

GBGM/GBHEM Program Overview

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AGENCY ALIGNMENT



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Joint staff at the World Methodist Conference, Sweden, August 2024





UNIFIED PRESENCE AND INTEGRATED STRUCTURE

Joint Booth at GC 2020/24, May 2024



A SEASON OF LISTENING WITH PARTNERS

- Africa Mission Consultation – April 2023
- Guiding Principles of Missionary Service, August 2023 | Missionary Listening Sessions, 2022 and 2023
- US Mission Consultation – November 2023
- East Africa Mission Consultation – January 2024
- Korea – April 2025
- Latin American & Caribbean Consultation – July 2025
- Philippines Roundtable – August 2025
- UMVIM Gathering – September 2025



REGIONALIZATION

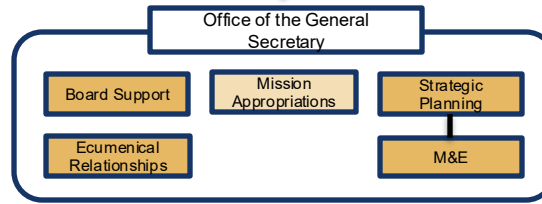
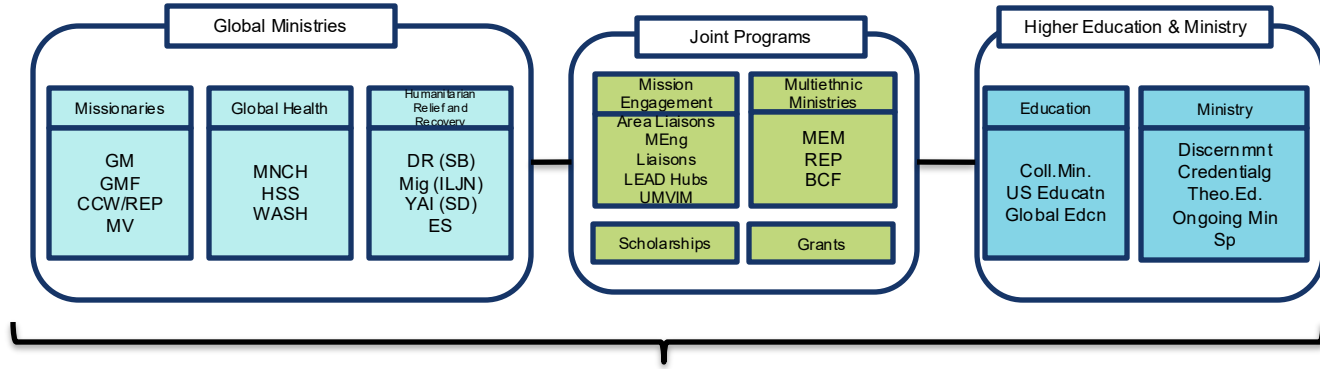


Regionalization:
Effective ministry
in every culture

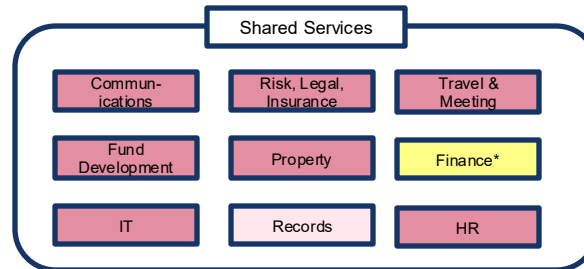


Program Alignment Design: Global Ministries and Higher Education & Ministry

Programs



Operations



*currently separate services

(lighter colors represent those functions in transition)



GBGM PROGRAMS

Connecting the Church in Mission

Missionaries

- Global Missionaries
- Global Mission Fellows
- Mission Volunteers
- US Missionaries

Mission Engagement

- Mission Connections
- Mission Initiatives
- Multiethnic Ministries
- Leadership Development & Scholarships

