



UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION  
NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

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## NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION (NCJ) PROJECT LIST

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This list identifies Volunteer In Mission project opportunities in the North Central Jurisdiction. Our goal is to make a *Christian Difference* in the lives of others and ourselves. An electronic version of the list is posted on the Web: [www.umvimncj.org](http://www.umvimncj.org) under **About Us**. Annual Conferences are encouraged to hotlink this list to their own Web page. This list will be updated monthly.

Projects do not need to be United Methodist in order to be listed, but must be safe, ethical, and approved by the United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM) coordinator and their affiliated committee for the conference in which it resides.

To add a project to the list, fill out and submit the *U.S.A. Project Profile Form* for approval by your conference UMVIM Coordinator(s). This form is available on the web [www.umvimncj.org](http://www.umvimncj.org) under UMVIM Links. Once your new project is approved, the Conference Coordinator will forward it to the North Central Jurisdiction UMVIM Office for publication. Conference UMVIM coordinator contact information can be found on this list, on the GBGM web site, or through your jurisdictional coordinator (contact information above).

Some projects also have Advance Special Status. We are adding the Advance Special Numbers as they become available or known to us. [Advance number.....]

## ► **GUIDE TO USING THIS PROJECT LIST**

Projects are organized alphabetically by state within the Jurisdiction. Some states have several conferences and some conferences encompass more than one state. Each project should indicate appropriate ages, group size, and the availability of RV parking and hook-ups.

### **AGE / GROUP INFORMATION CODES**

A = Adults accepted  
F = Families accepted  
I = Individuals accepted  
J = Junior Highs accepted  
S = Senior Highs accepted  
Y = Youth accepted  
YA = Young Adults accepted  
OA = Older Adults accepted  
RV = RV parking, hook-up, or park nearby

## ► **STATES FOUND WITHIN THE NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION (NCJ)**

ILLINOIS, INDIANA, IOWA, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, NORTH & SOUTH DAKOTA, OHIO, WISCONSIN



► **ORDER OF INFORMATION :**

- 1. DISASTER RESPONSE SITE INFORMATION (EARLY RESPONSE AND LONG TERM RECOVERY TEAMS)**
- 2. NCJ DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS (I.E., LONG TERM RECOVERY TEAMS)**
- 3. NCJ UMVIM OPPORTUNITIES**

**1. DISASTER RESPONSE INFORMATION**

Early Response Teams (ERT) are trained groups of volunteers that can respond to disasters locally, then conference-wide, and then across conference and jurisdictional lines. Trained teams do not need to wait for an invitation to do local response. You should be registered as a team with your conference Disaster Response Coordinator so that they can call on you when an invitation for assistance comes from outside your local area.

Early Response Teams are needed for a narrow window of time - between the professional first response groups and the long-term recovery (UMVIM) teams. You need training to be on an ERT team.

To schedule ERT training in your congregation, cluster or district, contact your conference Disaster Response Coordinator (DRC) <[www.umvimncj.org](http://www.umvimncj.org)> under Disaster Response or Jason Frazer, Disaster Response Liaison for the NCJ can also assist you. DRC's are also listed under their conference affiliation in the project list below. Training comes via the UMCOR pool of Consultants or trained and certified persons in each conference.

Disaster areas that solicit volunteer teams for long-term recovery require sufficient time to assess damage and coordinate a response. Potential teams must be patient in the early stages of disaster. After ERT teams, if an area has extensive damage, a long term recovery team is formed and the help of re-construction/rebuild teams will be solicited.

*The watchword for disaster teams is flexibility, as the situation can change rapidly & often with little notice to incoming teams.*

## 2. LONG TERM RECOVERY (UMVIM) TEAMS ARE NEEDED IN THE NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Flooding and tornadoes have caused damage over the last couple years in the North Central Jurisdiction. Contact information for the Disaster Response coordinator and/or specific disaster site coordinator of the affected conferences are listed below. Contact these folks to find out if/when/where they can use your team!

1. **INDIANA AND OHIO** Tornadoes (8.25.16) The storms that have been making their way across the country hit Indiana and Ohio with Tornadoes. As soon as help is needed I will let you know who to contact. Here is the latest report from FEMA. "The storms caused damage to 65 homes. There were no fatalities and only 15 minor injuries reported! Praise God! Approximately 19,000 people in Indiana and 6,000 people in Ohio are without power at this time." Once UMCOR Volunteers can make assessments we will then know how to better serve the survivors. *(Added 8/2016)*
2. **INDIANA TORNADOES AND FLOODS. 10.7.16** Progress is being made in both Kokomo and South Bend, Indiana as these summer storm stricken communities organize for long term recovery. In each case the long term volunteer registration information will be announced on this site when it is available. In South Bend the case managers will begin working with families this week along with the construction manager determining what repairs and/or rebuilds needs there are. As this information comes together, teams will be requested. South Bend does need persons with **mold remediation** experience or training to perform this task in multiple homes. If you are available to assist with this, please email [southbendvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:southbendvolunteers@gmail.com) letting them know of the number of people available, dates and if you have equipment. This week in Kokomo volunteers will begin calling homeowners for updates on their insurance repairs versus what damage they had. Because this was damage from a tornado there is more insurance coverage than for the rain water backup in South Bend. Case managers will be trained October 18 and 19th following which they will begin meeting with families. If you are interested in being a **case manager** which is an 18 - 24 month commitment, please contact the Indiana Volunteer in Mission Coordinator Beth Stickles McDaniel at [vim@inumc.org](mailto:vim@inumc.org), 317.695.7303. Again, registration for work teams will be announced on this site when details are available. Visit our page at [inumc.org/volunteer](http://inumc.org/volunteer).
3. **IOWA** is experiencing flooding in the North East, North Central and East Central Districts, including the cities of Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Greene, Centerville, Vinton, Cedar Rapids and many more communities. Both the Cedar and the Iowa rivers are flooding at this time. Crest is expected on Tuesday, September 27, 2016. At this time both rivers are expected to crest lower than the record breaking flooding of 2008. As of today (9.26.16), NO Volunteers are needed. ***We will let you know as the recovery progresses.*** We covet your prayers, as we work together in the face of Disaster. Pastor Catie Newman | Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church | Disaster Response Coordinator, [Disaster.response@iaumc.org](mailto:Disaster.response@iaumc.org) *(Added 9/2016)*
4. **WISCONSIN, South West District.** Pastor Jim Aniol has requested work teams to help with flood recovery in the Southwest District, specifically the De Soto area. These do not have to be ERT. This area has been hit hard (close to the Mississippi River) and could use assistance. The contact person is Christine Harrington, [Loverocks@mwt.net](mailto:Loverocks@mwt.net). If you have any questions, please contact me via email or [252-432-2810](tel:252-432-2810). Bud Budzinski, [friartuc@gloryroad.net](mailto:friartuc@gloryroad.net), Disaster Response Coordinator, Wisconsin Conference UMC. *(New 10/10/16)*

5. **MICHIGAN (DETROIT AC) – NORTHWEST DETROIT FLOOD RECOVERY PROJECT - Hope, Healing, Recovery.** Ellison Center of Second Grace UMC, 18900 Joy Rd, Detroit, MI 48228. Volunteers will be needed all of 2016 to help the survivors of this 2014 Flood. We are walking with survivors of the August 11, 2014 flooding. We are accepting volunteers to assist with muck out and rebuild projects. Although the flood was more than one year ago the need for muck outs is still GREAT! We can accommodate individual and group volunteers for one day or multiple days of service. Housing options are available. Donations to the church serving as volunteer hosting site and to the project to help cover the cost of materials are welcome and appreciated. To learn more about our services and volunteer opportunities, please call the office 313-646-4052, [nwdfloodrecovery@gmail.com](mailto:nwdfloodrecovery@gmail.com), or contact our new Volunteer Coordinator, Kayla Flannery, 313-559-2797, [kayla.nwdfloodrecovery@gmail.com](mailto:kayla.nwdfloodrecovery@gmail.com). Check out our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/nwdfpr>. In addition to volunteers, we are also soliciting financial donations. Donations may be sent to the Detroit Annual Conference Treasurer's Office with "Detroit Flood Recovery" in the memo. *(Updated 4/1/16)*
  
