

Global Ministries and the
United Methodist Committee on Relief

2021 Annual Report



Partnership in the Spirit: a letter from leadership

The pages of this annual report are full—full of stories and statistics that illustrate how love, humility and partnership can lead to lasting transformation in individual lives and whole communities. In his letter to the early church in Philippi, Paul writes about love, humility and partnership. He names them as attributes that draw us nearer to Christ, but also strengthen our connection to one another.

“If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.” Philippians 2:1–3, NRSV

With the help of your generous support in 2021, the work of Global Ministries and UMCOR embodied love, humility and partnership within 111 countries around the world in the areas of missionary service, evangelism and church revitalization, humanitarian relief and recovery, and global health.

Each of these characteristics guide our work, but one is truly a beacon, illuminating our path year after year: partnership.

As the global mission, relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, we rely on a strong community of partners to carry out and continue the church’s worldwide work. But we also embrace partnership as a model of mission that honors the gifts of others, expands our relationships and creates room for the Spirit of God to move. Our partners are people, churches, conferences, grass-roots organizations and international NGOs. They join in Global Ministries’ goals to make disciples of Jesus Christ; strengthen, develop, and renew Christian congregations and communities; alleviate human suffering; and seek justice, freedom, and peace.

These partners include you! Donors help to sustain our ministries, making certain that when and where there is need, it can be met. When a child is malnourished, or a town is flooded, we can respond quickly. When a neighbor needs an advocate, or a family is struggling to make ends meet, we can offer resources. Or, in love and humility, we can simply be fully present.

In this report, we celebrate the many ways that partnership in the Spirit connected us all to the transformational mission of God in 2021.



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A child waits for her parents as they pick up an American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) relief package, made possible with financial support from UMCOR, for Palestinian and Lebanese people displaced by the conflicts in Gaza and North Gaza. Photo: ANERA

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Cover: Sarudzai Mkachana (left) and Regina Mavuko tend chaya plants in Chivi, Zimbabwe. The plant, commonly known as tree spinach, contains twice the protein, iron and calcium of spinach, and six times its Vitamin A. Africa University launched the Chaya Plant Project in Chivi, one of Zimbabwe's driest areas, with hopes to improve public health in Africa. Photo: Mike DuBose, UM News

Who We Are

Global Ministries is the international mission, humanitarian relief and development organization of The United Methodist Church. Working with partners and churches in countries worldwide, we seek to equip and transform people and places for God's mission.

Global Ministries connects congregations, conferences, other organizations and individuals to engage in God's mission by sending missionaries, supporting evangelism and church revitalization, providing humanitarian relief led by the United Methodist Committee on Relief, and improving the health of communities and individuals around the world.

Africa

Grants totaling **\$7,463,297**

Angola
Burundi
Cameroon
Central African Republic
Côte d'Ivoire
Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Ethiopia
Ghana
Guinea
Kenya
Liberia
Madagascar
Malawi
Mozambique
Namibia
Nigeria
Rwanda
Senegal
Sierra Leone
South Africa
South Sudan
Sudan
Tanzania
Togo
Tunisia
Uganda

Zambia
Zimbabwe

Asia

Grants totaling **\$2,415,689**

Afghanistan
Bangladesh
Cambodia
China
Fiji
Hong Kong, SAR,
P.R. of China
India
Indonesia
Japan
Laos
Mongolia
Myanmar
Nepal
Pakistan
Philippines
South Korea
Sri Lanka
Taiwan
Vietnam