Alleviating Human Suffering

Global Health

- Health Systems Strengthening
- Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Humanitarian Relief & Recovery

- Disaster Response & Recovery
- Migration
- Yambasu Agriculture Initiative
- Environmental Sustainability



GBHEM PROGRAMS

Education: Connecting the Church and the Academy

- Collegiate Ministries
- US Education
 - Black College Fund
- Global Education

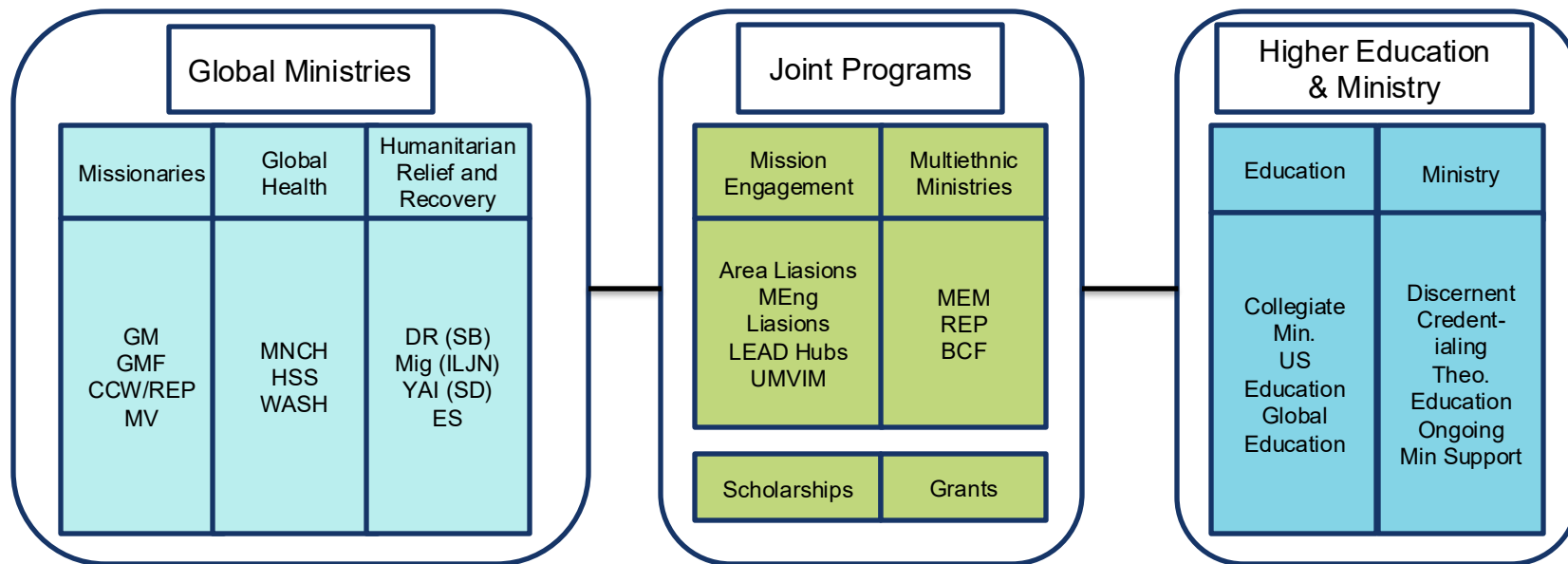
Ministry: Developing Transformational Leaders for the Ministry of the Church

- Discernment
- Credentialing
- Theological Education & Formation
- Ongoing Ministry Support

