MIGRATION
EVENTS

7 PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCIES

11 FIRES

16 OTHER KINDS
OF DISASTERS

GENERAL CONFERENCE

At the long-awaited 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, April 23 - May 3, 2024, Global Ministries submitted 23 petitions for consideration by 765 worldwide delegates. Each petition passed with overwhelming majority in committee and was formally approved by full plenary action.

The passing of these petitions affirmed Global Ministries and UMCOR's mandate to work in partnership with congregations, conferences, organizations and individuals as they engage in God's mission in their local contexts.

Areas of work within this body of legislation included religious freedom; peace and justice; global migration; hunger and poverty; disaster recovery; HIV and AIDS; Deaf and Hard of Hearing ministries; and racial and ethnic ministries.

During General Conference, Global Ministries also celebrated 200 years of mission and marked several milestones: 5 million children reached through the Abundant Health Initiative; 80 years of UMCOR; commissioning of 16 new United Methodist missionaries; and strengthening of partnerships in Latin America and the Caribbean.





2024-2028 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of and for the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

And Report of Independent Auditor

Report of Independent Auditor

To the Board of Directors and Audit Committee
General Board of Global Ministries
The United Methodist Church and Subsidiaries

To the Committee on Audit and Review
General Council on Finance and Administration
The United Methodist Church

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, Inc. ("Global Ministries") (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Global Ministries as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of Global Ministries and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Global Ministries' ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Global Ministries' internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Global Ministries' ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit period.

Cherry Bekaert LLP

Atlanta, Georgia
July 25, 2025

**GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES OF
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,919,398	\$ 8,745,932
Accrued World Service Fund allocation	5,421,173	6,228,873
Due from General Council on Finance and Administration	8,838,482	5,811,703
Due from related entities	2,114,597	289,655
Accounts receivable	662,105	512,437
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,199,209	887,057
Investments	291,122,322	283,830,836
Restricted investments	23,624,365	23,194,181
Revolving loan fund held by Wesleyan Investive	21,551,072	21,098,134
Buildings and equipment, net	21,033,564	21,250,879
Beneficial interest in timberland forests	4,671,000	4,223,000
Perpetual trusts held by others	30,904,439	29,610,473
Total Assets	<u>\$ 419,061,726</u>	<u>\$ 405,683,160</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$ 10,732,769	\$ 8,221,261
Grants and projects payable	2,589,265	3,495,176
Due to related entities	47,010	289,671
Annuities payable	61,136	71,555
Funds held for others	36,828,699	36,267,869
Total Liabilities	<u>50,258,879</u>	<u>48,345,532</u>
Net Assets:		
Without Donor Restrictions:		
Invested in buildings and equipment	21,033,564	21,250,879
Designated for programs	36,526,455	25,100,384
Designated for missionaries including pension and health benefit costs	16,567,020	15,982,432
Contractually restricted reserve for Collins Pension Plan and Collins Health Benefits Trust	23,624,365	23,194,181
General operating fund	98,704,258	104,124,279
Total Without Donor Restrictions	<u>196,455,662</u>	<u>189,652,155</u>
With Donor Restrictions:		
Subject to purpose restrictions	17,016,492	16,976,113
Endowments and other perpetual gifts	155,330,693	150,709,360
Total With Donor Restrictions	<u>172,347,185</u>	<u>167,685,473</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>368,802,847</u>	<u>357,337,628</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 419,061,726</u>	<u>\$ 405,683,160</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES OF
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Operating Revenues:			
Allocation from World Service Fund	\$ 16,884,120	\$ 1,234,950	\$ 18,119,070
Special Sunday Offerings	-	443,258	443,258
Advance Special Gifts:			
Support for persons in mission	-	1,837,955	1,837,955
Other	2,752,306	2,313,821	5,066,127
Shared cost reimbursements	7,383,207	-	7,383,207
Benefit Trust distribution	2,058,774	-	2,058,774
Bequests	699,366	97,970	797,336
Grants and other contributions	-	112,121	112,121
Interest income on cash equivalents, mortgage loans, and perpetual trusts	1,598,979	119,331	1,718,310
Timberland forests income distribution	1,169,289	-	1,169,289
Missionary salary reimbursements	1,013,189	-	1,013,189
Other	2,758,713	-	2,758,713
Total	36,317,943	6,159,406	42,477,349
Net assets released from restrictions	11,614,396	(11,614,396)	-
Operating Revenues	47,932,339	(5,454,990)	42,477,349

