

This email provides you with current information about ministries in the areas of Risk Taking Mission and Service, Global Health, Ministry with the Poor, Intentional Faith Development and Passionate Worship -- energizing and equipping local churches to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

[View this email in your browser](#)



2016 Thanks living Offering

The Central Texas Conference collects a special offering each November designated to help energize and equip people, ministries and emergency relief efforts in both our local and global communities. The offering is traditionally split 90/10, with the majority percentage of the funds rotating each year between local and global ministries. However, **this year, [the funds received will be split 50/50](#)** and will go to assist [UMCOR's response to the devastation left in the wake of Hurricane Matthew](#) as well as energize and equip young adults for leadership, empower children to achieve their potential and support churches in community ministries via

[Project Transformation.](#)

[More information here!](#)



UMC #GivingTuesday is Nov. 29.

Please invite your congregation to share a year-end gift to missionaries or projects through The Advance. As always, 100 percent of all giving to The Advance goes directly to the missionary or project selected. Download [UMC #GivingTuesday resources](#) and help your congregation “Give Light, Give Love and Give Life” through The Advance at www.umcmision.org/give



Here! There! And Everywhere!

Young Adults (ages 18-25) are invited to participate in a unique mission experience in Waco, TX, January 1-6. This week is designed by young adults for young adults to grow in their spirituality, leadership, and service.

[To read more and/or to register click here!](#)



YOU Are Needed!

Remember all the flooding from 2015-2016? In Williamson County we are down to our final 12 homes needing repairs and rebuild! We also have a deadline of February 28th to close everything out! **WE need YOU!** Please contact our volunteer coordinator Juli Ivie to make arrangements to come help whether it is for a day or for a week or more. Please send her an email at taylorxvolunteers@gmail.com or call her at 817-995-4058. Lodging is available in a couple of different places if you need that. The majority of the work is either roofing or drywall repair/replacement, painting, etc. We have a total rebuild if we get the funding. Don't know how to do some of the jobs? No worries, our construction guy can teach you. Thank you for your help.

Rev. Laraine Waughtal, Coordinator of Disaster Response/UMVIM



Haiti Hurricane Matthew Update

Hurricane Matthew was a Category 4 storm that caused significant loss of life and property along Haiti's Tiburon Peninsula. We pray for the lives that were lost and the families that mourn them. The communities most significantly impacted were rural

and it is estimated around 200,000 homes were destroyed as well as crops, roadways, and more. Due to widespread damage and the scarcity of resources, Haiti is still in the emergency phase of response.

Global Ministries and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) are working with the Methodist Church of Haiti (EMH) to develop a response plan. UMCOR has provided, to-date, \$85,000 to EMH for much needed food, water, and supplies, and more grants are forthcoming for future response. Many teams will be needed to assist with EMH's response, however, they need time to develop an effective response plan. Please be in prayer for EMH and the people of Haiti as they discern the best way to move forward. As plans for mission teams become available, they will be shared with you via this newsletter and your local Conference Coordinators. In the meantime, please continue to provide your prayerful support and donations to UMCOR's International Disaster Response fund. Thank you for your continued prayers and support, and for your desire to serve the people of Haiti in the wake of this disaster.

Audrey J. Phelps, SCJ Dir. of Volunteers in Mission/Disaster Response



CTCYM Group Registration IS OPEN!

Go to www.ctcym.org to register your youth group for the June 18-24, 2017 trip to Oklahoma, and/or the July 16-21, 2017 trip to communities in our own Central Texas Conference. Individual Registration opens in January.

CTCYM Living Center leadership applications accessible. Can you take on a leadership role next summer in a living center? Please [download an application here](#), a required step. You may also download manuals and other resources.

For more info about CTCYM, visit this [website](#) or contact [Claire Condrey](#).



CTC Serve 2016 Update!

[Check out some of the stories and photos from CTC Serve 2016 - an event that had 2000 people partnering with their communities to fight hunger. . .](#)



Beyond Conference

January 27-28, 2017

The Beyond Conference is for anyone working in **children's ministry** (paid or volunteer) who would like to connect with other children's ministers, share resources, and develop new ideas.

The 2017 featured speaker is Rev. Melissa Cooper who is the expert in Inter-generational Ministry for the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. She serves at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park, FL. In addition to Rev. Melissa Cooper, there will be worship, a variety of workshops including options for self-care and spiritual renewal, as well as practice skills.

Sponsored by the Arkansas Conference Council on Children's Ministry of the United Methodist Church; this conference is open to all churches.

<http://mountsequoyah.org/beyond-childrens-ministry-conference/>



2nd Annual Hispanic Ministry Conference

Saturday, February 11, 2017 - 9am - 3pm

FUMC Grapevine

Keynote Speakers / Breakout Sessions / Lunch/

Mariachi Entertainment

This Conference will provide authentic experiences that connect our diverse communities with each other, specifically impacting the Hispanic population. Together, as the people of The United Methodist Church who are putting faith into action by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, will learn and appreciate from each other how we are interacting with these populations.

[More information available...](#)



EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING THIS FALL!

We are thrilled to announce that we have hired *Chelsea Jones* as our program director. She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge after serving a total of six summers as an intern, house pastor, and summer staff with Project Transformation North Texas.

We are honored to have been chosen as one of two recipients of this year's Thanksliving offering to be collected at conference churches during November. If you would like a slide or any other information to share with your congregation, we would be happy to provide that.

At this time, *our two greatest needs are recruiting interns for the summer program and connecting with partner churches*. If you know a college student who is passionate about serving God & serving their neighbor, please share Project Transformation with them, and share their contact information with us. Our website should be live by next week: www.projecttransformation.com/central-texas, and applications for the internship will be available there. We are working diligently to connect

with as many churches in the conference as possible, but we know there are many of you we have not spoken with yet. If you are interested in partnering with Project Transformation in developing young adult leaders, meeting the needs of underserved children, and connecting churches to communities in need, please reach out to [Julie Harding, Executive Director of Project Transformation](#)



APPLY TO BECOME A GLOBAL MISSION FELLOW

Are you a young adult or do you know a young adult who is ready to share God's love and commit to a two-year life-changing mission opportunity? Generation Transformation [Global Mission Fellow applications](#) are available online through March 3, 2017. Be among the first to apply!

Global Mission Fellows are faith-filled young adults, 20-30 years old, who have a passion for service, care about justice, and are committed to serve for two years. [Learn more.](#)



-- Don't forget to schedule your cookie baking for COOKIES FOR THE TROOPS! All information is available [HERE](#). Cookie drop-off date is Monday, December 19th!

- [Schedule](#) your church to hold an ERT, ERT Recert, or UMVIM Team Leader Training Class for the Coming Year



*** Confirmation Celebration**

Saturday, April 22, 2017 at FUMC Killeen

Copyright © 2014 Central Texas Conference All rights reserved.

You are receiving this monthly Mission Connection because your email address was provided to the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church as someone who supports mission ministries. If you are not in the CTCUMC or do not want to receive these emails, please unsubscribe.

Our mailing address is:

Central Texas Conference
3200 E. Rosedale
Fort Worth, TX 76105

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

Please be sure that we have the most updated information for those doing mission ministry at your church. To update information for mission ministry, please email Sheryl Crumrine, CTC Mission Support Assistant, at sheryl@ctcumc.org.

This email was sent to sherylcrumrine@ctcumc.org

[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

Central Texas Conference Service Center · 464 Bailey Ave. · Ft Worth, Texas 76107 · USA

The MailChimp logo is centered on a dark gray rectangular background. The text "MailChimp" is written in a white, cursive script font.