6. **MICHIGAN, FLINT,** Ongoing relief effort in Flint - UMCOR has been actively working in Flint since October of 2015. They will be needing volunteers, water donations and financial help this year. Contact Peter Plum, [plum@miareaumc.org](mailto:plum@miareaumc.org), 810.624.5577 for ways to help. You can also give to the [UMCOR Advance 901670](#). All money given to this advance will go to US Disaster Response. *(4/1/16)*
  
7. **OHIO – (W OH CONFERENCE)** - The West Ohio Disaster Response Committee is looking for volunteers. Gallia and Union Counties are still in recovery from flooding and they need help finishing these projects up. Please contact Jeff Walker, [jwalker@alink.com](mailto:jwalker@alink.com) to set up volunteering opportunities in Ohio! *(4/1/16)*
  
8. **MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER, CHATHAM, IL** – P.O. Box 56, 1022 New City Road Chatham, IL 62629. [office@midwestmissiondc.org](mailto:office@midwestmissiondc.org), [www.midwestmissiondc.org](http://www.midwestmissiondc.org). O:217/483-7911, F:217/483-7981. Receive, sort, pack, and prepare for shipment of disaster response goods and humanitarian aid around the USA and abroad. Also, desk shop, bicycle and sewing machine repair shops. Stay on campus in dorm facilities (Max 32) (bring own bedding). Must have own transportation. Costs: \$18 per person per day for room (dorm kitchen is provided), plus \$50 per person for two days or longer to help pay for supplies. Work M-F 8:30am-4pm. J (age 11+), S, F, A, OA, RV. Camping- 13 sites full service hookups. *(UMVIM Project # NCJ-IRG-0204-05, updated 9/29/16)*

### **3. UMVIM OPPORTUNITIES - (ALPHABETICALLY BY CONFERENCE W/IN STATE)**

## — ILLINOIS —

### **NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE**

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#### **UMVIM COORDINATOR**

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### **NORTHERN ILLINOIS:**

**DOOR Chicago**, Andrea Sawyer-Kirksey, director, [andrea@doornetwork.org](mailto:andrea@doornetwork.org), 708-473-0242. 425 South Central Park Blvd, Chicago, IL 60624. Weeklong and weekend opportunities year-round in Chicago IL. Groups ages 13 and up, including college. Your group will witness the powerful ways God is working in the city through our partnerships with dozens of local agencies and ministries. Groups spend time listening, volunteering, and reflecting on experiences and the ways that God and the Bible call people to respond to neighbors, strangers, and injustices. DOOR provides pre-trip materials, housing at a local church, food, service opportunities, and evening programming with reflection, guest input, and worship. \$305/person for weeklong mission. Contact the DOOR national office for more information and availability for DOOR programs. Call 303-295-3667, email [door@doornetwork.org](mailto:door@doornetwork.org), or visit [www.doornetwork.org](http://www.doornetwork.org). S, J, A. Max 70. (UMVIM Project # NCJ-NIC-0915-01)

**GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY** often has volunteer opportunities, mostly repackaging food for distribution. Greater Chicago Food Depository, 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL 60632. Kate Maehr, Exec. Director, [chicagosfoodbank@gcfd.org](mailto:chicagosfoodbank@gcfd.org), 773-247-3663. Please call for their schedule during your mission. See website: <https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/volunteer/> (UMVIM Project # NCJ-NIC-1116-01)

**REYNOLDSWOOD CHRISTIAN CAMP**, Eric Hoffman, 621 Reynoldswood Rd., Dixon, IL 61021. 815/284-6979, F: -8915, [eric@niccamp.org](mailto:eric@niccamp.org) Clear ground for a Prayer Labyrinth, build privacy wall, cut materials and assemble wooden bunk beds, and install fence line. Website: [www.reynoldswood.org](http://www.reynoldswood.org). S, A, RV, Max 25. (UMVIM Project # NCJ-NIC-0204-02; Updated 3/3/14)

**ROCKFORD URBAN MINISTRIES WORK CAMPS**, Contact Danice Loveridge, Program Director, 8301 Mitchell Rd Machesney Park, IL 61115. 815/315-3957, [rockfordworkcamps@gmail.com](mailto:rockfordworkcamps@gmail.com); [www.rockfordworkcamps.org](http://www.rockfordworkcamps.org). J, S, A.

**Who we are:** Rockford Urban Ministries (RUM), works on social justice, peace and advocacy as well as new ministries and programs in the Rock River Valley. Rockford Work Camps (RWC) is a program of RUM that partners with local and national church mission teams for volunteers in mission to help our neighbors in the Rockford area who are struggling with the effects of low income, disability and aging by offering two mission experiences: 1) Construction based mission-restoring homes to safer, drier, warmer

conditions and 2) Service based mission- offering valuable service work to our community partners to help them better leverage their services. Groups can choose one type of mission experience or a combination of both.

**How we work:** RWC is more than a mission experience. Volunteers In Mission receive cultural immersion opportunities that transform the lives of those giving and those receiving. RWC offers year 'round opportunities for mission experiences, and opening and closing worship sessions. We welcome your groups from junior high to adult. Please have adult leader ratio of 1:4 for Jr. High and 1:5 for Sr. High. Maximum group size is 80. We will break you down into 6-8 people per work site. Lodging is at one of three partner churches, all with showers, full kitchens, and recreational activities. Bring your own food. We offer supervision staff and Safe Sanctuary practices.

**What's the Cost:** 1) Construction based mission experience is \$50 per person per day (covers the cost of building materials). 2) Service based mission experience is \$35 per person per day. All groups must submit a \$200 deposit to hold booking date. ½ of total trip cost is due 90 days before arrival with remainder due 60 days before arrival. J, S, A (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-NIC-0204-04; Updated 9/29/16*)

**PEACE CENTER of ROGERS PARK,** Contact Deacon Wes Dorr, 1545 W Morse Ave, Chicago, IL 60626. ): 773/761-2500; C: 847/840-7778, [deaconwes@gmail.com](mailto:deaconwes@gmail.com) or Sabrina Bermingham, 773/620-7038, [sabrinacrp@gmail.com](mailto:sabrinacrp@gmail.com). Peace Center is a Ministry of United Church of Rogers Park (UMC). There are many volunteer opportunities available at United Church and in the Rogers Park community. United Church has experience hosting adult and youth mission trips as well as placing individuals who would like to volunteer on either a long-term basis or one time service project. We have opportunities starting the first week of July through mid-August for Summer Kid's Camp. Mission groups are also needed during Spring Break to assist with our after school program. Our housing includes six bunk beds and two showers as well as a small well equipped kitchen. Cost to stay is \$10 per night. J, S, A, F, I. Certified Safe Sanctuaries Site. Max 25. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-NIC-0715-01; reviewed 9/3/16*)

**OTHER NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE agencies** who appreciate volunteers:

- ◆ **MYSI Corporation**, 3001 W. 111th St., Chicago, IL 60655. Anchored by God's love for all, we help youth, seniors and families reach greater potential by providing high quality, effective programs and services which focus on empowering youth, seniors and families to achieve self-sufficiency. MYSI has opportunities for you! We are always looking for both short and long term volunteers who are committed to doing God's work in the following areas: mentoring, board members, committee members, spiritual coordinators, holiday and special event planning, sponsorships, food pantry assistance and maintenance. MYSI accepts new items on our wish list: school supplies (especially backpacks, binders, calculators, notebooks, journals and pens), art supplies (sketch pads, paints, markers), kitchen supplies (pots, pans, dishes, flatware), full and twin size bedding, suitcases, hygiene and toiletry products, clothing (adult size T-shirts, hoodies, hats, jackets, pajama bottoms, black and brown belts). More ways to help include introduce us to your friends, invite us to present at your local church, make a financial contribution or annual pledge or memorial contributions by leaving MYSI in your will, ask your employer to contribute matching gifts, ask your business or employer to sponsor an MYSI event, provide job opportunities for the youth we serve. Contact Jeborrah Perkins, Community Outreach Manager at 773.840.4600x2238, [JPerkins@myschicago.org](mailto:JPerkins@myschicago.org) or Gina Tober, Clinical Manager, 773.840.4600x2235, [GTober@myschicago.org](mailto:GTober@myschicago.org). Check out our website:[www.myschicago.org](http://www.myschicago.org). (*UMVIM Project #NCJ-NIC-0204-05; Updated 3.6.14*)