Middle East

Grants totaling **\$266,969**

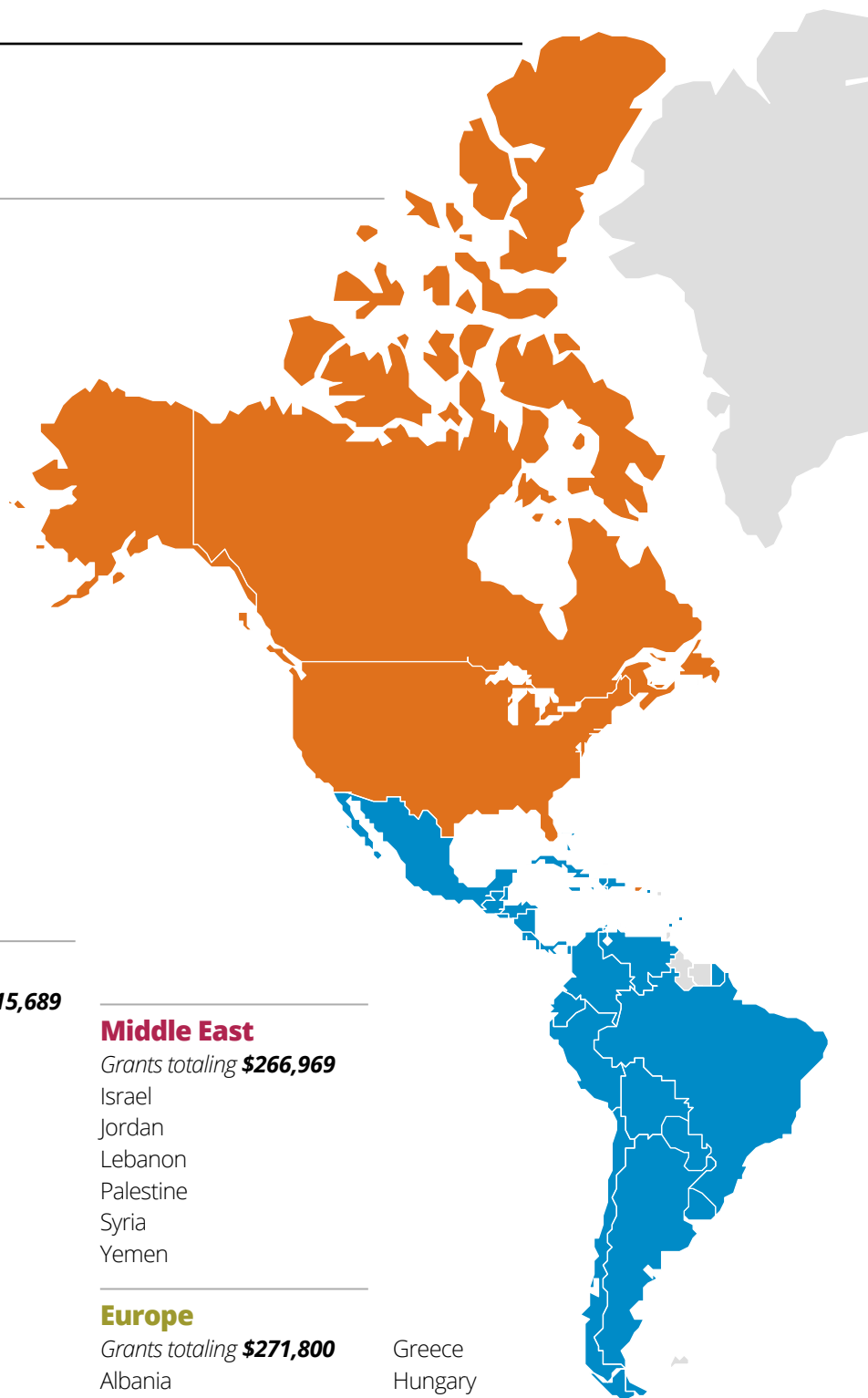
Israel
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Syria
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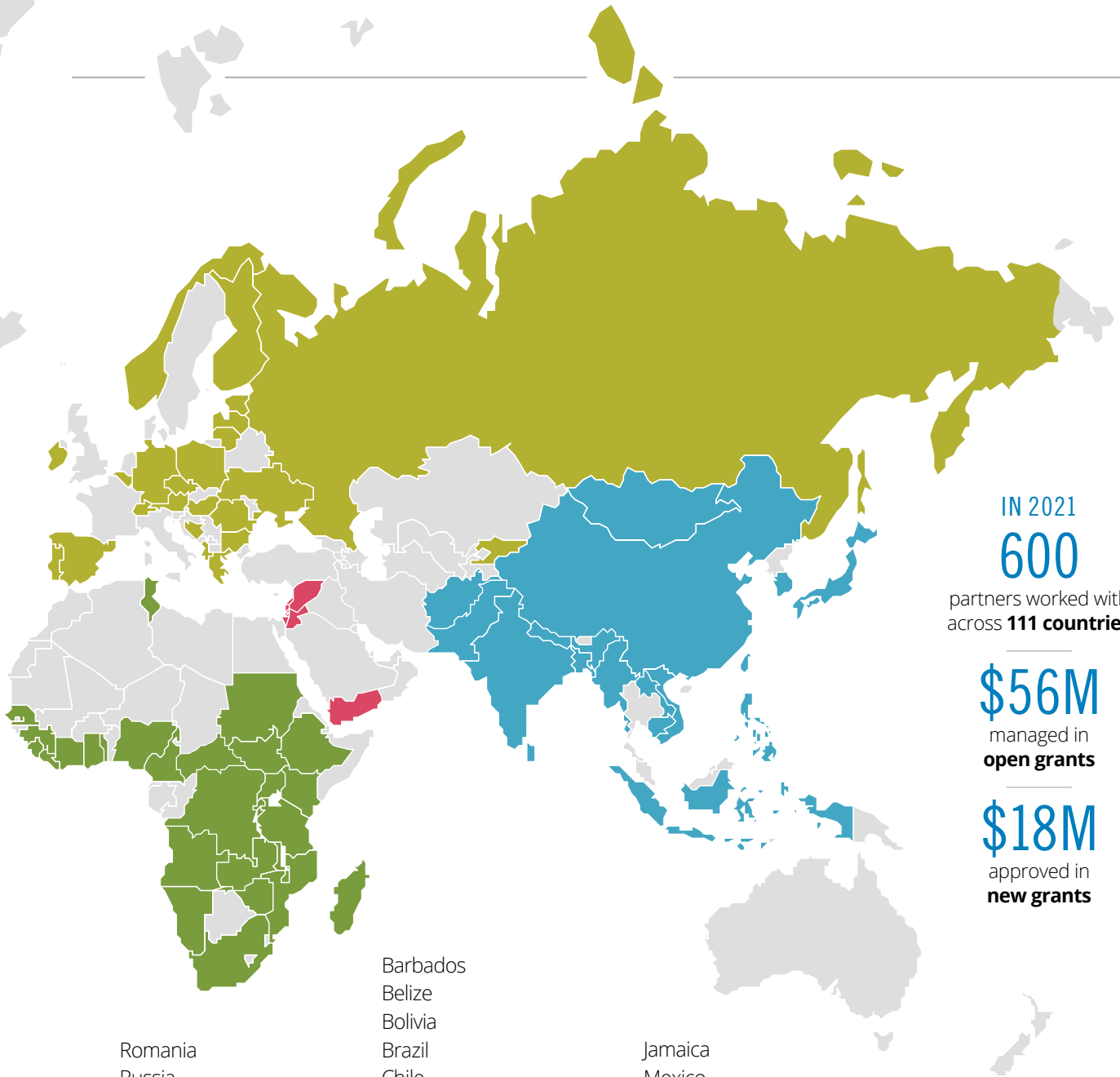
Grants totaling **\$271,800**

Albania
Austria
Belgium
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Czech Republic
Estonia
Finland
Germany

Greece
Hungary
Ireland
Kyrgyzstan
Latvia
Lithuania
North Macedonia
Norway
Poland
Portugal



Where We Work



IN 2021
600

partners worked with
across **111 countries**

\$56M
managed in
open grants

\$18M
approved in
new grants

Romania
Russia
Spain
Switzerland
Ukraine
United Kingdom

Latin America and the Caribbean

Grants totaling **\$1,636,636**

Argentina
Bahamas

Barbados
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
French Guiana
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras

Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Uruguay
Venezuela

North America

Grants totaling **\$6,480,290**

Canada
Puerto Rico
United States
U.S. Virgin Islands

Missionaries



Training, commissioning, assigning and supporting missionaries in the United States and around the world is a core aspect of Global Ministries' work. Today, United Methodist missionaries serve in many professional careers, including as pastors, evangelists and church coordinators; teachers and educators; doctors, nurses and other health workers; agriculturists; development specialists; community organizers and peacebuilders.

Types of missionaries

Global missionaries

Deepens relationships with partners and commitment to God's mission in long-term, cross-cultural contexts.

Church and Community Workers

Bridges church and community in mission within disenfranchised communities in the United States.

Racial/Ethnic Plan missionaries

Serves in a variety of cultural settings to reach racial and ethnic communities in the United States.

Global Mission Fellows

Connects faith and action as young adults by engaging in community and growing in social and personal holiness through placements in the United States and around the world.

Mission Volunteers

Engages in short-to-mid-term partnerships with communities around the world, striving to embody mutuality in mission.

IN 2021

255

missionaries served
across **64 countries**

36

missionaries
began service

155

organizations **partnered**
with missionaries



Opposite: The Rev. Jean Claude Masuka Maleka, missionary from DRC to Côte d'Ivoire, conducts a blessing service for a new water tower. His wife Francine Mafuk, is beside him. Photo: Courtesy of Jean Claude Masuka Maleka



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**Missionaries
worked
diligently
in Côte d'Ivoire**
to bring clean water to four
villages in 2020 and 2021.

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Missionaries (cont'd.)

Young adult program celebrates 70 years of service

US-2 missionaries, young adults who serve in the U.S. outside their home communities, have been sent out since the founding of the program in 1951.

“My US-2 experience helped me to hone who I am and to be authentically me,” Marcharkelti McKenzie said, class of 2014–2016. McKenzie is from North Carolina and served with Open Door Ministries in Alabama. The challenge of moving away from family and traditional support networks is part of what enriched her experience.



When McKenzie arrived, she took the reins and began working across several different churches and ministries. “St. John’s UMC became one of my pillar workplaces. I developed a youth camp while I was there, and I did it from the ground up with St. John’s members,” she explained. “They didn’t think they were able to do it, but I was able to show them they could. The program continues today.”

Left: Marcharkelti McKenzie (second from left) with the lunch crew for St. John’s UMC summer camp. Photo: Courtesy of Marcharkelti McKenzie

Right: The first people to draw water from the Allangouanou water station drew much attention across the village. Photo: Courtesy of Jean Claude Masuka Maleka

Opposite: Church and Community Worker Katie Peterson helps in the distribution of UMCOR relief kits to churches and organizations around the U.S. Photo: Courtesy of Katie Peterson



Providing for people’s basic needs: clean water

United Methodists in Côte d’Ivoire worked diligently to bring clean water to four villages in 2020 and 2021, despite the limitations imposed by the spread of COVID-19.

Coordinated by missionary and evangelist the Rev. Dr. Jean Claude Masuka Maleka, tens of thousands of people now draw clean water through tall towers, pumping stations and spigots for wash areas. In some cases, a solar array provides power.

“The communities received this project with joy,” said Masuka Maleka. “A nurse told us that clean water has boosted health conditions overall because she hasn’t seen as many cases of diarrhea since people started using water supplied from the tower.”



Decades of dedication

Katie Peterson has devoted 24 years of her life to mission service in the U.S. She was first commissioned as a young adult US-2, then as a United Methodist Deaconess, and in 2004, as a Church and Community Worker. Her current assignment as a CCW is the Eastbrook Mission Barn in New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Peterson works with volunteer teams to collect and verify UMCOR hygiene and cleaning kit contents coming from area churches and other organizations. A former dairy farm, the Mission Barn stores and ships the kits to disaster areas.

"We are one of the few volunteer agencies that has stayed open during the pandemic," Peterson confirmed. "During 2021, we sent out over 3,000 kits to needed areas around the country."

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Evangelism and Church Revitalization



Global Ministries establishes and nurtures new faith communities and supports existing ones. Evangelism and church revitalization includes equipping missionaries who train pastors to plant churches in new places; mission initiatives, which start new Methodist faith communities; scholarships that assist church leaders to earn the credentials and degrees they need for service and ministry; and networks that resource racial and ethnic faith communities across the United States.

Areas of work

Multiethnic ministries

Supports racial/ethnic congregations in the United States focused on vulnerable populations and activities that work to eliminate systems which undermine the poor and others on the margins.

Leadership development and scholarships

Provides resources and study opportunities for individuals and mission partners.

Mission initiatives

Develops Methodism in specific countries where it did not exist before; starting new faith communities and outreach programs that spread the gospel of Christ.

Missional connections

Provides a broad understanding of the global regions in which The United Methodist Church is engaged by becoming familiar with the cultural, social and historical context.

IN 2021

177

faith communities supported through **Mission Initiatives** in Mongolia, Laos, Vietnam, Honduras and Central African Republic

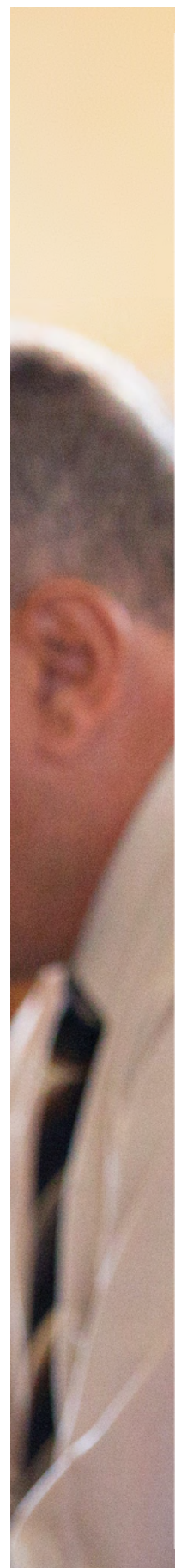
164

scholarships awarded to students attending **89** academic institutions

35

racial and ethnic plan grants approved in the U.S.

Opposite: Parishioners pray during Sunday worship at Marianao Methodist Church in Havana. Photo by Mike DuBose, UM News





Evangelism and Church Revitalization (cont'd.)

Feeding the 5,000

When COVID-19 cases spiked in New York, restrictions effectively shut down the city, causing job losses for many people. Within weeks, paychecks ceased, and savings evaporated. Just as the need for food rose, nearly 75% of food pantries closed.

First Spanish UMC in East Harlem was at first concerned for its own. But then the church developed a partnership with other churches to make food boxes available for both members and the community. Once word got out that First Spanish had food, demand rose quickly. With help from a Global Ministries grant, they began providing food for 400–450 households every week, or about 1,200–1,500 individuals.

The Rev. Dorlimar Lebrón Malavé, pastor of First Spanish, said God offered an opportunity to serve and grow in new ways. “Now people ask when our doors will reopen because they want to come to worship. Our church is growing, not because of what we’ve said, but because of what community members have seen us do.”





Sharing the gospel at great lengths

In the Vietnam Mission Initiative, founded 23 years ago, new missionaries J. and T. Park serve as country director and director of Christian Education. Traveling to churches and faith groups all over the country, the Parks are deepening their understanding of a vibrant culture and nurturing relationships with fellow siblings in Christ...no matter the obstacles.

“We visited a small congregation that is so remote, we traveled by car, then by ferry across a river, then on the back of scooter bikes on narrow roads leading to the church. We were so blessed by the faithfulness of the pastor to serve this small community through all the challenges; through her and this small congregation, the light of the gospel was beautifully evident.”

