

Mission News Archive 2022

More news about missions can be found by joining the [East Ohio United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Facebook group](#).

Please note that some links in these old items may not work anymore.

March 2022

UMCOR Sunday on March 27

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) provides disaster relief in the United States and around the world. The Board of Missions encourages your church to support their vital work by celebrating UMCOR Sunday on March 27, or any other Sunday that works for you!

[Details and Resources](#)

Earth Keepers & UMC Climate Justice

East Ohio has three laypersons going to Earth Keepers Global Ministry virtual training this spring. Discover more about the climate justice movement in the UMC and how you and your faith community can take part in this ministry by visiting their [website](#).

UMVIM Team Leader Training on March 20

At United Methodist Volunteers in Missions (UMVIM) Team Leader Training, you will learn best practices for leading a mission team locally, nationally, and internationally. Lead by the EOCUMC Missions Director, Rev. Kathy Dickriede. Takes place at The Bridge, a satellite campus of Carrollton First UMC.

[Details and Registration](#)

Beloved Community Webinar starts March 17

Building the Beloved Community is a webinar series where you can talk with leaders who are seeking to live out the vision of the beloved community as they work to engage and transform the world. Rev. Kathy Dickriede, the

Director of Missions and Community Engagement, will be taking part in this monthly online from Discipleship Ministries.

Details and Registration

If you or your congregation need help with the registration fee, please reach out to Rev. Dickriede about funding support via [e-mail](#) or by calling (330) 499-3972 ext. 102.

August 2022

UMCOR Early Response Team (ERT) Training at Epworth Center | Saturday, September 17

The Conference Disaster Response Committee offers ERT training to teach best practices for responding in disaster situations. This training will take place at The Epworth Center in Bethesda on Sept. 17 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Training includes how to interact with survivors, help survivors recover belongings, tarp roofs, and safely remove debris. Successful completion of the training and a background check is required to receive your credentials as an UMCOR ERT volunteer. This class can also fulfill your three-year recertification requirement and cost is the same as a recertification class. Class will be led by UMCOR Certified Trainer Michael Woodward. Check in starts at 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided. Cost is \$25 and covers cost of training materials, meal, t-shirt, and the required UMCOR background check. If you have any questions, please reach out to Michael by [e-mail](#).

ERT Registration | [ERT Flyer](#)

Upcoming UMVIM Journeys and Long-term Recovery Projects

Mission teams from East Ohio are making plans to travel in late 2022 and 2023! For a current list of trips, please visit our [Mission Journeys page](#). If you are leading a team and would like it listed here, contact Melanie Thomas by [e-mail](#) or at (330) 499-3972, ext. 102.

We have also updated our best practices guide for leading a team on an UMVIM Mission Journey, [available here](#).

EarthKeepers Creation Care Event | Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Saviour UMC 2537 Lee Rd., Cleveland Hts., OH 44118, or join online via Zoom

Wake Up World: A Comprehensive Curriculum on the Climate Crisis for Faith Communities. Learn the connection between Creation Care and our faith.

All clergy and laity are invited to meet Rev. Bob and Anita Dygert-Gearheart and learn about their teaching curriculum that:

- focuses on how our lives intertwine with creation justice issues.
- shines a light on our personal and collective responsibilities.
- offers ideas for developing an action plan to protect God's creation.

The curriculum was created as a project for EarthKeepers, a UMC Global Ministries training program that equips U.S.-based United Methodists to launch and grow environmental projects in their communities.

Participants in the September 21 Wake Up World event will:

- hear what the majority of climate scientists agree is happening to our ecosystem.
- begin to become comfortable talking about the climate crisis with family and friends.
- understand that concerns about the climate crisis provide opportunities for action.
- learn how to use the teaching curriculum for Bible studies, Sunday school classes, and small groups.

For questions about the event and to request the link to join via Zoom, please e-mail Kevin Schaner, EOC secretary of Global Ministries, at schanerkevin@gmail.com.

[Flyer](#)

All In Community Training Experience October 12-13

Building Bridges of Opportunity is a collaborative effort throughout the entire state of Ohio that works with those who assist citizens affected by the criminal justice system. This includes public entities like the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, private entities like All In Community of the West Ohio Conference, and individuals interested in building healthier, more equitable, and just communities. We are so excited to share this ministry in East Ohio. Join with other leaders on Oct. 12 and 13 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Wedgewood UMC in Akron for this community experience. This is free for Ohio residents, but you do need to register in advance. Details and registration link on the flyer.

[Building Bridges Flyer](#)

September 2022

Applications Being Accepted for Global Missions Fellows

Become a Global Mission Fellow and join the legacy and movement of young adults in the United States who have crossed boundaries to better understand and respond to various forms of injustice since 1951. The Global Mission Fellows program of The United Methodist Church places young adults, ages 20–30, in social justice ministries for two years of service, either in the United States (US-2 track) or around the world (international track). Applications are now being accepted for the 2023-25 US-2 cohort.

[Learn more and apply by the December 1 deadline.](#)

Global Migration Sunday

Plan on promoting the plight of refugees and the many ways that United Methodist congregations can assist those who are displaced by participating in Global Migration Sunday in January. Pick whatever date works for your church! Discover how you, no matter where you live, can come alongside newcomers by offering radical hospitality and generosity.

[View and download EOC Global Migration Sunday resources.](#)

Three from East Ohio Conference Commissioned as EarthKeepers

Congratulations to Claire Jencson, Barbara Dawson, and Kevin Schaner, who were recently commissioned as EarthKeepers, a grassroots, U.S.-based group of United Methodists that equip people to launch and grow environmental projects in their communities. Topics include eco-theology, anti-racism, community organizing, and project planning. All participants plan a project during the training. Training dates for 2023 will be announced later this year.