## **ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS:**

**MT. TABOR LODGE RENOVATION, LITTLE GRASSY CAMP,** 1 Methodist Camp Road, Makanda, IL 62958. Contact Rev. Ed Hoke, [ehoke@igrc.org](mailto:ehoke@igrc.org). Demolition of the current interior is the first step toward a major makeover of the Mt. Tabor Lodge at Little Grassy. Your help is needed!! Mt. Tabor is the first Master Plan building project that will be funded by the camp sales fund, made possible by the sale of Epworth Camp. The Camping Commission of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference has approved up to \$90,000 to update and modernize the building, which has a large central meeting space with room for 32

persons to sleep. Demolition is expected to begin immediately. Contact **Rev. Ed Hoke**, Minister of Mission Expansion at Little Grassy if you are able to help or need more information. Website: [littlegrassycamp.org](http://littlegrassycamp.org) (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-IRG-1116-01, NEW!*)

**MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER, CHATHAM, IL** – P.O. Box 56, 1022 New City Road Chatham, IL 62629. [office@midwestmissiondc.org](mailto:office@midwestmissiondc.org), [www.midwestmissiondc.org](http://www.midwestmissiondc.org). O:217/483-7911, F:217/483-7981. Receive, sort, pack, and prepare for shipment of disaster response goods and humanitarian aid around the USA and abroad. Also, desk shop, bicycle and sewing machine repair shops. Stay on campus in dorm facilities (Max 32) (bring own bedding). Must have own transportation. Costs: \$18 per person per day for room (dorm kitchen is provided), plus \$50 per person for two days or longer to help pay for supplies. Work M-F 8:30am-4pm. J (age 11+), S, F, A, OA, RV. Camping-13 sites full service hookups. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-IRG-0204-05, updated 9/29/16*)

## — INDIANA —

### INDIANA CONFERENCE

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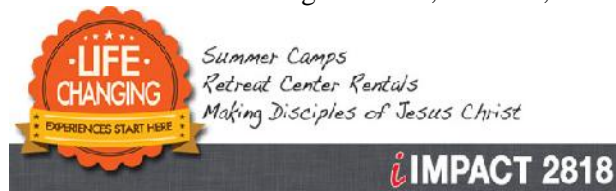
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**CAMP SITES**, seven campsites in the Indiana Conference work together to host groups and can accommodate a wide range of skills, interests, and housing needs. (*Updated for 2016*)



- ◆ **CAMP ADVENTURE**, 5121 N. 1000 E, Pierceton, IN 46562. Contact: Shane Hartman, 574-834-1300, [shartman@impact2818.com](mailto:shartman@impact2818.com). Roofing, painting, grounds work, housekeeping, remodeling. Need 1 spring team and 1 fall team; max 15, A,S,I,F,RV,J with 3:1 youth:adult ratio. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-INC-0204-03; Updated 9/29/16*)
- ◆ **CAMP INDICOSO**, 1558 Sieboldt Quarry Road, Springville, IN 47462. Contact: Missi Weeks-Jones, Camp Manager, 812-275-6925, [mweeks-jones@impact2818.com](mailto:mweeks-jones@impact2818.com). Roofing, housekeeping, painting, grounds work, remodeling cabins, building bunk beds, creating scrapbooks of old photos, sewing new curtains, splitting wood, winterization, outdoor benches/tables repaired, fall leaf raking, trail clearing and maintenance. Stay overnight in our modern cabins or rustic cabins with a shower house (bring your own linens or sleeping bags), Enjoy our nature trails, amazing adventure course and zip lines, and other games, campfires and devotions under the stars. Need at least 1 spring, 1 fall team, max 25. A, F, I, Y, OA, YA, and RV with 3:1 youth adult ratio (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-INC-0308-01; Updated 1/27/16*)
- ◆ **CAMP RIVERVALE**, 496 Rivervale Road, Mitchell, IN 47446. Contact: Pam Tedrow, 812-849-6824, [ptedrow@impact2818.com](mailto:ptedrow@impact2818.com). Housekeeping, Grounds work, including mowing, picking up sticks, wood splitting, flower beds. Hiking trails cleared, painting, remodeling, funds may be needed. Winterization, spring opening tasks. Need 1 spring, 1 fall team, max 15. A,S,I,F,RV, J with 3:1 youth:adult ratio. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-INC-0308-03; Updated 2/2/16*)



- ◆ **EPWORTH FOREST CONFERENCE CENTER**, 8531 E Epworth Forest Road, North Webster, IN 46555. Contact Chris Houser, [chouser@impact2818.com](mailto:chouser@impact2818.com), 574-834-2212. Backup Contact: Angie McClurg, [amcclurg@impact2818.com](mailto:amcclurg@impact2818.com), 574-834-2212. Interior painting. Exterior Painting. Tree clean up. Minor construction like Stair Rails installed on steps. Need 1 spring team and 1 fall team; max 15, A, F, I, J, S, Y, YA, OA, RV with 3:1 youth:adult ratio. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-INC-0204-05; Updated 1/27/16*)

**CREATIVE WOMEN OF THE WORLD (CWOW) / HAPI**, Lorelei VerLee, Ex. Director, 260/267- 9048, 125 West Wayne, Fort Wayne IN 46802, [CreativeWomenoftheWorld@gmail.com](mailto:CreativeWomenoftheWorld@gmail.com). We currently have a variety of volunteer opportunities that vary depending on events we are working on. We can also create specific volunteer opportunities for groups who wish to come and serve. We can create activities and service projects that are appropriate to each group. Most jobs are sit-down jobs except for ironing. CWOW receives goods from artisans, markets them through the CWOW website ([www.gocwow.org](http://www.gocwow.org)) and events, and fulfills orders via direct shipment to the buyer. There are simple sewing and warehouse organizational jobs that we may do when you want to come. CWOW is dedicated to providing design and business training as well as marketing opportunities for women rising out of extreme poverty, human trafficking and tragic disaster around the world. They learn to use the power of creativity to sustainably support their families. This is Global Empowerment through Handmade Design. CWOW represents artisans from 38 countries and works directly with artisans in six. We train artisans in Kenya, Tajikistan, Japan, India, Mexico as well those living in poverty in the US. We welcome volunteers at our new location, just two blocks west of First Wayne UMC. There are hotels, and a sweet B&B, lots of restaurants, and other fun retail stores, a world class library, art museum and concert hall within a five block radius of CWOW. This could be a really fun and gratifying weekend for a group of women! (*ADVANCE #3020490 / UMVIM Project # NCJ-INC-1011-01; Updated 01/11/2016*)

**KOKOMO URBAN OUTREACH**, 1701 S Locke St, Kokomo, IN 46902. Contact Jeff Newton, [urban.outreach@gmail.com](mailto:urban.outreach@gmail.com), 765-457-1983. We work in 26 low income neighborhoods. In the summer we provide meals to children who may not eat for the day, Vacation Bible School and other children's activities such as carnivals, art experiences, etc. Possible work projects: Painting, small construction projects, landscaping, sorting food, organizing warehouses, cleaning etc. Kokomo Urban Outreach is a 501(c)3, while KUO is not officially United Methodist, Jeff Newton is an ordained Elder in the UMC. Our offices are housed in a UM Church, we are supported by all nine UM Churches in our county. Much of our financial support comes from UM Churches. Our goal for the mission teams who come to Kokomo is to help us to complete tasks we cannot do alone, teach youth about the challenges of poverty and give youth the opportunity to work with impoverished children and their families. CSS certified. Dates: **Mid June to first week in August**. Project Cost: \$125/person for 5 days if Kokomo Urban Outreach provides food and lodging. Bunkhouse with showers (sleeps 30). Website: <http://www.kokomourbanoutreach.org/>. A, J, S, YA, CSS, RV hookups at a reasonable distance. Max 30. (*INUMC NC District Advance Project; UMVIM Project # NCJ-INC-0213-0; Updated 1/09/16*).

## — IOWA —

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**CHILDREN AND FAMILY URBAN MOVEMENT**, 1548 8th St, Des Moines, IA 50311. Contact: Linda Danielson or Bernadette Egger, 515-282-3242, <[Linda@cfum.org](mailto:Linda@cfum.org)>, <[Bernadette@cfum.org](mailto:Bernadette@cfum.org)>. *Several volunteer options* are available and listed on the website <[www.cfum.org](http://www.cfum.org)>.