Opposite: In the early months of the pandemic, residents in East Harlem, NYC, are checked into the food line at First Spanish UMC. Photo: First Spanish UMC

Above: Floating houses on the Mekong River make for just some of the challenging terrain missionaries traverse to meet congregations. Photo: VIM

A hard-earned degree gives back

Even before the scholarship, Martha Fatoma’s life was full. She had a spouse, a daughter in high school, cared for her niece and father and was also the head nurse at Kissy General Hospital in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

But hoping to improve at preventing illness and facilitating a better life for those in need, Fatoma applied for and received a World Communion Scholarship through Global Ministries that gave her the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Africa University in Zimbabwe.

After receiving her degree, she returned to Sierra Leone and the community that shaped her. “I learned managerial skills that I am applying now at Kissy, teaching my colleague nurses how to provide quality care to our patients and be examples in leadership. I have taken on a role as coach for quality improvement and we have changed the patients’ waiting time from 3–4 hours to 2 hours.”

Global Health



Through United Methodist conferences and health boards, Global Ministries strengthens whole networks of health responses, from revitalization of facilities and staff training to building better water sources, developing sanitation facilities and promoting nutrition. It concentrates on eradicating preventable diseases such as malaria, HIV and AIDS, and COVID-19, and supporting the most vulnerable populations including mothers, newborns and children.

Areas of work

Health Systems Strengthening

Improves quality of health services and healthcare facilities in low-resource settings.

Imagine No Malaria

Expands the use of malaria prevention, diagnosis and treatment resources.

Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

Increases access to quality maternal, newborn and child health services and reduces morbidity and mortality rates.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Provides clean and safe water sources and revitalizes sanitation facilities.

COVID-19 response

Supports health systems and communities around the world in the awareness, prevention and treatment of COVID-19.

IN 2021

189

UMC health facilities supported

86

grants awarded totaling nearly \$4.4 million

24

health facilities revitalized

197,004

insecticidal nets distributed

174,359

malaria treatments purchased

59,452

COVID-19 rapid diagnostic tests distributed

97

partners worked to serve people in 34 countries

Opposite: A student at Bonoua Methodist Primary School tries out the new handwashing station, part of the UMCOR-NGO Reservoir de Siloé WASH project in Côte d'Ivoire. With the help of an UMCOR grant, 41 latrines and water-points were built across several Methodist schools. Photo: Isaac Braune



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Global Health (cont'd.)

A new hospital ushers in a new era for health care

For more than 100 years, United Methodists have provided health care to the remote, tropical region of Tunda in Eastern Congo. In 2021, construction of a new hospital was completed through Global Ministries and UMCOR funding in an area where there is no other hospital within a 62-mile radius.

Babo Ndjate, 68-years-old and born and raised in Tunda says his family, including his eight children, have always turned to the hospital for medical care. "I just returned from a week in the new facility with my 16-year-old son, who suffered from malaria. We appreciated the good conditions in which we spent our treatment time at the hospital."

Nine new buildings make up a hospital compound with wards for maternity, surgery, infectious disease, x-ray, lab work, and other medical necessities. A solar panel array provides the hospital's electricity for water and light.

Malaria rates fall, deaths decrease

In partnership with Global Ministries, Lupandilo Hospital in Kamina, DRC, has served as a major staging area for a malaria campaign to help people know what malaria is, how it is transmitted, where to go for treatment and what to do to prevent it.

From Lupandilo, health care workers, trainers and supplies were sent out to 24 smaller United Methodist health clinics. The campaign targeted pregnant mothers since most malaria deaths occur in infants and children under five. It encouraged prenatal and postnatal visits and supplied nets and malaria medicines at no cost to patients.

"In the community, the result is a gradual, yet remarkable, decrease in the number of deaths related to malaria," says Dr. Hugo Ilunga, Imagine No Malaria program coordinator for the North Katanga Episcopal Area. "The goal is to reach the point of no longer needing to talk about a case of malaria in our community."





Preventing and treating COVID-19 in hard hit places

Since the start of the pandemic, improving global access to coronavirus prevention and treatment has been a top priority for United Methodists. Global Ministries and UMCOR have supported efforts to ensure local access to health care, particularly in South Asian countries like India that were hit hard by the virus.

The Christian Medical College (CMC) in Vellore was able to procure essential medical equipment, medications and supplies, expanding its ability to provide COVID-19 treatment. It increased its intensive care capacity by 15 to 20%.

The Methodist Church of India (MCI) established a fully equipped COVID-19 isolation center on its Methodist Boys' School campus and purchased an ambulance to collect and transfer patients to the facility.

Other partners such as the Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) distributed COVID-19 protection hygiene kits, gave unconditional cash transfers and conducted public education campaigns.

Above: Women from Tamil Nadu, India, receive COVID-19 vaccinations at the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore. Photo: Courtesy of CMC Vellore

Opposite: Zainab Kamara cares for her daughter Ramahilai, who is sick with malaria, at the United Methodist Church's Kissy Hospital outside Freetown, Sierra Leone. Photo: Mike DuBose, UM News

Humanitarian Relief and Recovery



Global Ministries, which includes the work of The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), strengthens the ability of the church and communities to respond to disasters and provide humanitarian relief worldwide. This work is accomplished through disaster relief and recovery, risk-reduction programming, addressing the needs and rights of migrants, and improving livelihoods and food security. The intentional care of creation and advancing environmental sustainability also reduce the impact of disaster.

Areas of work

International Disaster Response

Provides support to households and communities outside the U.S. experiencing significant negative impacts of natural disasters and crises.

U.S. Disaster Response

Helps the church and communities prepare, respond to and recover from disasters within the U.S. and its territories.

Global Migration

Improves the well-being of migrants, asylees and refugees in their new destinations, including places of transition and respite.

Environmental Sustainability

Addresses challenges facing God's creation by incorporating creation care into the mission, ministries, training programs, operations, and administration of Global Ministries and its partners, including conferences and churches.

Yambasu Agriculture Initiative

Promotes agriculture and agribusiness development for African UMC episcopal areas and their respective local communities.

