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Cienaguita Ngobe Community Health Project (#14969A)

Promoting health, literacy, economic, cultural and community development and empowerment is the focus of the Community Health Project in Panama. The goal of this project attempts to effect change through empowerment, enabling members of the community to get involved in efforts that improve their quality of life. The strategy involves organizing and training the women and men of the communities to promote the health and well-being of their own communities.

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Courtesy of Cienaguita Ngobe



Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic, Haiti (#418520)

Caring for and creating hope for children and families suffering from TB, HIV/AIDS, chronic illness is the focus of Grace Children's Hospital in Port-au-Prince. The goal of this project is to provide hospital and out-patient care for children and families with tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and respiratory infections and follow up with clinical healthcare for patients discharged from Grace Children's Hospital and their families. Long-term, the project hopes to expand its reach to more families and to educate the community about healthcare and nutrition.

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Burundi Annual Conference Health Board

Burundi's high levels of poverty among its communities have led to the proliferation of preventable illnesses such as malaria, diarrhea, pneumonia and other respiratory infections. These illnesses and similar pathologies are responsible for the deaths of Burundi's most vulnerable citizens, especially those under 5 years of age. Furthermore, the preventable morbidity rates significantly affect the ability to attend school and/or work and are reflected in the sinking underdevelopment of the country.

Burundi's 11 million inhabitants are served by 45 hospitals, including one located in Kayero and serving the provinces of Rutana and Ruyige. The Global Health Unit approved a grant to rehabilitate the hospital in early 2020. The hospital could serve an estimated 117,343 adults and 256,301 children.

Burundi's recently established Health Board is composed of a diverse group of professionals and clergy. Their professional training and experience will contribute significantly to the development of sound health interventions to the most vulnerable populations. Burundi's Health Board chair and legal representative, both Africa University alumni, are professionally affiliated with a humanitarian aid and development organization. Over the years, they have successfully built and cultivated partnerships with local authorities such as the Ministry of Health and other partners.

Goal: To increase access to health care services by providing equipment and supplies for the Bishop J. A. Nduricimpa Memorial Hospital in Kayero.

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The In Mission Together project allows local congregations to partner with specific congregations in regions of new mission development. The hope is that a 50/50 joint partnership may be achieved through a covenant of multi-year financial support and relationship building. Current In Mission Together countries include Cambodia, Cameroon, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Mongolia, Russia (and Belarus), Senegal, Thailand and Vietnam. umcmmission.org



Lithuania In Mission Together (#12168A)

Supporting church development, pastors' salaries, pastor and lay leadership, training and outreach is the purpose of Lithuania In Mission Together. The primary goals are:

- **Development of indigenous committed and skilled spiritual leaders.** Provide at least two significant training events for pastors each year for their personal growth and the growth of the church in Lithuania. At least half of these should focus on United Methodist beliefs and understandings. Continue to expand the responsibilities of laypersons for the work of the church, including developing the work of Pastor Parish Relationships Committees. Provide annual training events for the lay work of the church. Continue the Lay Speakers program so that courses are offered annually.
- **Development of new congregations.** Begin at least three new congregations in the next four years in new communities in Lithuania. As the number of Lithuanian pastors grows, this potential has increased reality.
- **Development of social-diaconal outreach ministries.** Increase the avenues and connections with partner churches so that more resources are available for outreach ministries. Each local church shall design their own programs, set their own goals and develop their own ministries annually and these goals will be shared with partner churches.
- **Expand Partner newsletter** to include information about all the programs of the Lithuania UMC.
- **Develop local outreach programs** through the local churches to assist with human and spiritual needs. Each local church should strengthen an existing program or develop a new program each year.



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Living Well with Aids (#3021529)

Begun in 2012 by members of the Northern Illinois Conference, this program provides AIDS education and support. Eastern and Southern Africa is home to half of the world’s population living with HIV, including 48% of the world’s new infections among adults, 55% among children and 48% of AIDS-related deaths. The project has shown that with proper tools and methods, communities in one-year campaigns can reduce HIV infections, increase testing to 82% of the community, and care for the families of those lost to the virus.



Micro Credit in Mo-Dega and Pepease, Ghana (#3020810)

The mixed farming project was set up to reduce food shortages through improved crop reduction processes and providing viable seed lands for production on an out-grower basis as well as production of animals for supply to peasant farmers.



Courtesy of Mujila Falls Agriculture Center



Mujila Falls Agricultural Research Center, Zambia (#15016A)

Addressing hunger and poverty with sustainable agriculture and leadership training is the focus of the Mujila Falls Agricultural Research Center in extreme North West Zambia. The original goals and objectives of the project were to increase protein, minerals and vitamins in the diet to reduce high infant mortality and low life expectancy of the Lunda People. It was also to help the Lunda People to increase family incomes by becoming more effective and efficient farmers. The desired long-term impact is to help to make the Lunda farmers and their families competitive in agricultural pursuits that benefit from high rainfall and abundant available land. These include milk, fruit and meat production, gardening and field crop production.



Pan-African Rural Health & Social Services (PRHeSS), Sierra Leone (#3021290)

PRHeSS ministry is dedicated to improving sanitation, providing quality health care services and promoting human empowerment through social and economic development in order to restore hope and dignity to rural Africans. P.O. Box 1071, Homewood, IL 60430 / 708-668-6020 Prhess.info@africanhopeanddignity.org
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Nigeria Health Board Health Systems

Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities, the cornerstone of health care in Nigeria, are often the first point of contact for Nigerians seeking medical care. PHCs benefit the country's poorest and most isolated who would otherwise go without medical attention. Effective delivery of PHC services requires availability of adequate infrastructure, functioning diagnostic medical equipment, essential medications and well-trained medical personnel. Jalingo Hospital, built and equipped with the support of Global Ministries through its Global Health unit in 2017, has seen an improvement in quality of care, resulting in an increased patient load.

Project Goal: To ensure United Methodist Church health facilities, the first point of health care for the poor and disenfranchised segments of Nigerian citizens, meet the World Health Organization's essential standards of primary care, thus improving health equity and reducing morbidity and mortality in most rural areas.

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Peru-Titicaca Border Ministry, Bolivia (#3021288)

Individual Volunteers in Mission Deborah Rissing and Jeffrey Wasilevich from Downers Grove UMC have been present in Bolivia since 2011 to support this ministry. The region around Lake Titicaca is among the poorest in Peru and Bolivia, populated by indigenous Aymara. Their goals are to strengthen their local churches, improve their economy and health, and develop sustainable resources.



Solar Oven Partners UMC (#418812)

This solar oven training and distribution program works in the Dominican Republic. solarovenpartnersumc.org



Senegal Mission Initiative (#12594A)

Supporting pastors' growth in leadership and pastoral care, and providing congregational development is the purpose of the Senegal Mission Initiative. The primary goals of the project are:

1. Develop and implement a process of preparing those called into Ministry that will meet the requirements as laid out by the United Methodist denomination. Begin at least one qualified individual on that path.
2. Provide four training events per year for Lay and Ordained Pastors in the areas of leadership and development.
3. Provide congregational development training to all laity of the Senegal United Methodist Church by the end of 2019.
4. Provide fundamental necessities for Ordained Pastors and their families.

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