**All day programming:** during the summer groups can assist with academics and or preparing and serving lunches.

**Cleaning Projects:** weekdays any dates except All Day Programming weeks. 9AM-12 noon or 9AM-3PM, includes kitchen, dining room, classrooms and library, maintenance in all rooms.

**Cornerstone Renovation:** Skilled carpenters, plumbers, electricians and painters who could work on repair and renovation projects in the building. (*UMVIM Project #NCJ-IAC-0912-01; updated 1/27/15*)

**MATTHEW 25**, 201 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. A variety of urban farm volunteer opportunities include washing produce, harvesting produce and weeding on the urban farm. Painting homes, urban farm maintenance, tool library organizing, etc. Book Buddies and Garden Buddies are opportunities to interact/volunteer with children. **TRANSFORM WEEK is June 26-30, 2017** – a week devoted to neighborhood revitalization projects. Go to [http://www.hub25.org/take\\_action/volunteer/](http://www.hub25.org/take_action/volunteer/) or contact Eden Youngberg, 319/362-2214 X12, [eden@hub25.org](mailto:eden@hub25.org) or Clint Twedt-Ball, [clint@hub25.org](mailto:clint@hub25.org), X14. J (must have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade), S, A, I, F. Max 200 (*UMVIM Project #NCJ-IAC-0212-01; Updated 9/29/16*)

**NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS**, 1411 Brady, Davenport, IA 52803. 563-323-5295 F: 563-322-2800, Pastor Kwang Song, O: 563-324-5278, <[kwang.song@stjohnsumc-dav.com](mailto:kwang.song@stjohnsumc-dav.com)>, Pennie Kellenberger, C: 563-370-7869, <[liv4jezus@yahoo.com](mailto:liv4jezus@yahoo.com)>, and/or Anne Lippincott, W: 563-324-5278, <[revannelippincott@stjohnsumc-dav.com](mailto:revannelippincott@stjohnsumc-dav.com)>. For YOUTH TEAMS. Working in the heart of the Hilltop urban neighborhood of Davenport, IA. Home repair, yard work, serving meals, homeless ministry, neighborhood outreach, etc. Teams Arrive Sunday evenings, depart Friday mornings. Cost \$250 / participant (includes a place to stay, showers, breakfast and lunch. Students will be in mission projects during the day and enjoying the area for evening activities.) Evening meal not included. Need teams in June, July and August. Y, F, I. RV nearby. Max 15 students w/ 3 adults (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-IAC-0211-01; Updated 1/26/15*)

**OKOBOJI CAMP & RETREAT CENTER**, Bryan Johnson, Site Director, 21413 154th St. Place, Spirit Lake, IA 51360. 712/336-2936; [info@okobojicamp.com](mailto:info@okobojicamp.com), or Eric Sheve, [eric@okobojicamp.com](mailto:eric@okobojicamp.com) web: <http://www.okobojicamp.com/>. Ongoing maintenance, sewing, cleaning, painting, general site improvements, landscaping. The list of needs is long and we always appreciate volunteers! The Okoboji Camp is a safe place for kids to learn, grow and share their faith. All hands on deck! J, S, A, I, F, CSS, RV. Max 80. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-IAC-0404-01; Updated 2/26/16*)

**PICTURED ROCKS UM CAMP & RETREAT CENTER**, [picturedrocks.camp@iaumc.org](mailto:picturedrocks.camp@iaumc.org), Director Gabe Dorrell, 12004 190<sup>th</sup> St., Monticello, IA 52310, [gabe.dorrell@iaumc.org](mailto:gabe.dorrell@iaumc.org), O: 319/465-4194, C: 608/217-0840. Ann Brehm, Asst Director, [ann.brehm@iaumc.org](mailto:ann.brehm@iaumc.org). Website: [www.picturedrocks.org/](http://www.picturedrocks.org/). We are a camp and retreat center that focuses on providing experiential opportunities for groups and individuals to encounter God. Volunteer In Mission groups are a crucial part of building and maintaining a safe, secure environment through which those experiential opportunities occur. Projects range from risk management maintenance to structural building. In 2016, we look forward to projects such as re-construction of exterior steps, development of fire rings, and outdoor activity structures. Pictured Rocks has several opportunities for group building and relaxation for those times that the group/individual is not involved with the project. Groups can take part in opportunities such as swimming, canoeing, rock climbing, climbing tower/zip line, disk golf and more. J, S, A, I, F, RV. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-IAC-0404-02. Updated 4/12/16*)

**WESLEY WOODS CAMP & RETREAT CENTER**, Kim Campbell (Retreat & Vol. Coord.) 10896 Nixon St., Indianola, IA 50125. <[retreat@wesleywoodsia.org](mailto:retreat@wesleywoodsia.org)>, 515-961-4523 ext. 101 or 1-800-684-7753. Camp upkeep, remodeling lodges or cabins for year-round retreats, set up of outpost sites for summer camping season, carpentry, plumbing, painting, insulating, and siding. Fence work, clearing brush, trail maintenance, chopping and hauling wood. Three hours of work will equal 1/2 price lodging. Can provide meals. Contact us for prices. <[www.wesleywoodsia.org](http://www.wesleywoodsia.org)> J, S, A, OA, on site RV. Max 60. (UMVIM Project # NCJ-IAC-0404-03 Updated 2/12/16)

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**CASS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES**, Rev. Faith Fowler, 11745 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206. O: [313/883-2277](tel:3138832277), C: [313/408-1980](tel:3134081980), [ffowler@casscommunity.org](mailto:ffowler@casscommunity.org), or Rev Sue Pethoud, O: [313/883-2277](tel:3138832277), C: [810/278-1235](tel:8102781235), [spethoud@casscommunity.org](mailto:spethoud@casscommunity.org). There is much to do at CCSS from food prep and yard work to small construction projects and green industries - making door mats out of discarded tires, coasters out of recycled glass and wood, and sandals out of old seat belts as well as paper, metal and cardboard board recycling. We have a day program for developmentally disabled adults that could always use an extra hand! Our latest project "Tiny Homes" can use skilled volunteers when the time is right. We can use you for a day, a morning or an entire week! We are the perfect site for your overnight mission experience. We charge \$20 per person per night to cover food, lodging, materials, a dinner out on the town (if you stay more than three nights) and general sightseeing in the City. Website: [www.casscommunity.org](http://www.casscommunity.org) (UMVIM Project # NCJ-DET-0412-01, Updated 9/29/16)

**GOD'S COUNTRY COOPERATIVE PARISH**, Randy Hildebrant, [RHildebrant@umcmision.org](mailto:RHildebrant@umcmision.org), Church & Community Worker with GCCP, Newberry UMC, 110 W. Harrie Street, Newberry, MI 49869. Facebook Page: [God's Country Cooperative Parish](https://www.facebook.com/GodsCountryCooperativeParish). Located in Newberry, Michigan in the Upper Peninsula. Home repair ministry families in need. Accommodations provided in churches and local homes or camping in state parks on Lake Superior. We accept individuals or groups in the summer months. The dates open are June 11-17, June 18-24, July 30-August 5, August 13-19. We also have one weekend available in September, 22-24th. And the weekend of October 6-8 is available. Please feel free to call me at cell (906) 630-3213 or Office (906) 293-5711. Cost is \$225.00 which includes housing in a church and costs of materials for the project. You need to cover your own food costs. Y, A, S, I [\[#3020435 - God's Country Cooperative Parish\]](https://www.facebook.com/GodsCountryCooperativeParish) (UMVIM Project # NCJ-DET-0204-01; Updated 11/29/16)

**MOTOWN MISSION EXPERIENCE**, Sarah Alexander, 8000 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202, [info@motownmission.org](mailto:info@motownmission.org), [313-718-2275](tel:313-718-2275). A UMC-related youth work mission destination in the City of Detroit. This experience is both missional and cross-cultural for our volunteers. Participants live in the city for a week, serve alongside our neighbors, and get immersed in the culture of Motown through urban excursions, a Tiger's game, and other adventures. You can serve for a day trip, a half-week trip, or a full week. Volunteers serve existing organizations (you choose where you'd like to serve) ensuring the great work you do continues on long after your time in Detroit. Ministries include:

- Home repair (light and heavy) -- Housing renovation, blight removal, boarding up of abandoned homes, lot clearing/fence repair
- Greening -- Weeding, harvesting, planting at Urban Gardens across the city
- Feeding ministries -- Brown bag lunch preparation, serving guests meals, food distribution and organization

