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## Mission Moment

Never doubt the power of a small group of committed people to change the world.

We know this to be true as we consider the efforts of our laity, as individuals-as small groups- or even on a larger scale as with United Methodist Men and Women.

Laity Sunday is a Sunday set aside in The United Methodist Church to celebrate all those lay people who have answered the call to use their gifts in ministry serving the church and the world. The laity in our churches plays vital roles and there is much work to be done in leading, administering and teaching, hospitality and outreach. The laity of the church organizes food pantries, clothing drives, missions and also participates in pastoral care visits with hospitalized and homebound church members and serves communion.

We celebrate Laity Sunday because we know that all who belong to God, who follow Christ, are called to share in the work of God's kingdom.

When we are able to give generously to the World Service Fund through apportionments, we are able to support the continued work of our laity in the world and in the church.