

SHARING OUT



The way United Methodists share in ministry with those beyond themselves.

ap·por·tion·ment (n) *Sharing out, distribution, allotment, allocation*

COMMUNITY CENTER GRANTS

Where do our apportionments go? They underwrite ministries in West Ohio like:

\$125,000 in Global Ministry Grants to 26 West Ohio Community Centers who make the gospel real in the lives of the poor and forgotten.

- Bridges, Georgetown
- C.A.R.E., McArthur
- Club 180, Kenton
- Community Development for All People, Columbus
- Family Promise, Lima
- God's N.E.T., Pomeroy
- Good Works, Inc., Athens
- Hunger Network of Ohio, Columbus
- Jackson Area Ministries, Jackson
- Samaritan House, Lima
- Monroe St. Neighborhood Ctr, Toledo
- Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Lima
- St Paul UMC-Parish Outreach, Dayton
- The Lifewell Free Store, Zanesville
- Toledo Area Ministries, Toledo
- WeeCare Outreach, Chillicothe

For the entire list & more information about the community centers, visit www.westohioumc.org

Some of the greatest miracles in The United Methodist Church happen because committed congregations like yours pay their apportionments 100 percent.

Why do we have apportionments?

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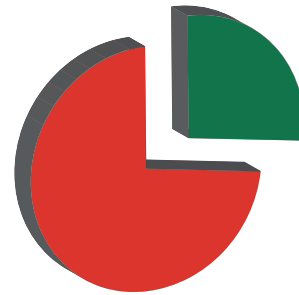
We believe giving is an act of worship. We believe giving is, as 2 Corinthians 9:15, NRSV, teaches, our way of saying "Thanks be to God" for the most generous gift of all...our Lord Jesus Christ.

John Wesley and his followers saw our work in the simplest terms. To paraphrase his inspiring words:

"Do all the good you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can."

Where Does Your Apportionment \$1.00 Go?

73¢ stays in West Ohio, supporting the ministries of the local church, district and conference.



27¢ goes to the general church, supporting United Methodist ministries worldwide.

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West Ohio Community Center Funding



Community Centers and Cooperative Parishes across West Ohio offer critical ministries depending on your apportionment support... here are 3 stories:

The Friendly Center, Toledo

The Friendly Center provides more than twenty programs and services to help

achieve the vision developed in 1923 that "No neighbor will go hungry, feel alienated, alone or powerless." Many people in the neighborhood lack the resources needed to become self sufficient. The volunteers and staff at Friendly Center help neighbors identify and set goals for positive social change, acquire needed resources and move to greater self-sufficiency in their lives.

The Life Well @907 West Main, Zanesville

Sitting in the midst of an area overrun by drugs and prostitution, this ministry offers a safe haven for 50-60 children in need of God's love. News of the ministry has spread through the neighborhood and whenever a spot opens up, another child is waiting on the doorstep to come in. Trust and strong relationships are being built between families and the church, and lives are being transformed.

Wesley Chapel Mission Center, Cincinnati

Commerce thrives around Wesley Chapel Mission Center—sadly the products bought and sold are drugs and sex. Located on one of the toughest street corners in one of the toughest neighborhoods in Cincinnati, the part-time staff and volunteers at Wesley Chapel offer love, encouragement, nurturing, tutoring, and biblically based life-skill lessons to area youngsters. These are youth hardened by their surroundings and in need of clear guidelines, relevant consequences and warm relationships. Bible study and discussions bring the youth and staff closer, enrichment and fun activities connect families as well.