Participants stay in local UMCs and work in various neighborhoods around Detroit. Participant fees are dependent upon how long groups would like to serve. We hire college-age young adults to serve as summer staffers, providing them with intentional community, leadership development, and spiritual/vocational discernment. Join this movement, we'd love to have you serve with us! For more information or to register online: [www.motownmission.org](http://www.motownmission.org). J (graduated 6th grade), S, A, F. Max 100. (*UMVIM Project #NCJ-DET-1009-01; Updated 10/5/16*)

**SAGANING NATIVE AMERICAN CENTER, STANDISH, MI**, Contact: **Tom Anderson**, 989-422-5622, [anderson810@gmail.com](mailto:anderson810@gmail.com). Project Address: Oscoda Indian Church, 120 W. Dwight St., Oscoda MI, 48750 or Oscoda UMC, 120 W. Dwight St., Oscoda MI, 48750. The Saganing Native American Center is a new designated project of the Detroit Annual Conference (DAC) Committee on Native American Ministry (CONAM). The facilities are located in Standish, MI and previously served as a Native American Church since 1875. In the fall of 2013, the CONAM accepted an offer to utilize the site for furthering the development in meeting the needs of the Native American population in the DAC. The site is in need of ongoing care for the Native American burial grounds adjacent to the former church building, interior cleaning, improvements and renovations to both interior and exterior and structural repairs to the steeple. Specifically, we are in need of the following:

Urgent repairs and needs (listed in order of priority)

1. Roof repairs
2. 8 large window replacements
3. Building power washed – water truck needed due to well/pump issues
4. Flooring

Ongoing and annual needs: Spring grounds cleanup & planting, Fall grounds cleanup, Burial grounds cleanup. (*UMVIM Project #NCJ-DET-0315-01*)

**TWINING COMMUNITY NEW CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**. Pastor David Wichert, Christ UMC, 3322 E. Huron Rd., P.O. Box 145, Au Gres, MI 48703, [wichertdg@yahoo.com](mailto:wichertdg@yahoo.com), O: 989-876-7449, C: 989-528-9032.

This is a new congregation development project utilizing former church space. We have a number of team service opportunities that we could use your help with:

- Construction Priority ASAP: hand dig and pour a footing, reconstruct and replace approx. 25' X 3" crawl space wall with cinder blocks (original was field stone) that fell inside and under the church office and sanctuary.
- Helping hand assistance projects: several sorting and organizing seasonal storage areas inside and outside, equipment maintenance neglected due to aging and declining church membership. Convert closet off sanctuary to a half bathroom.
- Teaching/evangelism/VBS: staff and teach evening VBS for families for small town/rural church in economically depressed village and county. Team to provide is own curriculum or utilize recycled material from our Saginaw Bay District resource library.
- Community Health Living: Assist with various facets of our church owned community garden applicable to timing of team on site; could be planting, watering, weeding, fencing for

deer/rabbit control, assisting elderly and handicapped with individual plots, harvest and preparation of fresh produce for the community food pantry.

- Community Health Living: Various small, individual, home improvement projects for poor and elderly to reduce heating and/or cooling costs or improve handicap accessibility will be made available to teams with more construction skills..

Teams could stay in our family activity center on the AuGres campus. We have 12 mattresses to use on the floor and/or we are constructing 6 camp style bunks as one of the construction projects. If teams choose, there are several different campsites in the area (we will be utilizing one in AuGres for showers) Project Cost is \$300-400 per team. The costs would include the cost for camping otherwise part would be a donation for construction materials. Thank you for your assistance. Also our not up to date webpage is AuGres & Twining, MI - United Methodist Church, <http://augresumc.org/>, however maps and basic information is correct prior to merger and renaming of the ministry. Y, A, S, J, F. Max 12. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-DET-0516-01; NEW 5/16!*)

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**EMMA NORTON RESIDENCE**, Judy Conn, 670 N. Robert St., St. Paul, MN 55101. 651/251-2629, [enrjconn@hotmail.com](mailto:enrjconn@hotmail.com). Landscaping, painting, gardening and electrical work. Website: <http://www.emmanorton.org/>. S, A. [#171200 - Emma Norton Services] (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-MNC-0204-01*)

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**, packing nutritious food for worldwide distribution. Register to do volunteering, <http://www.fmssc.org>. Contact is Barb Shimshock, [bshimshock@fmssc.org](mailto:bshimshock@fmssc.org), 763-404-7416. Coon Rapids, Chanhassen and Eagan locations. Christian non-profit Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) has tackled world hunger since 1987 by sending volunteer-packed, nutritious meals to 70 countries. These meals are specifically designed to reverse and prevent malnutrition and are used in schools, orphanages, clinics and feeding programs to break the cycle of poverty. In 2014, FMSC welcomed nearly 900,000 volunteers to pack more than 229 million meals through its permanent sites and nationwide MobilePack program. The Minnesota-based charity spends 92% of total donations directly on feeding the hungry and has earned the highest 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for 10 consecutive years. Visit [fmssc.org](http://fmssc.org) for more information A. J. S. I. F Max 140. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-NIC-0204-02: resubmitted profile 01/13/16*)

**UM CAMPS: UM VOLUNTEER IN MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**, Contact Keith Shew, [keith.shew@minnesotaumc.org](mailto:keith.shew@minnesotaumc.org), 612-230-6130. Campers need your help! Visit camp for a day, take on a few projects, make some new friends, and help prepare the campsite for summer ministry. You are helping to create a safe, clean and welcoming place for God to meet with children, youth and families! Every pair of hands counts! Perfect for youth groups, men's groups or families! There are projects for all skills levels and group sizes. Overnight accommodations may be available—call campsite to make reservations. Meals, materials and supervision of projects provided. Contact campsites for more information. *Additional dates may be available; contact campsite directly to set up your own Volunteers in Mission day.* A, J, S, I F. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-MNC-0116-01; updated January 2016*)  
**Camp Koronis, Paynesville, MN : May**, Leader: Koronis Staff, 320-243-4544

Northern Pines Camp, Park Rapids, MN : May, Leader: Northern Pines Staff, 218-732-4713  
Kowakan Adventures near Ely, MN : June, Leader: Kowakan Staff, 240-394-5956

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**SPIRIT LAKE NATION NATIVE AMERICAN RESERVATION:** Spirit Lake Nation North Dakota. Contact the Spirit Lake Ministry Center, Mike and Libby Flowers directors, [childharvest@msn.com](mailto:childharvest@msn.com), 701-799-1174, 3365 81st Ave NE Sheyenne ND 58374. Web: <http://spiritlakeministrycenter.org>. Renovation, Construction, Vacation Bible School, Food Pantry, and other ministries. Max: 65. [\[#3020453 - Spirit Lake Ministry Center\]](#) (UMVIM Project # NCJ-DAK-0106-01: Updated 11/21/16.)



#### WESLEY ACRES WORK CAMP, May 2-4, 2014,

1821 115th Ave SE, Dazey, ND 58429. Dedicated individuals with a passion for camping and willing hands are the heart and soul of the camping ministry. Without the gifts and time you share the camps would not exist as

you know them today. Thank you for all that you give. An opportunity to help prepare for the 2014 camping season at Wesley Acres Camp and Retreat Center is being offered the weekend of May 2-4. Come for a day or for the weekend and enjoy great Christian fellowship as you put your hands to work. Contact Directors Paul and Brenda Lint, 701-733-2413, [wac@dakcamps.org](mailto:wac@dakcamps.org) if you are able to help. They will be expecting you and has work planned accordingly. Intergenerational. Full Rate: Free Will Offering. [Register](#). Other work available other dates by contacting the directors. [Website](#). . (UMVIM Project # NCJ-DAK-0204-02; Updated 10/21/16)

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## **EAST OHIO:**

**BLUE ROSE MISSION, MANSFIELD, OH.** 230 S. Main Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902, 419-524-3762, [workmission@bluerosemission.org](mailto:workmission@bluerosemission.org), <http://www.bluerosemission.org>. *Rebuilding Mission of Richland County, Ohio.* We have work assignments for youth (12 and older) and adults. We are accepting 1 to 3 day volunteers or week long (Sunday pm to Saturday am) mission teams for the summer and fall. This Mission is ecumenical in nature and wishes to include all workers possessing a loving heart. Stay overnight in rustic cabins/ bunkhouses with a shower house (bring your own linens or sleeping bags), meals and evening devotion and conversation time over a campfire. 34 acres property available for nature hikes, games, campfires and devotions under the stars. Applications are available on the Blue Rose Mission website. **Mission Statement:** To provide opportunities for people to bring Christ to homeowners in need in Richland County through home improvement projects. Y, A. Brochure with up to date information is on the web!

