

SPECIAL
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HUMAN RELATIONS DAY



“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

—1 CORINTHIANS 12:7, NRSV NRSV

These testimonies reflect how partnering with the Spirit through our Human Relations Day offering brings together gifts that work for the common good:

“A lot of people say where God has brought them from. God dug me out of the mud. Coming to Better Community Development’s Hoover Treatment Center changed my life.”

— SANDRA DAVIS

“The Human Relations Day [offering] allows our ministry to thrive in places that we would not otherwise be available to impact.”

— STEVELYN LEVIGNE, COMMUNITY DIRECTOR FOR THE UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY DEVELOPER’S PROGRAM

“It’s a community effort. You have to not just reach the child, you have to reach the entire family and the entire community, because it takes everybody... If a piece of the puzzle is missing, then the puzzle is incomplete.”

— PAMELA BUTLER, SENIOR MANAGER FOR THE HARRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HUMBLE TX HEAD START PROGRAM

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On Human Relations Day, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. Our gifts work together for the common good, building community and sharing God's love.

HOW TO GIVE:

Write a check to your local church and write "Human Relations Day offering" in the memo line.

To give online or set up monthly giving, go to [UMC.org/SSGive](https://www.UMC.org/SSGive).

The United Methodist Church, the world and our communities are in a time of transition. Together, God's church can be a beacon to navigate the ongoing global trauma of the COVID-19 pandemic, the impact of a tumultuous political climate in the US and the anxiety of a looming denominational separation.

Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to be part of extending healing and hope that can guide us to becoming a new creation in Christ. Through our gifts and support, we partner with God and God's people to strengthen Christ's loving presence in a hurting world.

United Methodist Special Sunday celebrations invest in servant leadership, community building and ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support shared ministries equips us to step into a grace-filled new beginning with faithful determination.

We know how systemic inequality affects the most vulnerable people. When neighbors experience poverty and live in communities that have less access to resources, as a denomination, our gifts on Human Relations Day work together to empower faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens.

Thank you for partnering your spiritual and financial gifts to build up what the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. called "the beloved community."



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