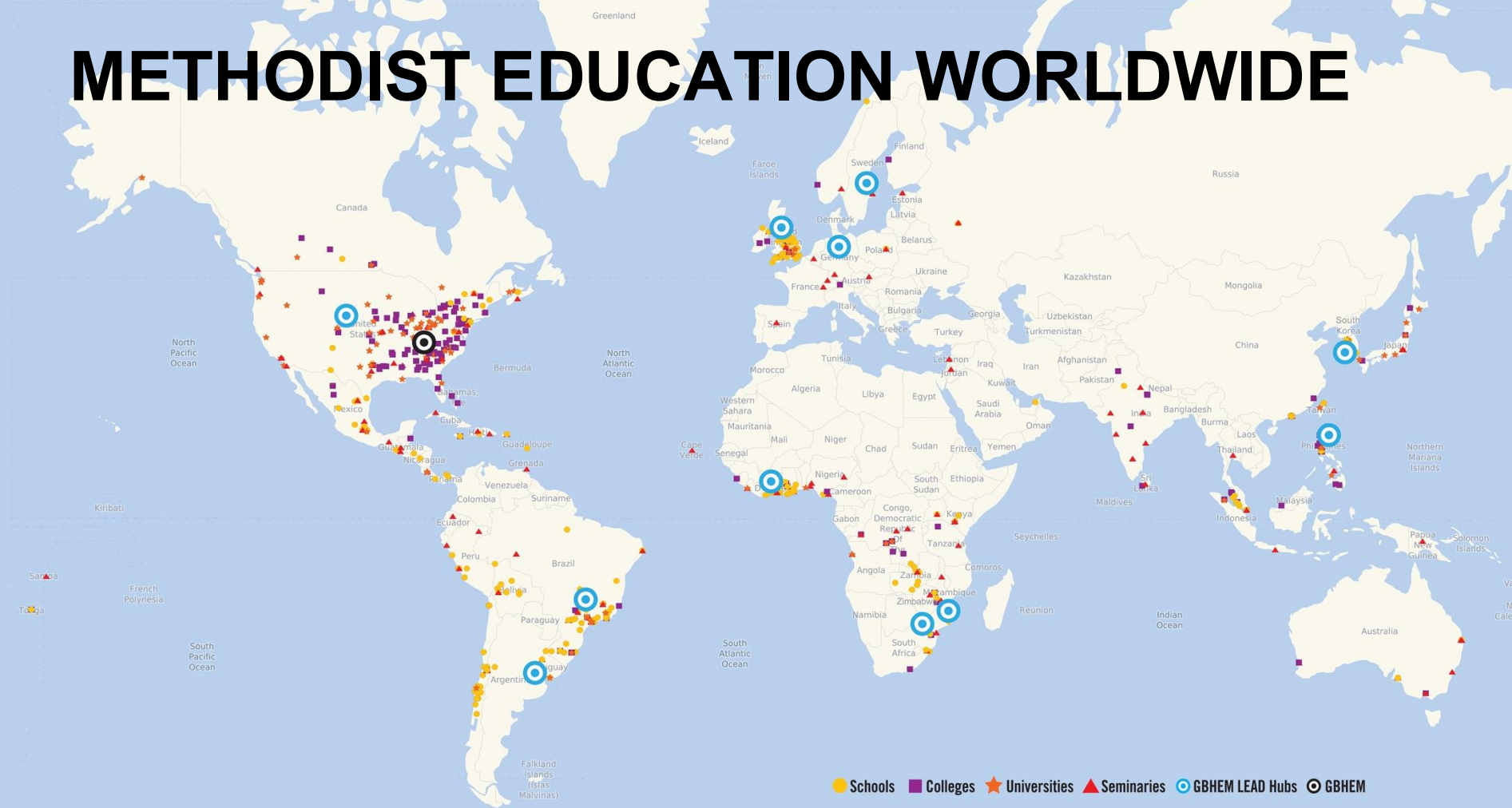


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METHODIST EDUCATION WORLDWIDE



METHODIST EDUCATION NETWORKS



LOCAL LEADERSHIP OF ASSOCIATIONS

Leadership of AAMIHE (Africa)



PAMSCUS General Assembly (Philippines)