Typical Mission Activities:

- Painting
- Home Repairs
- Winterization
- Porch Repair
- Disaster Cleanup & Rebuilding
- Building Ramps

EOC Advance Specials #9940 (*NCJ-EOH-0908-01; Reviewed 11/01/16*).

**CARDINGTON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**, 300 S Marion St, Cardington, OH 43315. Contact Jean Smith, H: 419-864-5980, C: 419-610-6404, [jsmith8@Columbus.rr.com](mailto:jsmith8@Columbus.rr.com). This is a weekly food pantry held at the Cardington UMC. We are open from 9AM – 1PM every Wednesday. A team of 5-10 people is required to run the pantry. Some lifting is required for some jobs, but there are jobs that require little lifting. Max: 10. A, J, S, I, F. Certified Safe Sanctuaries. **UMVIM Project # NCJ-EOH-0615-01**

**GOODNESS GROWS**, 2310 W. South Range Rd, North Lima, OH 44452 O: 330-549-9408, Fax: 330-549-9408. Contact Kitty Kromer, [kitty@goodnessgrows4all.org](mailto:kitty@goodnessgrows4all.org). During a Food Justice Mission Trip groups will: work alongside community members, farmers, and kids growing fruit and vegetables and creating a sustainable food system. See how urban lots in Youngstown, Ohio have been turned into productive farms and community gardens. Work in food desert areas to achieve food access. Share fresh produce during two meals that highlight “Flavors of the Week.” Explore the Bible’s teachings on justice and stewardship and make positive change. The host, Goodness Grows, is an agricultural training and creation care non-profit based at Common Ground Church. Their mission is to help, “individuals and communities thrive through agriculture that gives life.” They work with special needs students and adults to grow produce naturally. They had 5 interns and 5 special needs interns for summer 2015, who raised and sold produce at a farmers market, had a CSA, and did community education. Goodness Grows also assists urban communities in learning how to grow their own food. **Cost:** ~ \$50.00/person/day. Other Opportunities: Lamppost Farm, Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp, and Mahoning Valley Rescue Mission are near-by. Pittsburgh, Akron, and Canton are 1 hour away. **DATES:** Spring, Summer (June - July) S, A, I, F. Max 32. (**UMVIM Project # NCJ-EOC-0314-01; updated 12/14/15**)

**H2O MISSIONS, INC.** Contact Lee Dey Ermand, [lee\\_deyermund@yahoo.com](mailto:lee_deyermund@yahoo.com), 440-813-1321, PO Box 52, Jefferson, Oh 44047, or Jack Howe, [johnjude2425@gmail.com](mailto:johnjude2425@gmail.com), 440-344-1521. Interdenominational ministry working on volunteer home repair in Ashtabula county OH (east of Cleveland). Jobs for all skill levels and interests. Projects throughout the year. A, Jr, Sr, I, F. Max 20. (**UMVIM Project # NCJ-EOH-Reviewed 12/15**).

## **SOWER (Sharing Our Witness Enriching Relationships) WORK MISSION, EPWORTH CENTER**, Rev. Dawn Livingston, 301 N Main St, Box 538 Bethesda, OH 43719

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SOWER Work Mission groups help make building repairs for individuals, families, churches and nonprofit organizations who cannot afford them. These groups participate in five-day or weekend work camps to share their witness as they become the hands and feet of Jesus Christ by giving their time as servants of God. Anyone age 12 or older is welcome to participate in the Program. One adult must accompany every five youth (five girls with one female adult or five boys with one male adult).

SOWER Work Mission teams have the option to choose their own projects. In the past, projects have included scraping, painting, porch rebuilding, roof repairs, and handicap accessible ramps. Although we want our SOWER groups to work as servants of Christ, we also want the experience to be well-balanced. Groups are encouraged to take Wednesday off, and enjoy themselves with the recreation of their choice. Housing is provided in the Epworth Center's cabins. Each cabin sleeps 8-12, with the exception of renovated #2, which sleeps 16. The cabins have their own restroom facilities, including showers. Each cabin has separate rooms with bunk beds. Participants need to bring their own bedding. Breakfast and dinner are served in the air conditioned lodge. Lunch is provided by a host church near the worksite, or, because of the location, a packed lunch is taken with the group. Meals are provided Monday breakfast thru Friday lunch, with Wednesday lunch and dinner on your own if you take the Fun Day. Full week camper fees are \$275/person and \$1500 material fee for group size up to 12 + \$80/each additional person. Weekend and partial week camps are also available. <[facebook.com/sower.mission](https://facebook.com/sower.mission)>.

*(This is a ministry of the East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church, working within the Southern Hills and Ohio Valley Districts. SOWER has an ecumenical focus, welcoming groups from many denominations. [EOC Advance Specials #9140 - SOWER, #9191 - Extension (Outreach) Ministries] (UMVIM Project # NCJ-EOH-0105-01; Updated 1/20/15)*

**SOWER (Sharing Our Witness Enriching Relationships) WORK MISSION, EPWORTH CENTER, First Step Youth Work Mission Adventure.** Rev. Dawn Livingston, 301 N Main St, Box 538 Bethesda, OH 43719 <[epworthcenter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:epworthcenter@sbcglobal.net)>, <<[www.epworthcenter.org](http://www.epworthcenter.org)>>, 740-484-4705, F: 740-484-0252. A 1-3 day work mission experience in the Appalachian hills of Bethesda, OH. Affordable and open to all first-time work mission youth groups. Fees are \$50.00/person/day, and material donations are welcomed. Open to all youth groups, ages 12 and up, who have never participated in a work mission and can't commit as a group to taking a full trip. This is a wonderful learning, growing and service opportunity! We want to help equip your youth group to get involved in serving as the hands, feet and smile of Jesus Christ. Your group will in turn reach out to our neighbors in need. Projects will include painting, porch repair, small construction, yard work and more. We have staff and servants here to help make your experience a great one. There are limited spaces available, so contact us today! Any size groups are welcome. <[facebook.com/sower.mission](https://facebook.com/sower.mission)> (UMVIM Project # NCJ-EOH-0112-01; Updated 1/20/15)

**STARK COUNTY AREA, GLEANING IN OHIO:** Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) has a Hunger Relief Advocate coordinating gleaning in this county. Contact Ronnie Wendell, [HRAEOhio@neo.rr.com](mailto:HRAEOhio@neo.rr.com) for information. Volunteers glean fields by going to area farms and picking left-over fruits and vegetables for distribution to agencies that feed the hungry. This is an ongoing project and dates vary according to the availability of produce. In 2014, more than 31 thousand volunteers gleaned nutritious produce from farmers' fields and orchards after the harvest throughout the USA. These gleanings provided more than 18 million pounds of fresh food to those in need. Website: <http://endhunger.org/>. A, J, S, F, I. (UMVIM Project #NCJ-EOC-0415-01)

**THE L.E.A.F. (LOVING EQUALLY ALL FAMILIES), Project. July 19 & 21-26, 2014.** Co- Coordinators: Jeff Raines ([jeffraines@leafconneaut.com](mailto:jeffraines@leafconneaut.com)) and Jeff Pritchard ([jeffritchard@leafconneaut.com](mailto:jeffritchard@leafconneaut.com)), 744 Mill Street, Conneaut, OH 44030. This ecumenical group of Christians does a week of projects every year working with those in need in Conneaut, Ohio. Project work includes home repairs (carpentry, painting, cleaning, yard work and roofing) for homeowners or organizations that cannot afford or are unable to physically do the work themselves. The L.E.A.F. Project runs only one week in July. 2014 dates are July 19 and 21 – 26th. Cost for volunteers who will be staying overnight or all week is: \$225 or \$35 day/volunteer. There is a non-refundable deposit of \$35 per volunteer, for teams up to 10 volunteers. For groups larger than 10, there is a \$350 maximum non-refundable deposit. Applications and deposits are due by May 29, 2014. Meals are included but you must bring your own bedding and toiletries. Groups of adults and/or youth are welcome. One adult leader is



required per five youth, of the same gender. Sleeping quarters are in classrooms. Showers are available. A donation for materials is welcome. Additional information and forms may be acquired via <http://www.Leafconneaut.com> (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-EOH-1009-01; Updated 1/20/14*).

