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Mission Moment

Did you know.... Next week is **Human Relations Day**, one of United Methodism's six churchwide **Special Sundays** and always celebrated the Sunday before Martin Luther King Day?

Over one half of our special gifts help support **Community Developers** that serve Black, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American congregations. **Community Developers** programs are dedicated to building, maintaining and strengthening racial ethnic minority congregations of the UMC and advancing the church's capacity to be in mission through local congregations.

One third of our special offering is allocated for **United Methodist Volunteers in Mission**. This network offers guidance, organization, and training for more than 125,000 volunteers serving the poor, building churches, community health and leadership programs and assisting in disaster response.

Also, a portion of our gifts on **Human Relations Day** helps support the **Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program**. These programs work to strengthen youth empowerment that provides positive avenues for youth participation in their communities through the churches, mentoring programs, and boys and girls clubs.

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, supported by **Human Relations Day** giving, began in 1976 as a grassroots movement designed to provide an official channel whereby Christians, both lay and clergy, may offer their skills and talents for Christian service at home and around the world on short term assignments.

As we share generously next week through the **Human Relations Day** special offering, let us also give thanks for visionary leaders who continue to call for equality for all God's children.