

BRUMC MISSION PLAN

We are Called to Minister

Though our gifts vary widely, we're all called to and engaged in the one ministry of Jesus Christ. Some aspects of our ministry are easy and come naturally. Some are difficult, involving long hours, tough work, perhaps with conflict, perhaps with disappointing results. What drives us? What keeps us going? The list includes at least these three things:

- the memory of Jesus' life of service to others, which inspires us to follow him in ministry;
- the assurance of God's gracious love for us, which empowers us to love others;
- the promise of God's coming reign on earth, which draws us into action directed toward this vision.

It Happens in our Daily Activity

For those who are alert to the needs of others, each day abounds with opportunities to serve. We minister with our families as we inquire about one another's lives, as we listen and respond with care, as we touch, as we smile and offer a kind word, and as we decide questions and reconcile conflicts. We take time to listen to a friend in need and we respond; this is often the greatest gift we can offer. We minister at work, to both co-workers and those we serve. We minister in the neighborhood or the shops as we go about the day's work.

It Happens through new initiatives

We also go out of our way to minister. We hear of a need, read of a crisis, or see an opportunity to share God's love. It may be with someone across town, someone of another racial or economic group, a person with a disability, or a person of another nation or culture. We take time to call, to visit, to write, and to ask how we can help. We also take the time to respond.

It Happens through groups and institutions

Many needs are best met by joining forces with others. We take part in community groups that are trying to serve human need or trying to change social forces that cause suffering. We give our time, our energy, and our money. Though others in these organizations may not think of it this way, for us it's Christ's ministry.

It Happens through the church

Through our support and our contributions, we participate in the far-flung ministries of The United Methodist Church—in our district and annual conference, across the nation, and around the world. Here in our congregation we take part in service groups, we sign up for special action projects, we visit, we telephone, we lead, and we teach. And we minister face-to-face in all kinds of ways, both when we gather and in our informal contacts.

Inspired by the example of Jesus and empowered by God's love for us, we all carry out our ministry, both individually and together with others.

AT BRUMC we offer opportunities to minister on a local, national and international level contact Marjorie Schnelle at [goschnelle @ gmail.com](mailto:goschnelle@gmail.com) for more info.

Local

- 1) BRUMC Food Pantry
- 2) Habitat for Humanity UMC Building. indyhabitat.org
- 3) Fletcher Place Special Requests www.fletcherplacecc.org
- 4) Vida Nueva United Methodist www.vidanuevaumc.org
- 5) Wheeler Mission for Women and Children dinners Project. wheelermission.org/what-we-do/homeless-shelters/center-for-women-children-2/
- 6) Indiana Children's Home childrenshome.net/

National

- 1) McCurdy School mccurdy.org/
- 2) UMCOR Special Requests www.umcor.org

Internationally

- 1) Operation Classroom gbgm-umc.org/operationclassroom
- 2) African University www.africau.edu/

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