**THE NEHEMIAH MISSION OF CLEVELAND**, Jim Szakacs, Exec. Dir., 216-961-6968 EXT 10, [director@nehemiahmission.org](mailto:director@nehemiahmission.org), 6515 Bridge Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102, or visit [www.NEHEMIAHMISSION.org](http://www.NEHEMIAHMISSION.org) for complete information. This is a program of The North Coast District of the UMC (East Ohio Conference). “The Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland rebuilds the lives and homes of the physically and fiscally challenged of Cleveland through volunteer mission teams who improve living environments in order to sow seeds of hope for individuals and neighborhoods.”

The mission consists of a primary housing center with dormitory style sleeping arrangements for up to 50, showers, lounges, kitchen, worship space, gym and internet access. All sleeping, dining and shower facilities are centrally air conditioned.

The Nehemiah Mission is an urban mission that serves the entire metropolitan area of Cleveland, OH. Team projects include light construction, painting, home repair, landscaping, feeding the poor and teaching VBS. The mission staff provides daily devotionals and may plan more extensive Bible study and discussion time based on group requests or will allow group leadership to design their own devotional program. Cleveland offers a diverse mix of cultural, art, music, sports, dining and entertainment attractions. This is a twelve month facility that works with mission teams of all ages from 12 up. J, S, A. The mission is also available as a retreat center.

As of 2014, the mission has a connection with the Ganta Mission in Ganta, Liberia, West Africa. 10% of all tuition is set aside for aid to Ganta. For more information on this program contact the mission directly. 216-961-6968 ext. 10. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-EOH-1104-01; Reviewed 11/01/16*)

**URBAN MISSION MINISTRIES-JOSHUA** (Journeys Of Service Helping Upper Appalachia), Ashley Steele at [asteel@urbanmission.org](mailto:asteel@urbanmission.org) or Angie Brown at [abrown@urbanmission.org](mailto:abrown@urbanmission.org), 301 N 5th St, Steubenville OH 43952. 740/282-8010, [www.urbanmission.org](http://www.urbanmission.org). Groups who wish to participate in a weekend or week-long mission project have the opportunity to choose their own projects as well as a few excursions throughout their mission experience. Work projects include: painting, small repairs, installation of wheelchair ramps, siding, yard work, volunteering at the Unity Kitchen, packing bags and distributing food, worshipping with the Mission Rejoice worship community at the Mission, and more. Excursions include (1) day or evening trip to Pittsburgh, PA 40 minutes away (Pirates baseball, clipper boats and amusement park); (2) Cedar Point Amusement Park 3 hours away; (3) Pool and winter Park in Wheeling, WV 30 minutes away. Daily devotions are also offered for each group. J, S, A, Max 60. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-EOH-2004-02; Updated 2/6/14*)

**OPEN M**, (OPPORTUNITY for PEOPLE EVERYWHERE in NEED MINISTRY), Dottie Achmoody-CEO, 941 Princeton St., Akron, OH 44311-1957. 330-434-0110, [dachmoody@openm.org](mailto:dachmoody@openm.org). Our mission in Summit County is to build bridges out of poverty by fostering health, wellness and nutrition for the body; education for the mind; and hope, joy and spiritual growth for the soul. For additional information check our website [www.openm.org](http://www.openm.org). (*UMVIM Project #NCJ-EOH-0204-01; Reviewed 11/20/15*)

**SANDUSKY ECUMENICAL SERVICE**, Carolyn Springer, [springercara@aol.com](mailto:springercara@aol.com), 419-625-6261, First Presbyterian Church, 265 Jackson Street, Sandusky, OH, 44870. Customize your mission. We provide housing, handicapped-accessible bathrooms and showers, AC, breakfast and lunch. We help you plan your mission and recreation by sending you a list of available mission projects for the time you wish to serve. We will line up the selected projects and make arrangements for you to succeed in your mission project. Projects include environmental projects, spending time with children or veterans, our senior center, the homeless shelter and the local food pantry. We can also reserve tickets for Cedar Point, local water park during your stay. Cost is \$25/person/night. J, S, F, Max 30. (*UMVIM Project #NCJ-EOH-0110-01; Updated 2/5/14*)

**WANAKE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER**, 9463 Manchester Ave SW, Beach City, OH 44608. *Work days:* April 23 & May 7, 2016. 8:30-4:00 pm. Lunch and Fellowship included. Please RSVP to [info@campwanake.org](mailto:info@campwanake.org) or call 330-756-2333 a week in advance so we can plan accordingly! *SEASONAL.*

### **WEST OHIO:**

**GOOD WORKS, INC.** Paul Richard, Director of Operations, <[paul@good-works.net](mailto:paul@good-works.net)>. PO Box 4, Athens, OH 45701. Good Works exists to connect people from all walks of life with



people in poverty so that the kingdom of God can be experienced. We have been serving people struggling with poverty in rural Appalachia since 1981 through relational initiatives that provide support and instill dignity. Work Retreats give groups the opportunity to serve the people of our community who are struggling with poverty while experiencing community life in the Hannah House. You can learn more on our website <[www.good-works.net](http://www.good-works.net)> Click on *What We Do* and then *Short Term Mission Teams*. Email us: <[goodworks@good-works.net](mailto:goodworks@good-works.net)> or call: 740-594-3336 [#194382 - Good Works – Connecting people from all walks of life so that the kingdom of God can be experienced.] (UMVIM Project # NCJ-WOH-0211-01: Updated 1/16/15)

**J.A.M. (JACKSON AREA MINISTRIES)**, Rev. Robert Davis, P.O. Box 603, Jackson, OH 45640, Phone 1-888-237-3141, Fax: 740-288-4308, email: [jamjar@midohio.twcbc.com](mailto:jamjar@midohio.twcbc.com). Volunteer opportunities in Appalachian Ohio. Inquiries can be made by phone or e-mail. Projects include affordable housing, accessibility issues such as ramps, basic home repairs, vacation Bible schools and community service projects. Accepting youth and adults starting at the 8th grade. Work camp season June - August other dates pre-arranged. Website: [www.jamumc.org](http://www.jamumc.org) J, S, A, RV. [#194431 - Jackson Area Ministries] (UMVIM Project # NCJ-WOH-0204-02; reviewed 11/22/16)

**SOWER (Sharing Our Witness – Enriching Relationships)**, Henderson Settlement, Frakes, KY project (Part of the Red Bird Missionary Conference). Ralph & Carolyn Brandon, SOWER UMVIM Team Leaders. 231 McMillen Dr., Newark, OH 43055, 740-344-5581, [sowervimproject@gmail.com](mailto:sowervimproject@gmail.com). SOWER is an UMVIM outreach project of the West Ohio Conference UMC serving Henderson Settlement. Henderson Settlement provides a multitude of services to the area. In 2017 SOWER UMVIM Teams will be constructing the SOWER's 16<sup>th</sup> home for a family. Estimated \$45,000 in materials are needed to build one of the 28' x 28' or 28' x 32' houses from the ground up. This project needs volunteers and funding!

