December 30, 2018

Mission Moment

Our church is to be about the business of **Good News**, for all people. The **Good News**, as in the Gospel of Jesus Christ... the **Good News** for the transformation of the world.

Thirty four years ago, United Methodists determined a need for a designated-giving channel to enable general agencies to appeal directly for specific project funding.

There are opportunities beyond our apportionments that allow us to further our reach. Some of these opportunities are in giving to The *World Service Special Gift* projects.

Anyone can give to these projects. **World Service Special Gift** projects do not receive advance funding and they are not the same as the World Service Fund apportionments that congregations contribute to each year.

These are designated gifts made directly from individuals or churches. Approved projects by the connectional board are; The Africa University Endowment Fund, The Leonard Perryman Communications Scholarship for Ethnic Minority Students, The Methodist Global Fund, The National Anti-Gambling Project, and The Lay Missionary Planting Network.

Voluntary *World Service Special Gifts* are a way to support specific educational ventures and social justice.