SCHOLARSHIPS



82 Funds | 88 Programs
Approximately 9,000 applicants | 2,000 awardees



GRANTING



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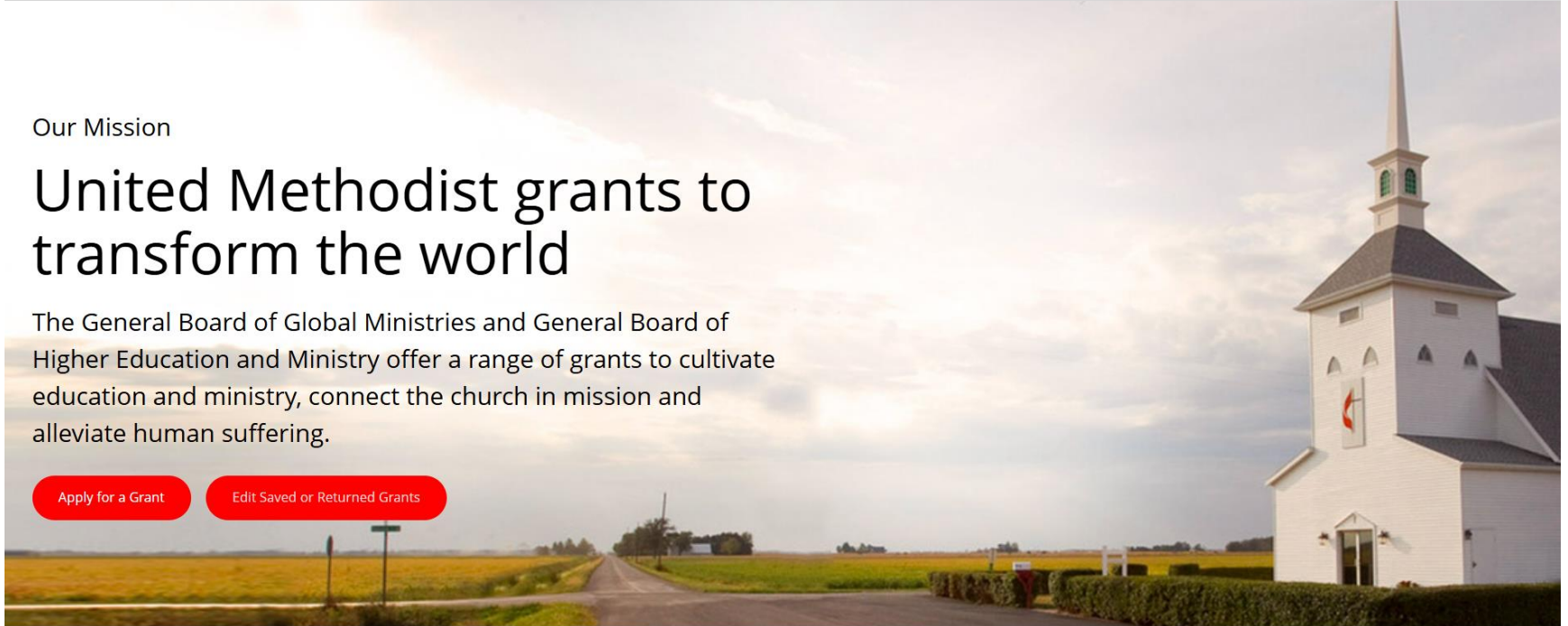
Our Mission

United Methodist grants to transform the world

The General Board of Global Ministries and General Board of Higher Education and Ministry offer a range of grants to cultivate education and ministry, connect the church in mission and alleviate human suffering.