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**GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES OF
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.**
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Expenses:			
Program Services:			
Global Mission Connections	\$ 7,676,342	\$ -	\$ 7,676,342
Missionary Services	11,965,495	-	11,965,495
Board-wide programs	7,977,287	-	7,977,287
Distribution of designated funds and gifts	13,514,474	-	13,514,474
Total Program Services	41,133,598	-	41,133,598
Supporting Services:			
Management and general	9,921,768	-	9,921,768
Fundraising	1,687,744	-	1,687,744
Total Supporting Services	11,609,512	-	11,609,512
Total Expenses	52,743,110	-	52,743,110
Change in net assets from operating activities	(4,810,771)	(5,454,990)	(10,265,761)
Nonoperating Activities:			
Investment return, net	11,614,278	6,504,560	18,118,838
Net appreciation in fair value of perpetual trusts	-	1,218,954	1,218,954
Net appreciation in beneficial interest in timberland forest	-	448,000	448,000
Net increase in revolving loan fund held by United Methodist Development Fund	-	452,938	452,938
Contributions	-	1,492,250	1,492,250
Change in net assets from nonoperating activities	11,614,278	10,116,702	21,730,980
Change in net assets	6,803,507	4,661,712	11,465,219
Net assets, beginning of year	189,652,155	167,685,473	357,337,628
Net assets, end of year	\$ 196,455,662	\$ 172,347,185	\$ 368,802,847

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON
RELIEF OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES, INC.
AND AFFILIATES**

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of and for the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

And Report of Independent Auditor

Report of Independent Auditor

To the Board of Directors
United Methodist Committee on Relief
Global Ministries, Inc.

To the Audit Committee
General Board of Global Ministries
The United Methodist Church, Inc.

To the Committee on Audit and Review
General Council on Finance and Administration
The United Methodist Church

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of United Methodist Committee on Relief of Global Ministries, Inc. and affiliates (collectively, "UMCOR") (a non-profit organization), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of UMCOR as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of a certain division, UMCOR at Sager Brown, which statements reflect total assets of \$807,125 as of December 31, 2023 and total support and revenues of \$1,859,882 for the year then ended, respectively. Those statements were audited by other auditors, whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to amounts included for UMCOR at Sager Brown, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of UMCOR and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about UMCOR's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the consolidated financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the consolidated financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audits.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audits in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of UMCOR's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about UMCOR's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audits, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audits.

Cherry Bekaert LLP

Atlanta, Georgia
July 25, 2025

**UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF OF
GLOBAL MINISTRIES, INC. AND AFFILIATES**
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,024,768	\$ 8,412,587
Investments	108,371,849	110,199,999
Investments in securities of Wesleyan Investive	1,471,355	1,477,488
Receivables:		
Advance special gifts	6,538,244	3,815,041
Note receivable	7,754,566	4,156,459
Bequests and other	1,598,178	1,667,270
Due from General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, Inc.	141,618	375,344
Inventory and other assets	2,420	8,121
Buildings and equipment, net	1,663,817	1,730,020
Endowment funds held by General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, Inc.	1,588,973	1,604,591
Perpetual trusts held by others	1,477,299	1,462,691
Total Assets	\$ 139,633,087	\$ 134,909,611
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities:		
Due to General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, Inc.	\$ 937,469	\$ 398,344
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,669,540	1,865,502
Grants payable	8,668,187	21,859,022
Funds held for others	1,070,600	1,401,713
Total Liabilities	13,345,796	25,524,581
Net Assets:		
Without Donor Restrictions:		
Invested in buildings and equipment	1,663,817	1,730,020
Undesignated	54,837,592	50,038,064
Total Without Donor Restrictions	56,501,409	51,768,084
With Donor Restrictions:		
Subject to donor restrictions	65,187,524	53,076,723
Endowments and other perpetual trusts	4,598,358	4,540,223
Total With Donor Restrictions	69,785,882	57,616,946
Total Net Assets	126,287,291	109,385,030
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 139,633,087	\$ 134,909,611

The accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF OF
GLOBAL MINISTRIES, INC. AND AFFILIATES**
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024			2023		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Operating Revenues:						
Advance special gifts	\$ 10,650,157	\$ 20,732,166	\$ 31,382,323	\$ 10,367,827	\$ 19,621,103	\$ 29,988,930
Special Sunday Offerings	1,750,170	-	1,750,170	1,566,220	-	1,566,220
Gifts and bequests	1,795,979	359,299	2,155,278	7,155,534	1,370,000	8,525,534
Grants from General Board of Global Ministries	55,047	7,500,000	7,555,047	20,943	-	20,943
Sager Brown program income	1,055,439	22,898	1,078,337	1,002,687	10,000	1,012,687
Other income, net	1,241,170	-	1,241,170	850,125	-	850,125
Net assets released from restrictions	17,891,113	(17,891,113)	-	19,590,663	(19,590,663)	-
Total Operating Revenues	34,439,075	10,723,250	45,162,325	40,553,999	1,410,440	41,964,439
Expenses:						
Program Services:						
Specialized ministries	6,830,087	-	6,830,087	7,229,656	-	7,229,656
Advance projects	15,275,077	-	15,275,077	17,104,034	-	17,104,034
Health programs	5,930,975	-	5,930,975	6,879,168	-	6,879,168
Total Program Services	28,036,139	-	28,036,139	31,212,858	-	31,212,858
Supporting Services:						
Management and general	5,626,365	-	5,626,365	4,938,849	-	4,938,849
Fundraising	881,213	-	881,213	627,761	-	627,761
Total Supporting Services	6,507,578	-	6,507,578	5,566,610	-	5,566,610
Total Expenses	34,543,717	-	34,543,717	36,779,468	-	36,779,468
Changes in Net Assets From Operating Activities	(104,642)	10,723,250	10,618,608	3,774,531	1,410,440	5,184,971
Nonoperating Activities:						
Investment returns, net	4,814,800	1,449,224	6,264,024	9,594,422	2,441,257	12,035,679
Investment returns, net - Wesleyan Investive	23,167	(2,528)	20,639	48,862	(10,426)	38,436
Investment returns, net - General Board of Global Ministries of The Methodist Church, Inc.	-	(15,618)	(15,618)	-	91,445	91,445
Net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of perpetual trusts	-	14,608	14,608	-	85,920	85,920
Contributions	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Total Nonoperating Activities	4,837,967	1,445,686	6,283,653	9,643,284	2,609,196	12,252,480
Changes in net assets	4,733,325	12,168,936	16,902,261	13,417,815	4,019,636	17,437,451
Net assets, beginning of year	51,768,084	57,616,946	109,385,030	38,350,269	53,597,310	91,947,579
Net assets, end of year	\$ 56,501,409	\$ 69,785,882	\$ 126,287,291	\$ 51,768,084	\$ 57,616,946	\$ 109,385,030

The accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Audited 2024 financial statements are available at the links below.

**GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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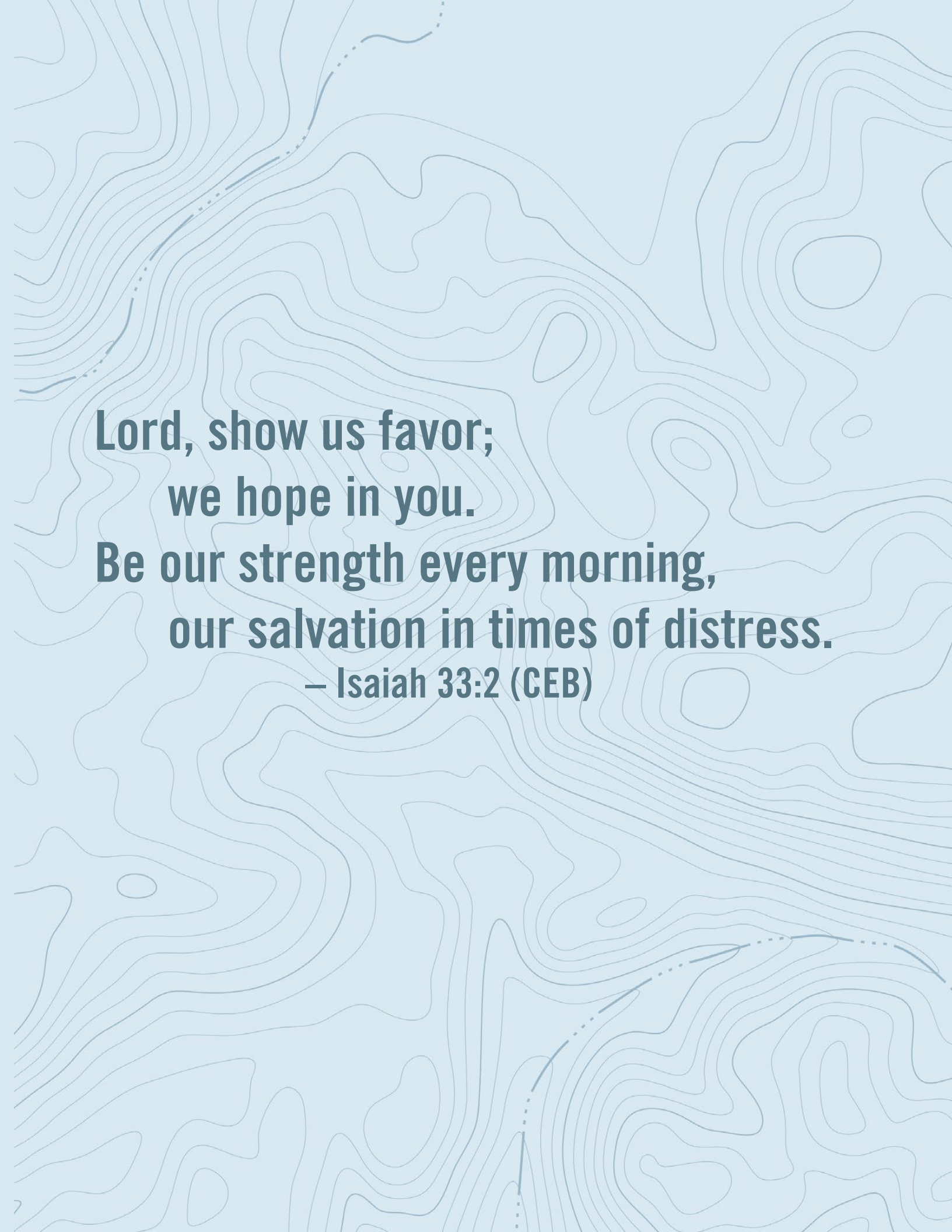
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**Lord, show us favor;
we hope in you.**

**Be our strength every morning,
our salvation in times of distress.**

— Isaiah 33:2 (CEB)



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