



ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SPECIAL SUNDAYS

DID YOU KNOW?

When we support annual conference offerings, we are agents of local transformation that moves into the world. We support Christian education, health and welfare ministries, town and rural witness, full inclusion of people with disabilities, and volunteers in mission.

The United Methodist Church designates a number of Sundays throughout the year as opportunities for recognizing and supporting particular ministries. These are referred to as Special Sundays and most include an offering to fund the work of these programs, except for the five awareness Sundays where no special offering is taken. These five Special Sundays are designated to focus on a specific aspect of the church's ministry.

**WHEN WE GIVE, GOD BLESSES OUR GENEROSITY,
AND THE LIVES WE TOUCH ARE CHANGED FOREVER**

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY celebrates the local Christian educational ministries through the Annual Conference? The offering funds educational and small-group ministries, teaching individuals of all ages about their Christian faith and motivating service in the church, the community and the world.

GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY offers care for those served by United Methodist-related homes and agencies for health and wellness within the conference? The offering enhances ministries with older adults, children and families, as well as hospital pastoral care.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY celebrates and affirms the rural heritage of The United Methodist Church? This offering helps each conference nurture, witness and attend to the ongoing crises in rural areas and urban areas within the conference.

DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY invites the church and society to be fully accessible to all people and integrate the gifts and graces of people with disabilities into congregational ministries? This offering assist local churches in improving architectural accessibility and in developing intentional ministries of inclusion.

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION AWARENESS SUNDAY celebrate those who serve in short-term missions throughout the world. This offering supports and strengthens awareness those who offer their skills for short-term mission locally, nationally, and globally.



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