[Apply for a Grant](#)

[Edit Saved or Returned Grants](#)



MISSION ENGAGEMENT

Relationship Development

- Understand the strategic priorities and assets of our partners
- Practice solidarity and mutuality
- Connect partners with resourcing

Missional Leadership Support

- Nationals in Mission
- Mission Initiatives
- Cultivating missionary placements
- Supervision of missionaries
- Training, equipping, education



**CONNECTING
THE CHURCH
IN MISSION**



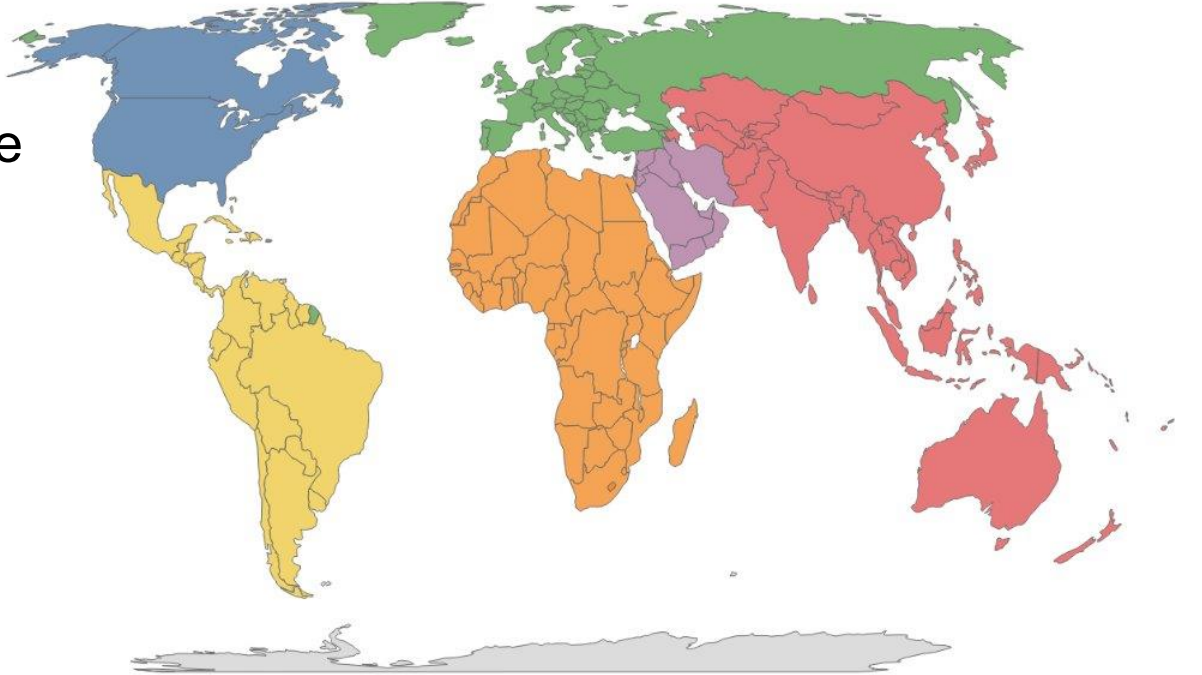
RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Area Liaisons (Central Conferences and Affiliated Autonomous Churches)
- Mission Engagement Liaisons (US Jurisdictions)
- LEAD Hub Directors (Higher Education Institutions)



REGIONS

- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Asia Pacific
- Middle East
- Africa
- The United States
- Europe & North Africa



NATIONALS IN MISSION

- Meet identified missional needs
- Use local leaders
- Grow local capacity



A National in Mission grant opened an opportunity for a Colombian church worker to focus on human rights work with Centro Ecu mico Popular para Am rica Latina de Comunicaci n (CEPALC). (Photo: Hannah Reasoner)



MISSION INITIATIVES

- More than a dozen new or renewed Mission Initiatives started since the early 1990s in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Central America.
- Some have become integral parts of the UMC connection.
- Others are autonomous churches and others are still Mission Initiatives.
- Current Mission Initiatives: Central African Republic, Honduras, Mongolia, Laos



Bishop Gabriel Unda ordained Dr. Aquilas Soronaka in Kindu, DRC, on Aug. 29, 2023



The ADVANCE

**Connecting the Church in
Mission through Giving**

***100% of your gift goes to the
mission and ministry***



DISASTER RESPONSE

- Working through UMC Conferences, Methodist/ Ecumenical partners and NGOs to deliver **disaster relief, recovery** and **risk reduction programming globally**.
- Funding and operationalizing our network to **accompany and assist communities** throughout all phases of the disaster cycle: mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.