**What:** West Ohio Conference UMVIM construction project - SOWER

**Objective:** To construct a house from the foundation up for a family in need

**Where:** Henderson Settlement, Frakes, KY (Part of the Red Bird Missionary Conference)

**Team Dates in 2017:** May 7-13 & 14-20; July 9-15 & 16-22; August 13-19 & 20-26

**Cost:** \$250/volunteer for chosen week (covers room and board at Henderson Settlement)

**Materials:** Funds/pledges are needed for ~\$45,000 cost of materials; suggested \$400-\$500/volunteer

**Contact:** Ralph and Carolyn Brandon - 740-344-5581 or [sowervimproject@gmail.com](mailto:sowervimproject@gmail.com)

(UMVIM Project # NCJ-WOH-0211-01; Updated 9/30/16)



**2016 SOWER House** - ~70 volunteers worked on the 15<sup>th</sup> home in Henderson area

**SUMMER IMPACT PROGRAM** - Hyde Park Community UMC, 1345 Grace Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45208. Contact Sarah Putman, 513-979-8162, [sputman@hpcumc.org](mailto:sputman@hpcumc.org). This program is set up to invite youth from all over the country to come join us in making an impact on those living in poverty and homelessness in Cincinnati. Appropriately named, Summer Impact offers six week-long experiences that immerse both ourselves and our friends in building relationships that will leave an impact on the hearts and minds of all involved. Following a pattern of Bible Study, Service, and Celebration, each day has a heartbeat of its own while still having a connecting thread to the week's events. We work alongside nine city ministry partners ministering to children in a camp setting or literacy setting, adults recovering from sickness while experiencing homelessness, alongside a furniture bank distributing furniture to families who have just obtained permanent housing, as well as many other partners and experiences. Throughout the week you will have the opportunity to work with ministry partners and take part in a full range of experiences with them. In the evenings we will gather back together and celebrate all that God has done, is doing, and will do in and through us via worship and sharing. **2017 Ministry Weeks are June 11-July 21.** Each week begins on Sunday and runs through Friday. We do not schedule partial weeks. We would love for you to join us! If you are part of a church group looking for an unforgettable mission experience of building relationships with those in the city, visit [www.hydeparkchurch.org/summer-impact](http://www.hydeparkchurch.org/summer-impact) for more information about the program, then venture over to <http://hydeparkchurch.org/2017-dates-registration-cost/> for available dates, cost, and to submit a group application. A, Jr, Sr, I, F (all members 13+), max 50. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-WOH-0215-01; Updated 11/22/16*)

#### **CAMPS AND RETREAT CENTERS:**

**CAMP OTTERBEIN**, 15779 Cox Road, Logan OH 43138. Contact Scott Seese, [sseese@wocumc.org](mailto:sseese@wocumc.org), O:740-385-5712, C:740-603-5220 or Ken Overholser, [koverholser@wocumc.org](mailto:koverholser@wocumc.org), O:614-844-6200, C: 937-216-8854. Fall 2014 projects will be available. A, Jr, Sr, I, F, SS, max 40. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-WOH-0514-01*)

**CAMP WESLEY**, 653 Twp Road 37E, Bellefontaine, OH 43311. Contact Heather Brake, [hbrake@wocumc.org](mailto:hbrake@wocumc.org), O:937-592-1571, C:937-935-4253 or Ken Overholser, [koverholser@wocumc.org](mailto:koverholser@wocumc.org), O:614-844-6200, C: 937-216-8854. Immediate need May 2014 – Painting and staining: Shower house needs to be painted top to bottom. Dining hall - two porches need scraping and painting. All doors need new paint. New steps, deck and ramp need second coat of waterproofing. 2015 – We will need to remodel Health Lodge interior rooms and exterior walls, doors and ramp. A, Jr, Sr, I, F, SS, max 40, RV within reasonable distance. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-WOH-0514-02*)

**WIDEWATER CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER**, 4050 Old US 24, Liberty Center, Oh 43532, Contact Eric Witte, [ewitte@wocumc.org](mailto:ewitte@wocumc.org); 419-533-5900. We have several projects to be worked on by individuals or teams:

**Remodeling:** 5-9 people needed for 2-5 days for hanging chair-rails, texture & paint below chair rails. Material Cost: \$100; lodging and meals: \$30/ person/day.

**Remodeling:** 5-9 people needed for 2-5 days for painting 4 lodge restrooms (showers, walls, ceilings, floors, partitions, glue on vinyl base cover for entryways), replace countertops, spot paint around Harmony Lodge. Material Cost: \$300; lodging and meals: \$30/ person/day.

**Shelter House North:** to replace pipe frame canopies. Not fully specified yet. Would cover 2000-3600 sq ft area.

**Shelter House by Pool:** to offer shade, grilling, picnic space. Approx 20' x 40' or 800 sq. ft. area.

**Dock at Pond:** to ease access to canoes, paddle boats, adaptive kayaks, and swim area. Material Cost: \$1100 for two 4x10 sections. Must be made accessible/safe for guests that use wheelchairs. (UMVIM Project # NCJ-WOH-1012-01; Updated 11/14/13)

## — SOUTH DAKOTA —

### DAKOTAS CONFERENCE

UMVIM COORDINATOR  
tba

DISASTER RESPONSE COORDINATOR  
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**SOLAR OVEN PARTNERS,** Rick Jost, Director, 928 4<sup>th</sup> St, Brookings. SD 57006. 605-692-3391, [rjost@brookings.net](mailto:rjost@brookings.net). Volunteers needed to manufacture and package solar oven components. Shop located at 21939 464<sup>th</sup> Ave, Volga SD. Ideal setting for one or two day teams. Work depends on the component parts that are in the shop at the time. Max 6-8.

Second shop for manufacturing solar oven reflectors located in Zeeland, ND. Limited dates. Contact Dave Silbernagel, [silbernagel.dave@yahoo.com](mailto:silbernagel.dave@yahoo.com), 701-425-1382. [[#418812 – Solar Oven Partners](#)] (UMVIM Project # NCJ-DAK-1116-01)

**TREE OF LIFE MINISTRY,** Linda Garriott, Exec. Director, 140 S. Roosevelt, Box 149, Mission, SD 57555. 605/856-4266, F: -5835, [treeoflife@gwtc.net](mailto:treeoflife@gwtc.net). [[#123615 - Tree of Life Ministry](#)]



Tree of Life Ministry is part of the working hands and feet of God to the Lakota Nation residing on the Rosebud Reservation serving body, mind, and soul. We feed, clothe, shelter, and love. We demonstrate His love, power, and grace to a broken, hurting society. The body of Christ is interested and desires reconciliation. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 2 Corinthians 5:18

We ask you pray to open doors to service alongside us. The visitors in mission will work in the food pantry, hot meal program, clothing distribution, and home-repair ministry. Some new construction, VBS and other ministries. Max 70. (UMVIM Project # NCJ-DAK-0204-02; Updated 9/23/16)



**LAKE POINSETT CAMP,** Christy Heflin, Director, 20 S. Lake Drive, Arlington, SD 57212, 605-983-5547, [lpc@dakcamps.org](http://lpc@dakcamps.org). Paint 16 buildings, roofing, tiling, carpet 3 cabins, carpentry projects, refinishing chapel woodwork and furniture, install a sound system, wood splitting, landscaping, grounds maintenance, food service, general cleaning. Supplies & equipment provided. [Website](#). J, S, A, I, F, OA, RV. Group size: 1-100. (UMVIM Project # NCJ-DAK-0204-03; Updated 10/21/16)

— WISCONSIN —

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1. **LAKE LUCERNE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER**, [www.LakeLucerneCamp.com](http://www.LakeLucerneCamp.com), Address W6460 County Road YY, Neshkoro, WI 54960. Cutting/splitting/stacking firewood, cabin roofing, landscaping, brushwork, painting, general fix-up. S, A, RV. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-WIC-0204-01; Updated 12/8/16*)
  - a. **UMVIM CAMP WORKDAY**: September 2017 tba
2. **PINE LAKE CAMP**, [www.PineLakeCamp.org](http://www.PineLakeCamp.org), Address W8301 City Rd. M, Westfield, WI 53964. Maintenance, rebuilding and roofing cabins, painting. Other work based on season of year. J, S, A, RV. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-WIC-0204-02; Updated 12/8/16*)
  - a. **UMVIM CAMP WORKDAY**: May 2017 tba

**“WILDFIRE! Youth Missions ”, July 23-28, 2017**. Faith UMC, 1531 Hughitt Ave, Superior, WI 54880. Rev. Joel Certa-Werner, O: 715-394-9608, C: 718-817-0376. [pastor@superiorfaithumc.org](mailto:pastor@superiorfaithumc.org) or Patty Silvernale, 715-394-9608, church [office@superiorfaithumc.org](mailto:office@superiorfaithumc.org). A \$135 fee covers all expenses of a GREAT week of mission service, spiritual revival and fun! Possible mission sites include Harbor House Crisis Shelters (renovations), Faith Church food pantry, Faith UMC’s Noah’s Ark Day Care, Salvation Army Thrift Store, Food Pantry, Soup kitchen and more! Jr High and Sr High activities grouped as much as possible. Recreational activities include cook-out, Minnesota’s Canal Park, Amnicon Falls State Park (rapids, falls), ropes course and rock climbing wall with UW-Superior. (*UMVIM Project #NCJ-WI-0214-01; Updated 10/4/16*)