

## **MISSION MOMENT**

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The World Service Fund is the United Methodist Church's primary source of support for ministry through the general agencies of the Church. Basic to the financial program of The United Methodist Church, the Fund represents the minimum needs of the church's general agencies. Across the country and around the world, the World Service Fund empowers The United Methodist Church to be Christ's body in the world. The Fund is the essential core of our global outreach ministry, underwriting Christian mission around the world. The World Service apportionment allows United Methodists to participate in this global mission.

For example, thanks to United Methodist support of the World Service Fund, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry is able to transform lives, such as by helping to provide affordable learning tools to help students across the world to study better, and to assist financially through scholarships and low interest loans. Many young adults find help in clarifying their vocation and God's call on their lives through the Board's leadership and discernment programs. When United Methodist congregations pay their World Service Fund apportionment, they nurture the important work of Higher Education and Ministry.

The World Service Fund also assists in the building of new churches, paying missionary salaries, and expanding Bible studies. It enables continuation of a proud tradition of cooperation and dialogue with other faith traditions, expressing the church's commitment to advocacy for peace and justice, encouraging church growth and discipleship and, in reaching out to God's children throughout the world.

All of this happens because we support the World Service Fund.