

UMCOR SUNDAY

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OFFERING TALK



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AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

Does your church have a Volunteers in Mission team?

Invite one of the leaders to present the UMCOR Sunday invitation to the offering based on their experiences.

Or consider using this as a model for sharing information about UMCOR and inviting people to support this special Sunday. The offering talk is designed to coordinate with the UMCOR Sunday “Ambassadors for Christ” liturgy, sermon starter, children’s message and children’s bulletin.



If your church is equipped, show this video to share the impact of giving on UMCOR Sunday:

 <https://youtu.be/GP8eNw95iyc>

On UMCOR Sunday, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief, an organization that acts on our behalf when there is a crisis. When we give to specific Advance projects, 100% of our gifts are directed to the designated response.

UMCOR can do this because the funds we receive today join with those of millions of other United Methodists to help cover the costs of doing business. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly when disaster strikes.



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In the past two years, relief and recovery work across the world has been hampered by the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, response inevitably includes personal protection equipment (PPE), soap and sanitizers, guidance on social distancing and other pandemic-related precautions.

In response to unrest and uncertainty in Afghanistan, UMCOR is working with long-standing partners to provide humanitarian relief and is assisting with refugee resettlement through Church World Service.

Rising waters around the world have led to more severe flooding in both new and flood-prone areas. Disaster management offices across the US, and in central conferences in Africa and the Philippines, which UMCOR helped develop, received financial assistance to provide humanitarian relief.

Responses immediately following the August earthquake in Haiti included grants for emergency medical supplies to the Eglise méthodiste d'Haiti (Methodist Church in Haiti) for two medical clinics in Gebeau and Les Cayes

and a grant to Service Chrétien d'Haiti (SCH) for the Les Cayes General Hospital. In communities throughout Haiti, additional grants are providing food, hygiene, tarps and plastic sheeting for vulnerable households.

UMCOR doesn't just respond to emergencies for the short term. Working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR cultivates relationships and helps communities rebuild, often for years after a disaster.

Regardless of the disaster, your gifts and UMCOR's network of partners around the world ensure outreach to those in need when they need it most. Please be an ambassador for Christ to relieve suffering by giving generously to support UMCOR Sunday.

HOW TO GIVE:

Write a check to your local church and write "UMCOR Sunday" in the memo line.

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



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