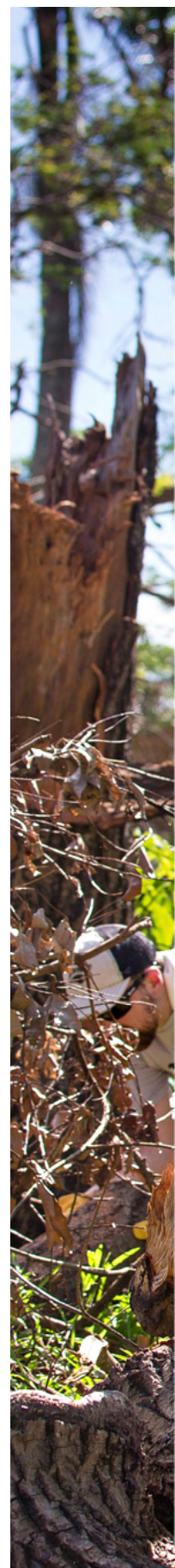
IN 2021
968,498
beneficiaries across
61 countries

147
partners

216
grants awarded
totaling **\$12 million**

99
humanitarian crises responded
to including floods, fires, tropical
storms, tornadoes, migration
events and instances of mass
violence and civil unrest

Right: Clearing storm debris from 2017's Hurricane Maria at a Methodist seminary in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Jon Garner (front) and other members of a United Methodist volunteer team assist the local community in relief efforts. Photo: Mike DuBose, UM News







Haiti under rubble again

On August 14, 2021, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake rocked Haiti, causing catastrophic damage in the southern and western regions of the island, killing 2,200 people and injuring 12,000 more. Medical facilities remained open but were completely overwhelmed, lacking sufficient personnel and medical supplies. UMCOR awarded grants to Eglise Methodiste d'Haiti (Methodist Church of Haiti) and to Service Chretien d'Haiti (SCH) to provide urgently needed medical supplies to several facilities. Subsequent grants addressed health care, food, water and hygiene in the hard-hit region.

Above: Landslides created by the August 2021 earthquake in Haiti make it difficult to access affected communities. Photo: Thomas Noreille, ACT

Delivering hope in Yemen

UMCOR's long relationship with International Blue Crescent (IBC), a Muslim Aid organization, allows United Methodist relief to assist people that many other Christian organizations cannot reach. Four million people are internally displaced in Yemen, searching for safety amidst a civil war. Family food packages were delivered by IBC workers to a make-shift tent camp outside the city of Zinjabar. The aid packages contained a hygiene kit as well as flour, sugar, oil, rice and cans of beans. Many families hadn't eaten beans since they fled their home villages during airstrikes three years ago. Surveying the food packages, twelve-year-old Saleh said, "These will keep us full for weeks, it's like a dream."

82

grants totaling
\$3.6 million

869,385

estimated **beneficiaries**
targeted

Humanitarian Relief and Recovery

U.S. Disaster Response



Survivors in Michigan start recovery

In 2021, UMCOR awarded a grant to the Michigan Conference for direct assistance to those still working to recover from May 2020 Great Lakes region flooding. The funds purchased water heaters and furnaces, rebuilt damaged homes, paid for excavation and more. "This grant is life-changing for people in Arenac and Iosco counties," said Nancy Money, director of Community Impact for Midland County United Way. "It will make a huge impact. These people's needs would not be met if it wasn't for UMCOR."

46
grants totaling
\$4.6 million

3,364
estimated **beneficiaries**
targeted

Active storm years for Alabama-West Florida

UMCOR journeys with its local partners from early response to recovery and onwards, no matter how many times a particular region is impacted. Knowledge and skills obtained from a successful, ongoing Hurricane Michael (2018) recovery primed the Alabama-West Florida Conference disaster response team to respond to hurricanes Sally and Zeta rapidly and effectively in 2021. Chris Ackerman, Alabama-West Florida Conference's disaster response director for the recovery said, "By using experienced disaster case managers previously trained by UMCOR, we didn't have to start from scratch. Our Hurricane Michael work continues to make us better prepared for hurricanes like Sally, Zeta or whatever comes our way."

***Above:** A Midland Area community resident details to Michigan Bishop David Bard how floodwaters destroyed his property in the May 2020 failure of two dams, as The Michigan Conference and UMCOR assess their longterm recovery efforts. Photo: Courtesy of The Michigan Conference*

Humanitarian Relief and Recovery

Global Migration

UMCOR encourages, supports and equips Methodist and ecumenical partners for migration ministry. Relief and recovery in the form of food aid, basic necessities, and legal and transportation services to organizations working directly with vulnerable migrants and refugees are a few of the services UMCOR makes possible.



Staying in El Salvador

Tanaya lived in rural El Salvador and cared for three family members who were developmentally disabled. They were not affected by gang activity until relatives in her extended family were targeted and killed. Tanaya felt she had to flee with her family before she lost someone in her household.

At first, Tanaya wanted to migrate to the United States, but she knew her immediate family members were not likely to survive the journey. She was the only one in her household who could read and write. If they were separated for any reason, the consequences could be devastating.

Tanaya found temporary quarters in another village and was referred to Cristosal, an agency that works throughout the Northern Triangle countries of El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala to support victims of violence. Ministries that help displaced people stay in their home countries are also part of UMCOR's commitment to support the needs of migrants.

Fortunately, Cristosal could increase its outreach in 2021 because of a Global Migration grant from UMCOR. Sixty-nine families received shelter, emergency humanitarian aid or temporary housing for relocation.

Above: A Cristosal workshop, held before COVID-19 closed public gatherings, to help community groups and local leaders consider the rights and needs of IDP families entering their community. Photo: Cristosal



Reaching vulnerable young women in Afghanistan

After the last U.S. troops pulled out of Afghanistan in August 2021, the Taliban quickly took control of the country. The roles and rights of women and girls were once again curtailed and limited. Lack of access to education is a particular concern for young women.

After the withdrawal, UMCOR partnered with a Pakistani organization to reach nearly 9,000 female students in selected schools of the Nangarhar and Laghman provinces of Afghanistan who were either displaced there or returning home after being displaced in another part of the country.

The Taliban's control over the country had a psychological impact on students. Families were afraid to send their daughters to school because of persecution. UMCOR's partner recognized a decline in school

attendance up to 50% because of fear and lack of information on actual government policies about girls' education. UMCOR funding supported extracurricular activities to relieve the stress of returnee/IDP girl students.

IN 2021
78
grants awarded
totaling **\$2.4 million**

54,809
estimated
beneficiaries
targeted



Approximately 3.7 million children in Afghanistan are not school-educated, with about 60% of those female. Photo: CWSA

Humanitarian Relief and Recovery Environmental Sustainability



Global Ministries' Environmental Sustainability program fosters the integration of environmental sustainability into every aspect of mission through environment-focused projects, tools and leadership development. The program leads sustainability initiatives within Global Ministries, supports the use of renewable energy, provides training and resources for climate care, spearheads an agencywide net-zero greenhouse gas commitment and offers an online network for global connection.

Water, light and good soil

Before the installation of solar panels at Kamisamba Farm in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the property had no power source. Although the farm had a water source, there was no way to pump the water to where it was needed.



"The solar project came at a crucial time," explained Lorraine Charinda, a missionary assigned to Kamisamba Farm as an agriculturist and rural economic development specialist. When she arrived, she discovered a couple of workers, dilapidated buildings, four pigs and half an acre of vegetables cultivated on the 500-acre farm.

