



Purpose:

The United Methodist Church has 298 churches in the Northern IL Conference with approximately 25,000+ active members. Through our connection, we have the opportunity and blessing to work toward works of mercy and piety by addressing food insecurity and health disparities in a meaningful way. We believe that we can do this by developing a collaborative partnership of churches and community organizations to support the fruitful work being done to address the need for more community gardens and lack of adequate tree cover on the west and south sides of Chicago.

If you would like to make a donation to support this ministry, please make a check payable to the NICUMC and mail to Northern Illinois Annual Conference, 303 E. Wacker Dr. Suite 2020, Chicago, IL 60601. Please put "HEAL Well" in the subject line to ensure the check goes to this ministry.

Leadership Team Members

Lisa Rogers: co-chair

Rev. Marcus Tabb: co-chair

Diana Davis

LaCretcia Edward

Patrica Evans

Amania Drane: Program Manager



Contact us

If you have questions, please contact Lisa Rogers, co-chair of HEAL Well, at jlrogers204@comcast.net

For more information or to register to participate, go to our webpage at www.umcnic.org/Healwell



Northern Illinois Conference
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Helping Everyone Access Life Well
HEAL Well is an initiative of the
Advocacy Partners of the Northern
Illinois Conference Committee on
Religion and Race



You can assist in this project by sharing your gifts and talents with us by participating in any of the areas mentioned below.

Partnership Development Responsibilities: Reach out to Austin community representative(s) to help us decide which areas tree planting would be most beneficial. Contact the Austin Garden Collective to develop a plan for when and where they would like our volunteers to work.

Community Youth Engagement Responsibilities: My Block My Hood My City will help by offering our program to their Summer Youth program participants. Also, contact local Chicago Public schools, local youth clubs, and design a youth application and help decide on appropriate youth stipend allocation.

Tree Planting: Responsibilities: Visit Olivet United Methodist Church in Austin to develop a tree planting design including types of trees we will plant and when we will plant them.

Our Partnerships



Making goals as of now

Volunteers: 21

Partnering Organizations: 6

Austin Garden Collective
Faith in Place
Garrett Evangelical Seminary Center for Ecological Regeneration
Rising Sun Missionary Baptist Church - Dr. James Miller
NetZero - NIC
My Block My Hood My City

Our Mission

To bring faith and community stakeholders together to create a more sustainable society for the present and future by planting trees and volunteering in community gardens.



Our Vision

Our vision for the future is to have relationships of trust and learning that care for God's creation.

This project was made possible, in part, by a grant from the Midwest Methodist Foundation