

October 14, 2018

Mission Moment

Today United Methodists join with people of many faiths in celebrating *Children's Sabbath*. The annual observance engages places of worship across the U.S. in focusing on the urgent problems facing our nation's children. Some *Children's Sabbath* events are community-wide, interfaith gatherings and can also take place in individual places of worship.

Inspiring *Children's Sabbath* is the *Children's Defense Fund*, a non-profit founded in 1973 highlighting child advocacy and research.

Along with fellow United Methodists and neighbors of faith we work to protect and seek justice for children, have educational programs for all ages, raise awareness of problems facing children such as poverty, gun violence and lack of health care. There are teachings in religious traditions that call us to nurture and protect children with love.

This program identifies and rewards young people who have experienced hardships in their lives and prepares them to become leaders into adulthood.

Together, we motivate change that will improve the lives of children and young adults.... We honor these resilient young people and the adults who serve as role models and mentors for them.

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Additionally,

Regarding the destruction caused by Hurricane Michael to our neighbors in the South a \$10,000. Grant has been awarded by UMCOR and is being used to support evacuees and survivors in the impact zones. UMCOR is continuing to send relief supplies and Early Response Teams are assessing damage. Additional donations, small or large, are needed to keep relief supplies in stock. Please mark your check "Advance #901670" or go to UMCOR.ORG.

Most of all, pray for those whose lives have been impacted by this disaster and also for Early Response Teams and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief.