

WE HAVE A LOT TO CELEBRATE!

2020 & 2021 Award Winners

We are proud to announce the award winners for Rainbow Covenant giving (2020) and Mission Links giving (2021). To be a 100% Church, Apportionments (both conference and general church) need to be paid at 100% and at least one project in each of the giving areas need to be supported. (Special Sundays, Global Advance Projects, Missionary Support, UMCOR / Emergency Relief Projects, US-Based Advances, Northern Illinois Conference Projects, NIC District Projects) Lists of the Rainbow Covenant and Mission Links Churches can be found on the Mission Links website umcnic.org/missionlinks



The John Wesley Award goes to the church that has the highest mission giving per member. In 2020, Hanover UMC (Prairie North district) was the highest at 47%. In 2021, Triumph UMC (Prairie South District) was the highest with 55%.

The Otterbein Award goes to the church that has the highest total giving. In both 2020 and 2021, the winner was the United Methodist Church of Libertyville in the Lake North district (\$22,000 and \$34,000 respectively).

Find a detailed listing of all the projects in our Mission Links book available at umcnic.org/missionlinks

183rd Northern Illinois Annual Conference

Fill the Truck

Mission Challenge Collection Drive

The NIC Board of Global Ministries is coordinating with the Midwest Mission



Distribution Center (MMDC) to organize its annual conference collection drive for MMDC's Most Needed Items. Find out more at umcnic.org/2022MissionChallenge

If you missed out on the challenge, then don't worry. You can always send to the center directly or drop off at our newest permanent sites, New Lenox in the Lake South and Fox River Grove Community in Prairie Central. Additional sites in the other districts are to be determined.



Missionary Support:

We say good-bye to Clara Biswas and her good work with the street children in Cambodia. She is retiring and moving on to new mission challenges. Clara worked to create educational opportunities for street children to improve their quality life. Donations provided educational scholarships, medical support for HIV AIDS and other illness, support for Sunday School, Bible study, music and song along with worship and fellowship support.



We welcome our newest missionary, Rachel Koulou Therieh. Rachel (#3022641) serves as the Activities Coordinator at Susanna Wesley House with GBGM-UMC Cambodia in Cambodia. She is a Global Mission Fellow (International) with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries. Rachel is a member of Naga United Village Baptist Church, Dimapur, India. Send emails to: rtherieh@umcmmission.org



Mission Grants Available

New grants through UMVIM provides financial support for Northern Illinois Conference (NIC) districts and local churches with a passion and plan for organizing, funding and leading youth and/or adult Mission Journey teams. Teams supported by this grant must register with the UMVIM North Central Jurisdiction Coordinator and have medical/accident insurance coverage. In addition, teams must include a trained UMVIM Team Leader who has completed conference-approved training within the past three years. Grant funds of up to \$1,000 per team can help cover expenses for UMVIM Team Leader Training, insurance, and Safe Sanctuary Training. Learn more and apply at umcnic.org/grants/umvim-mission-journeys-grant

UMVIM Training

Did you know that whether you go across the street, the country, or the world, you are an UMVIM volunteer representing the UMC?



COVID put a stop to most mission journeys and stopped our planned offering of training. We hope to give this new attention in the coming year. Leader training is essential for NIC, so we are all on the same page and don't have to reinvent the wheel when serving. Even old hands in serving in mission can learn something new in the training. The current book to use for Leaders and Volunteers in Mission (VIM) is A Mission Journey, A Handbook for Volunteers, Discipleship Resources. We are currently assessing the need for training and need your help. Please contact the co-chairs of UMVIM, Kris Aves: 815-751-8743, aveskris0@gmail.com and Larry Dunlap-Berg: 615-945-6411, dnlpbrg@gmail.com to let them know when you and your leaders need training.

Did you know that UMC site approved international trips now require insurance through our UMVIM NCJ program?

Contact our UMVIM NCJ Director, Rev. Tammy Kuntz, at 614-325-8741 or umvimncj.org.

Did you know that you should be registering all of your local, national, and international trips, so the co-chairs can assess the needs of the conference?

Rev. Kuntz reports the yearly mission statistics back to the conferences. Our conference does very little reporting, so we need your help in reporting your mission experiences.

Learn more at umcnic.org/VIM