The solar energy system and accompanying water pipes and pumps were a joint effort between Global Ministries' Environmental Sustainability program and UMCOR.

By 2021, the farm was doing well—with 50 pigs, chickens, ducks, goats and fish ponds. More than 35 acres are farmed with vegetables, grains and fruit trees.

***Above:** The grant for the solar project included plans for renewable energy awareness campaigns, which Kamisamba workers conducted in a number of communities. Household solar lanterns were distributed as incentives for people to attend the events. Photo: Lorraine Charinda*

Backyard garden digs deep into community

In 2021, 21 EarthKeepers were commissioned for service by Global Ministries, including the Rev. Angie Gage, an ordained elder of the Arkansas Annual Conference. She describes herself as someone who does not have a "green thumb" like her maternal grandmother. "I would look out the window and think, 'Nanny would be so upset that the garden area in our backyard is just sitting there.'"

"I kept thinking, we've got to use that. We have so many people in our area who are food insecure."

Gage connected with Global Ministries' EarthKeepers program and found the training helpful in clarifying environmental theology. She received advice and suggestions from other EarthKeepers.

Her goal was to offer fresh vegetables to church members and neighbors, but particularly to people who come for the church's free community lunch, offered twice a week to anyone in need.

IN 2021

4

EarthKeeper trainings with
86 total participants

Humanitarian Relief and Recovery

Yambasu Agriculture Initiative



The Bishop John K. Yambasu Agriculture Initiative supports episcopal areas that develop new agricultural projects utilizing United Methodist land holdings. Currently, the initiative supports African churches as they seek to fully mobilize local and regional resources for crops and animal raising. The program improves household livelihoods and food security through training opportunities, encourages direct participation in the program, and provides seeds and tools. The initiative works to increase the ability of the UMC and its communities in Africa to become self-sustaining.



IN 2021
10
grants totaling
\$1.7 million

16,000
estimated
beneficiaries
targeted

The initiative awarded its first pilot grant in December 2020 and has to date awarded 13 grants to 12 annual conferences, for \$3 million. For the current pilot phase, the grants awarded averaged about \$230,000 and reached over 100 households per conference, promoting sustainable agribusiness and providing direct support to farmer groups engaged around the project sites.

In October 2021, Global Ministries Board of Directors approved grants for annual conferences in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Zimbabwe and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Grants ranging from \$166,000 to \$265,000, for a combined total of \$1.7 million, supported the episcopal areas as they established new agricultural projects, including crop and livestock farming on church-owned land.

Above: A group of farmers from the Bandakor Village community use knives and sickles to harvest rice in the 75-acre Gbondapi farmland in Pujehun, southern Sierra Leone. Photo: Phileas Jusu, UM News

Right: The late Bishop John K. Yambasu in 2016. Photo: Kathleen Barry, UM News



Global Ministries and UMCOR

Financial Overview

Revenue

General Board of Global Ministries

Total operating revenue for 2021 of \$42.3 million decreased by 19%, or \$9.9 million, when compared to 2020. Bequest giving in 2020 exceeded \$9 million, which was much higher than traditional giving in this category and accounted for most of the operating revenue variance. The World Service apportionment collection rate decreased from 77.2% for 2020 to 72.5% in 2021, resulting in a decline of \$1 million in revenue. Shared costs reimbursements from UMCOR were down by \$1.2 million, as our overall agency costs have come down in 2021 because cost savings measures were implemented in 2019 and 2020.

UMCOR

Total operating revenue for 2021 of \$34.9 million exceeded prior year by \$2.1 million. Giving to the UMCOR Advance was up \$10.7 million for 2021, closing out at \$29.7 million. Giving toward United States Disaster Response increased late in the year in response to the tornadoes that impacted Kentucky and surrounding states. The International Disaster Response Advance increased over the prior year with giving for the Haiti earthquake recovery effort and assistance with the Afghanistan crisis. Like Global Ministries, bequest giving for UMCOR in 2020 was much higher than traditional giving, which totaled \$8.6 million. In 2021, bequest giving concluded at \$2.8 million, \$5.8 million less than 2020. Lastly, the FEMA grant for hurricane Harvey that impacted Texas back in 2017 concluded in 2020 and provided income of \$2.5 million. No income from this grant was received in 2021.

Expenditures

General Board of Global Ministries

Operating expenditures for 2021 concluded at \$35.3 million, which was down from \$40.2 million in 2020, resulting in a decrease of \$4.9 million, or 12.3%. Missionary Service expenditures in 2021 were \$11.3 million, which was lower by \$2.7 million compared to 2020. The number of missionaries continued to be lower in 2021 because of attrition and the inability to onboard new missionaries owing to the pandemic. The full impact of a cost reduction strategy implemented in 2019 and 2020 was fully realized in 2021. Support services costs concluded at \$9.6 million in 2021, which was down \$2.2 million, or 19%.

UMCOR

UMCOR operating expenditures for 2021 concluded at \$22.9 million, which was down \$800,000 from 2020. Advance projects expense increased by \$3.9 million in 2021 and closed out at \$7 million. This increase was in line with the higher contributions received for both USDR and IDR grants as mentioned in the UMCOR revenue section. As mentioned previously, the FEMA grant for hurricane Harvey concluded in 2020 with a released \$2.5 million in 2020. No additional costs for this grant were incurred in 2021. Additionally, overall cost reductions implemented in 2019 and 2020 were fully realized in 2021, accounting for a reduction in support services costs of \$700,000 in 2021.

Net Assets

General Board of Global Ministries

Total net assets for Global Ministries increased by \$27.7 million in 2021 and finished at \$372.5 million.

UMCOR

Total net assets for UMCOR increased by \$16.7 million in 2021 and closed at \$101.7 million for the year.

Report of independent auditor

Cherry Bekeart, LLP, conducted an audit of consolidated statements of Global Ministries' financial position as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements. Cherry Bekeart found that the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, and that the consolidated financial position of the General Board of Global Ministries, the United Methodist Committee on Relief of Global Ministries, Inc., and affiliates as of those dates, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Full consolidated financial statements can be found here: [GBGM](#) | [UMCOR](#).

