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as we desire to be God's agents of
transformation, to be bold and
courageous to reach new people,
young people and more diverse
people for the transformation
of the world.

**SHARING THE
MISSION STORY IN
LOCAL
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PARTNERS IN MISSION NEWSLETTER REV. KATHY DICKRIEDE

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in ministry as a Mission Partner with East Ohio Conference of the UMC. Donations to EOC Fund 9948 allows for life and ministry to happen in partnership and through relationships.



UMVIM TEAMS TO PUERTO RICO

There is a need for future teams to Puerto Rico and other areas hit by hurricanes, fire, and flooding is needed. Some areas are closer to home right here in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. UMVIM Journeys are scheduled for January and February of 2020.



FARMER TO FARMER

East Ohio folks are proud of and excited about our very own retired clergy couple, Ray and Cathy Ake answering the call to Mission Volunteers with the Farmer to Farmer Ministry in the Liberia Annual Conference. Check out what they are doing on [Facebook](#) at FarmertoFarmer or their own pages!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

- East Ohio UMVIM hosted the 2019 Global Liberia Partners meeting at Garfield UMC in Peppertown early this year.
- We're also encouraging partnerships between churches who are doing ministry in the same areas, like Guatemala, Cuba, and Uganda. Strengthening the connection through relationships and the power of Holy Spirit transformation.
- UMVIM is working with Early Disaster Response Teams after local flooding in Three Rivers District as long-term recovery needs become evident.
- Kathy is preparing to lead an UMVIM Journey to Peru in July 2020.



Local Missions In hopes of developing best practices and building healthy partnerships in the mission field, we have hosted UMVIM team leader trainings and encouraged conversation and learning around the table at UMVIM meetings that happen quarterly. Those conversations lead to better aligned partnerships with host country leadership being empowered and equipped for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We have worked to bring together folks throughout the conference who are skilled in Bridges Out of Poverty philosophies. This group is building relationships with each other, sharing about the work they are doing in churches and partnering with community agencies. We are strengthening the connection and realizing that we are better together, united in the mission of being God's agents of transformation. Together with Board of Church and Society and the office of Multicultural Vitality we are hosting the Poverty Simulations throughout the conference.

Sharing the Mission Story It has been such a blessing to be all over the conference, building relationship, speaking, training, and discovering the exciting missions that are happening. I have been to Richmond, Hope Ridge, East Shore, Pleasant Valley, Brecksville, Dover First, East Liverpool, Bay UMC, Church of the Lakes, Church of the Savior, Berea UMC, University Circle, Duncan, Christ Cleveland, Waterford, Newton Falls, Hope Ridge, Faith UMC North Canton, Greensburg, Brecksville, Rural Chapel, Hudson, New Philadelphia, Gay Street, Chippewa Lake, and beyond! I would love to share the mission story with your community. Looking for a guest preacher, mission speaker, UMW Sunday, or help discerning where God is calling a congregation? Contact: kdickriede@gmail.com

UMVIM Journeys

Have you been interested in joining a mission team but don't know what to do or how to do it? Mission journeys are travels that transform our lives through blessings, dreams and visions of strangers who over time become friends, through beautiful moments and bumpy roads as we answer a call to serve in new places. Do you have a yearning to discover, to experience deep reflections and exhaustion for the hope of being a part the mission story. Educators, medical folks, electricians, handy people, construction workers, pastors, all sorts of folks are needed to build relationships, share the Gospel, and help leave the world better than you found it for the sake of Christ. Your skills, prayers, witness, personality, and gifts are an answer to someone's prayers.

Go to <https://www.eocumc.com/missions/mission-trips.html> to find out where and how you can serve.

UMVIM Trainings

Saturday, November 9 at Heart for the City, Talmadge. Reduced cost, only \$10!
<https://www.eocumc.com/missions/training.html>

Contact me to schedule an UMVIM training in your ministry area for 2020.

Be bold and courageous to reach new, young and diverse people to be God's agents of transformation in the world and in your local community.

Thank you for your ongoing support through finances, prayers and participation in the UMVIM movement.

This year, East Ohio UMVIMers journeyed to local mission sites, Stuebenville Urban Mission, The Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland, Blue Rose Mission of Mansfield, Heart 4 the City in Talmadge and to Epworth Mission Center in Bethesda.

UMVIMers impacted lives around the world in partnership with the Midwest Distribution Center by collecting items for cleaning, hygiene and school kits.

UMVIMers also partnered in mission in Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe, the Joy Center in Red Bird Mission Conference, Cuba, Haiti, and more. Lives were changed, buildings were built, school fees paid, hope received, and faith challenged.

To support these efforts financially:

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