





## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY GOD'S PROMISE OF JOY



"Make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind."

—PHILIPPIANS 2:2, NRSVUE

Through World Communion Sunday offerings, you are part of restoring joy in young leaders, equipping them to pursue God's call in their lives. Be inspired by the testimonies of these World Communion Scholars:

"I have seen the lack of mental health professionals in our province. There is an increasing number of people who are experiencing mental health issues, but psychological services are not accessible. At the same time, when I was a youth leader, I saw the need for mental health ministry for young people because a lot of them are struggling with depression, anxiety and trauma. I believe this is why God called me to this profession."

-Sarah Bless Sanchez-Maddela,	<b>Philippines</b>
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"I believe that one of the root causes of the civil war in Mozambique, and in other African countries, is poor governance, which includes corruption, exclusion, lack of transparency and the absence of effective systems of checks and balances. By pursuing this degree, I believe that I will acquire useful tools that I can use in promoting good governance, which is critical for peace-building in Mozambique."

—Jorge Saiete, Mozambique

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n World Communion Sunday, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support young adults and make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion scholarships for graduate and undergraduate students from the U.S. and other countries. The remainder provides grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity and access. These funds are administered by the United Methodist General Boards of Global Ministries and Higher Education.

The United Methodist Church, the world and our communities are still recovering from the ongoing global trauma of the COVID-19 pandemic, the impact of a tumultuous political climate in the U.S. and the anxiety of denominational separation.

Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to be part of restoring joy and hope in the world. Through our gifts and support, we are invited to infuse Christ's loving presence with our words and actions and through our support of young, faithful leaders around the 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 work together for restoration, not to what was three years ago or fifty years ago, but to the beloved community that God envisions for us.

When you give generously on World Communion Sunday, you partner with talented, qualified students to transform the world as witnesses for Christ. Thank you for your investment in these vision bearers.