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Michael Gurick
Chief Financial Officer

General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, Inc. and Affiliate

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

Years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

Assets	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,520,038	\$ 16,790,005
Accrued World Service Fund allocation	7,216,833	8,321,319
Due from General Council on Finance and Administration	15,918,401	8,617,238
Due from related entities	87,033	355,575
Accounts receivable	515,743	436,286
Prepaid expenses and other assets	710,801	331,459
Investments	285,021,536	249,768,146
Restricted investments	27,175,458	26,588,878
Revolving loan fund held by Wesleyan Investive	20,534,853	20,348,159
Buildings and equipment, net	22,191,314	23,050,683
Beneficial interest in timberland forests	6,349,000	6,788,000
Perpetual trusts held by others	33,889,499	31,833,760
Total Assets	\$ 429,130,509	\$ 393,229,508
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$ 15,915,024	\$ 9,020,987
Grants and projects payable	3,052,774	1,558,288
Due to related entities	54,177	126,254
Annuities payable	100,504	96,084
Paycheck Protection Program loan	-	1,974,740
Funds held for others	37,475,824	35,645,238
Total Liabilities	56,598,303	48,421,591
Net Assets:		
Without Donor Restrictions:		
Invested in buildings and equipment	22,191,314	23,050,683
Designated for programs	17,637,844	16,032,054
Designated for missionaries including pension and health benefit costs	17,405,363	16,583,260
Contractually restricted reserve for Collins Pension Plan and Collins Health Benefits Trust	27,175,458	26,588,878
General operating fund	103,523,708	84,519,949
Total Without Donor Restrictions	187,933,687	166,774,824
With Donor Restrictions:		
Subject to purpose restrictions	16,747,617	16,049,244
Endowments and other perpetual gifts	167,850,902	161,983,849
Total With Donor Restrictions	184,598,519	178,033,093
Total Net Assets	372,532,206	344,807,917
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 429,130,509	\$ 393,229,508

The accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, Inc. and Affiliate Consolidated Statement of Activities

Year ended December 31, 2021

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2021 Total
Operating Revenues:			
Allocation from World Service Fund	\$ 20,478,315	\$ 1,501,867	\$ 21,980,182
Special Sunday Offerings	-	471,479	471,479
Advance Special Gifts:			
Support for persons in mission	-	2,748,335	2,748,335
Other	2,871,707	2,055,769	4,927,476
Shared cost reimbursements	4,965,855	-	4,965,855
Benefit Trust distribution	1,566,687	-	1,566,687
Bequests	212,765	20,652	233,417
Grants and other contributions	216,116	136,208	352,324
Interest income on cash equivalents, mortgage loans, and perpetual trusts	1,434,771	270,510	1,705,281
Timberland forests income distribution	875,317	-	875,317
Missionary salary reimbursements	1,352,870	-	1,352,870
Other	1,067,970	-	1,067,970
Total	35,042,373	7,204,820	42,247,193
Net assets released from restrictions	11,164,153	(11,164,153)	-
Operating Revenues	46,206,526	(3,959,333)	42,247,193

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General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, Inc. and Affiliate Consolidated Statement of Activities (Cont'd.)

Year ended December 31, 2021

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2021 Total
Expenses:			
Program Services:			
Global Mission Programs	\$ 4,809,724	\$ -	\$ 4,809,724
Missionary Services	11,311,206	-	11,311,206
Board-wide programs	2,266,203	-	2,266,203
Distribution of designated funds and gifts	7,317,452	-	7,317,452
Total Program Services	<u>25,704,585</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,704,585</u>
Supporting Services:			
Management and general	8,321,092	-	8,321,092
Fundraising	1,248,311	-	1,248,311
Total Supporting Services	<u>9,569,403</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,569,403</u>
Total Expenses	<u>35,273,988</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,273,988</u>
Change in net assets from operating activities	<u>10,932,538</u>	<u>(3,959,333)</u>	<u>6,973,205</u>
Nonoperating Activities:			
Investment return, net	10,226,325	7,539,187	17,765,512
Net appreciation in fair value of perpetual trusts	-	2,055,739	2,055,739
Net depreciation in beneficial interest in timberland forest	-	(439,000)	(439,000)
Net increase in revolving loan fund held by United Methodist Development Fund	-	186,694	186,694
Contributions	-	1,182,139	1,182,139
Change in net assets from nonoperating activities	<u>10,226,325</u>	<u>10,524,759</u>	<u>20,751,084</u>
Change in net assets	21,158,863	6,565,426	27,724,289
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>166,774,824</u>	<u>178,033,093</u>	<u>344,807,917</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 187,933,687</u>	<u>\$ 184,598,519</u>	<u>\$ 372,532,206</u>

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General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, Inc. and Affiliate Consolidated Statement of Activities

Year ended December 31, 2020

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2020 Total
Operating Revenues:			
Allocation from World Service Fund	\$ 21,418,880	\$ 1,570,850	\$ 22,989,730
Special Sunday Offerings	-	501,780	501,780
Advance Special Gifts:			
Support for persons in mission	-	2,741,331	2,741,331
Other	2,029,521	2,208,134	4,237,655
Shared cost reimbursements	6,204,450	-	6,204,450
Benefit Trust distribution	1,639,905	-	1,639,905
Bequests	8,451,209	558,701	9,009,910
Grants and other contributions	87,933	209,651	297,584
Interest income on cash equivalents, mortgage loans, and perpetual trusts	1,131,233	334,051	1,465,284
Timberland forests income distribution	586,800	-	586,800
Missionary salary reimbursements	1,533,042	-	1,533,042
Other	901,845	-	901,845
Total	44,004,818	8,124,498	52,129,316
Net assets released from restrictions	11,138,378	(11,138,378)	-
Operating Revenues	55,143,196	(3,013,880)	52,129,316

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General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, Inc. and Affiliate Consolidated Statement of Activities (Cont'd.)

Year ended December 31, 2020

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2020 Total
Expenses:			
Program Services:			
Global Mission Programs	\$ 6,057,253	\$ -	\$ 6,057,253
Missionary Services	14,123,178	-	14,123,178
Board-wide programs	2,656,709	-	2,656,709
Distribution of designated funds and gifts	5,597,788	-	5,597,788
Total Program Services	<u>28,434,928</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,434,928</u>
Supporting Services:			
Management and general	10,246,082	-	10,246,082
Fundraising	1,530,714	-	1,530,714
Total Supporting Services	<u>11,776,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,776,796</u>
Total Expenses	<u>40,211,724</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,211,724</u>
Change in net assets from operating activities	<u>14,931,472</u>	<u>(3,013,880)</u>	<u>11,917,592</u>
Nonoperating Activities:			
Investment return, net	19,093,502	17,260,454	36,353,956
Net appreciation in fair value of perpetual trusts	-	1,826,003	1,826,003
Net appreciation in beneficial interest in timberland forest	-	357,000	357,000
Net assets released from time restriction by donor — timberland forests	28,851,000	(28,851,000)	-
Net change in benefit obligations of the Collins Pension Plan and Health Benefits Trust	(16,905,803)	-	(16,905,803)
Net gain on transfer of plan sponsorship of the Collins Pension Plan and Health Benefits Trust Plan	26,830,490	-	26,830,490
Net increase in revolving loan fund held by United Methodist Development Fund	-	57,180	57,180
Contributions	-	302,880	302,880
Change in net assets from nonoperating activities	<u>57,869,189</u>	<u>(9,047,483)</u>	<u>48,821,706</u>
Change in net assets	72,800,661	(12,061,363)	60,739,298
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>93,974,163</u>	<u>190,094,456</u>	<u>284,068,619</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 166,774,824</u>	<u>\$ 178,033,093</u>	<u>\$ 344,807,917</u>

