



OhioGuidestone  
WHERE NEW PATHS BEGIN

## A Proud Connectional Ministry of The East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church

**OHIUGUIDESTONE IS PROUD TO BE A CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY** of The United Methodist Church, East Ohio Conference. Founded by German Methodists in 1864, we are the largest of the Health and Welfare ministries in the East Ohio Conference. We typically serve over 30,000 adults, children, and families each year, most of whom live at or below the federal poverty level.

We are proud to be a faith-based organization guided by the principles of John Wesley. Through our compassion and high quality Substance Use Disorder and behavioral health services, we help persons connect with that which is Greater within themselves and around them. Consistently, we seek to help individuals reset their paths, reclaim their autonomy, and restore their purpose.



**OHIUGUIDESTONE IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE UNITED METHODIST ASSOCIATION, A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF LIKEMINDED UNITED METHODIST AFFILIATED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.**

**WE PARTICIPATE IN AN INTENSIVE "EAGLE" ACCREDITATION PROCESS TO CONFIRM THAT OUR SERVICES ARE OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY, AND CONSISTENT WITH WESLEYAN PRINCIPLES. WE HAVE RECEIVED SUPERIOR RATINGS AND MAINTAIN FULL ACCREDITATION.**

### Care to Join the Mission?

- Donate to OhioGuidestone through your local church treasurer to **Advance Special Fund 9173** and designate for funds to be used in your county.
- Make a donation through our website:  
<https://ohioguidestone.org/community-service/charities-to-donate-to/donate-now/>
- Ask one of your church groups to host a speaker from OhioGuidestone.
- Share OhioGuidestone information materials with your faith community in bulletins, common areas, or through your social media network.
- Become an OhioGuidestone Foster Care parent.
- Advocate for children's issues at the community, state and federal level.



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## We maintain a strong connection with The United Methodist Church and the East Ohio Conference

- We believe the specialized programming of OhioGuidestone compliments the mission outreach of the United Methodist Churches in serving the least among us, as Jesus preached.
- We believe the specialized programming of OhioGuidestone compliments the mission of the East Ohio Conference vision by:
  - *Maturing disciples of Jesus Christ through partnering with UMC Volunteers who play a valuable role in helping us make a difference in the lives of those we serve.*
  - *Being God's agents of transformation in our communities, one person at a time.*
  - *Being bold and courageous leaders in reaching new and more diverse people.*
- We believe faith and hope are critical components of the healing and empowerment process and we hold them as core values of our agency.
- We maintain a strong connectional relationship through a formally affirmed covenant agreement that is reviewed, updated and signed by our agency Board of Directors and the East Ohio Conference every three years.
- United Methodists maintain representation on our Board of Directors, some of which are ordained clergy (active and retired).
- Our Board Chairperson and our President and CEO meet regularly with the Presiding Prelate of the East Ohio Conference to review our work and explore opportunities for our agency, United Methodist Churches, and individuals to work collaboratively to improve the lives of families, children, and communities.
- We consistently work with United Methodist Churches, church groups, and individuals to help raise awareness regarding the challenges facing those we serve.
- We communicate regularly with all United Methodist churches through agency publications and social media platforms.
- We welcome invitations from all East Ohio Conference churches to come and provide updates about our work and share ways in which we might collaborate.

### Want More Information?

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