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## Mission Moment

No matter where you fall on the subject of news media, there seems to be bad news, and good news, flooding our screens these days. The church is to be about the business of the Good News, for all people. The Good News, as in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for the transformation of the world.

As The United Methodist Church, we are able to bring this Good News by what we can do together. There are opportunities beyond our apportionments that allow us to further our reach. Some of these opportunities are in the giving to **World Service Special Gift** projects.

Anyone can give to these projects. These special gifts are to be considered above and beyond the usual giving. Those who receive assistance from **World Service Special Gift** projects in the form of education, leadership skills and training are not the only ones benefiting. The National Anti-Gambling Project is also one of the **World Service Special Gift** projects. What a gift it is to stand up against gambling addictions as it can cripple families, sometimes keeping them from meeting the most basic needs.

The world is in need of a church that shines light into the darkness of addiction. May we be generous as we consider giving above and beyond, that we may be a part of shining light in a dark world.