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United Methodist Committee on Relief of Global Ministries, Inc. and Affiliates Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

Years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

Assets	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,985,241	\$ 10,650,044
Investments	82,975,203	78,466,416
Investments in securities of Wesleyan Investive	1,746,782	1,766,000
Receivables:		
Advance special gifts	11,621,597	4,989,221
Other	1,734,415	1,614,249
Due from General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, Inc.	54,177	126,254
Inventory and other assets	327	7,827
Buildings and equipment, net	1,933,124	2,062,257
Endowment funds held by General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, Inc.	1,975,281	1,936,685
Perpetual trusts held by others	1,633,574	1,530,704
Total Assets	\$ 114,659,721	\$ 103,149,657
 Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Due to General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, Inc.	\$ 101,014	\$ 383,140
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	540,587	467,444
Grants payable	8,835,563	13,979,033
Funds held for others	3,442,958	3,314,679
Total Liabilities	12,920,122	18,144,296
Net Assets:		
Without Donor Restrictions:		
Invested in buildings and equipment	1,933,124	2,062,257
UMCOR at Sager Brown	1,087,690	1,422,274
National Justice for Our Neighbors, Inc.	363,692	258,469
Undesignated	43,915,965	35,021,688
Total Without Donor Restrictions	47,300,471	38,764,688
With Donor Restrictions:		
Subject to donor restrictions	49,481,142	41,521,217
Endowments and other perpetual trusts	4,957,986	4,719,456
Total With Donor Restrictions	54,439,128	46,240,673
Total Net Assets	101,739,599	85,005,361
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 114,659,721	\$ 103,149,657

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United Methodist Committee on Relief of Global Ministries, Inc. and Affiliates

Consolidated Statements of Activities

Year ended December 31, 2021

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2021 Total
Operating Revenues:			
Advance special gifts	\$ 11,813,629	\$ 17,838,752	\$ 29,652,381
Special Sunday Offerings	1,751,433	-	1,751,433
Allocation from World Service Fund	-	55,088	55,088
Grants and contracts	-	-	-
Gifts and bequests	2,465,070	322,000	2,787,070
Sager Brown program income	242,508	-	242,508
Other income, net	416,501	-	416,501
Net assets released from restrictions	12,062,994	(12,062,994)	-
Total Operating Revenues	<u>28,752,135</u>	<u>6,152,846</u>	<u>34,904,981</u>
Expenses:			
Program Services:			
Specialized ministries	7,173,239	-	7,173,239
Advance projects	6,975,471	-	6,975,471
Relief projects	-	-	-
Health programs	4,405,730	-	4,405,730
Total Program Services	<u>18,554,440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,554,440</u>
Supporting Services:			
Management and general	3,807,769	-	3,807,769
Fundraising	507,684	-	507,684
Total Supporting Services	<u>4,315,453</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,315,453</u>
Total Expenses	<u>22,869,893</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,869,893</u>
Changes in Net Assets from Operating Activities	<u>5,882,242</u>	<u>6,152,846</u>	<u>12,035,088</u>
Nonoperating Activities:			
Investment returns, net	2,599,715	1,858,720	4,458,435
Investment returns, net - Wesleyan Investive	53,826	69	53,895
Investment returns, net - General Board of Global Ministries of The Methodist Church, Inc.	-	38,596	38,596
Net appreciation in fair value of perpetual trusts	-	102,870	102,870
Contributions	-	45,354	45,354
Total Nonoperating Activities	<u>2,653,541</u>	<u>2,045,609</u>	<u>4,699,150</u>
Changes in net assets	8,535,783	8,198,455	16,734,238
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>38,764,688</u>	<u>46,240,673</u>	<u>85,005,361</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 47,300,471</u>	<u>\$ 54,439,128</u>	<u>\$ 101,739,599</u>

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United Methodist Committee on Relief of Global Ministries, Inc. and Affiliates Consolidated Statements of Activities (Cont'd.)

Year ended December 31, 2020

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2020 Total
Operating Revenues:			
Advance special gifts	\$ 8,819,042	\$ 10,132,456	\$ 18,951,498
Special Sunday Offerings	1,013,338	-	1,013,338
Allocation from World Service Fund	-	57,617	57,617
Grants and contracts	-	2,451,308	2,451,308
Gifts and bequests	8,434,783	152,941	8,587,724
Sager Brown program income	363,773	-	363,773
Other income, net	1,380,644	-	1,380,644
Net assets released from restrictions	7,050,862	(7,050,862)	-
Total Operating Revenues	27,062,442	5,743,460	32,805,902
Expenses:			
Program Services:			
Specialized ministries	8,470,813	-	8,470,813
Advance projects	3,075,444	-	3,075,444
Relief projects	2,493,344	-	2,493,344
Health programs	4,624,619	-	4,624,619
Total Program Services	18,664,220	-	18,664,220
Supporting Services:			
Management and general	4,365,353	-	4,365,353
Fundraising	613,426	-	613,426
Total Supporting Services	4,978,779	-	4,978,779
Total Expenses	23,642,999	-	23,642,999
Changes in Net Assets from Operating Activities	3,419,443	5,743,460	9,162,903
Nonoperating Activities:			
Investment returns, net	7,067,707	3,843,004	10,910,711
Investment returns, net - Wesleyan Investive	56,790	(49)	56,741
Investment returns, net - General Board of Global Ministries of The Methodist Church, Inc.	-	215,410	215,410
Net appreciation in fair value of perpetual trusts	-	78,025	78,025
Contributions	-	128,724	128,724
Total Nonoperating Activities	7,124,497	4,265,114	11,389,611
Changes in net assets	10,543,940	10,008,574	20,552,514
Net assets, beginning of year	28,220,748	36,232,099	64,452,847
Net assets, end of year	\$ 38,764,688	\$ 46,240,673	\$ 85,005,361

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