UMC DISASTER MANAGEMENT OFFICES

- Embedded in UMC Episcopal Area (EA)
Offices in DRC, Mozambique and the Philippines
- Act as Disaster Management authority for the EA
- Train and equip a network of volunteers
- Conduct community-level disaster planning and assessment
- Remain ready to respond to disasters in their EA
- Engage in relief, recovery and mitigation programming



GLOBAL MIGRATION STRATEGY

Safety | Dignity | Voice



Mustard Seed
MIGRATION GRANTS

Grants of up to \$2000 to United Methodist churches to fund local projects that assist refugees and migrants.



UMCOR
Global Ministries | The United Methodist Church

Through targeted granting, regional-global interface and proactive collaboration, we seek to increase the welcome felt by migrants the world over, even in the face of increased displacement, lagging resolve for policy improvements, scarcity of resources and an outright war on welcome.





REGIONAL MIGRATION SPECIALIST

- Cultivating & Supporting Grantees
- Tracking Regional Migration Practices, Policies and Flows
- Engaging in Regional Migration Conversations & Networks
- Connecting with GBGM Missionaries Ministering to Migrants in the Region.



A photograph of a smiling woman with short dark hair, wearing a patterned cardigan, holding a newborn baby wrapped in a blue blanket. The background is a light-colored, textured wall.

GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

- 1. Health Systems Strengthening (HSS)**
- 2. Maternal Newborn and Child Health (MNCH)**
- 3. Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)**

PARTNERS

- **Health Boards** Voluntary boards of professionals—UMC members appointed by their Bishop—oversee staff implementing grants within the Annual Conference/Episcopal Area
- **UMC Hospitals** accountable to a Hospital Board and to the Bishop
- **Pastors** connected to the Bishop and the Conference accountability system
- **Organizations** in places where the church does not have capacity or presence





MISSIONARY SERVICE



LIFECYCLE OF A MISSIONARY



A group of people, mostly young adults, are sitting in a large circle on a sandy beach. They are facing each other, suggesting a community meeting or a group activity. The background shows the ocean and some trees on the right side. The overall atmosphere is calm and communal.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF MISSIONARY SERVICE

It is God's Mission

Mutuality and Respect

Wholeness and Unity

From everywhere to everywhere

Hospitality and support

Equitable, Fair, and Incarnate means of Living

Cooperation

Sustainability

Discernment and Accountability

Trustworthiness

PEACE AND JUSTICE: **Peace Pilgrimages**



IMPACT OF THE LOSS OF FOREIGN AID

Impact Metrics Dashboard

This dashboard visualizes the human impact of funding changes for aid and support organizations. Each metric represents real people affected by policy decisions.

 [Methodology](#)

All Tracked Programs

Deaths caused by Funding Discontinuation ⓘ



152,487

Adult Deaths



317,136

Child Deaths

Deaths Per Hour ⓘ



88

Deaths

ⓘ Data Updated - June 26, 2025

Impact projections have been updated based on [recent reporting](#) documenting varying levels of funding disruption across health programs.



FIVE AREAS OF RESPONSE



**Agriculture and Food
Security (YAI)**



Education and Ministry



Global Health



Migration



Peace and Justice





*Welcome the stranger, feed the hungry,
and care for the sick.*

THIS MOMENT MATTERS

- Campaign theme for direct response and major gift initiative
- June monthly appeal began solicitations with this theme, highlighting GBGM and GBHEM areas of direct response
 - Agriculture and Food Security (YAI)
 - Education and Ministry
 - Global Health
 - Migration
 - Peace and Justice



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THANK YOU