

RESOURCES/LINKS

- **Advance:** <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/advance/>

This is the “designated-giving arm of The UMC that ensures 100% of each gift reaches its intended mission or ministry. You decide which program or ministry to support through the The Advance.” They scrutinize the ministries thoroughly before giving them a number. See <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/advance/projects/guidelines/> for the guidelines used to accept a ministry.

- **Books:** For a list of books on fundraisers, service projects, and mission in general, please go to www.raleighdistrictumc.org and click on missions in the upper right-hand corner.
- **Community Gardens:** For resources, please refer to www.raleighdistrictumc.org. Click on mission in the upper, right-hand corner.
- **General Board of Global Ministries:** www.new.gbgm-umc.org; info@gbgm-umc.org; 1-800-862-4246

“Enables congregations and annual conferences to participate in mission activity; challenges United Methodists to proclaim the Christian faith around the world; recruits, send and receives missionaries across racial, cultural, national and political boundaries; promotes Christian unity through witness and service with ecumenical councils and churches; seeks places where the gospel has not been heard or heeded; and supports women in their mission commitment and leadership.”

This Board is rich with resources and guidance that you can download free or order them.

- * <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/resources>. On this site you will find links for resources on;

Global Ministries

UMCOR

The Advance

Academy of Mission Renewal

Children’s, Youth, and Young Adult

Global Praise

Mission Studies.

- * ***God’s Mission, Our Response: A Mission Handbook for Annual Conference Leaders.*** The handbook is "essentially a short course on how the General Board of Global Ministries and annual conferences interact in responding to God's mission in the work," according to an introduction by the Rev. Edward W. Paup, general secretary of the international mission agency that prepared the resource. The *entire* document can be read or downloaded online at [Mission Education](http://new.gbgm-) (<http://new.gbgm->

umc.org/connections/missioneducation/resources/conferences/). The document was prepared by the Mission Communications Office of Global Ministries with the assistance of many agency staff members.

- * For kids: <http://gbgm-umc.org/kc/> This site, Kid's Corner, is great. There are many games, stories, activities, and much more.

- **Disaster recovery (See also UMVIM below)**

- * **MERCI**

- <http://www.merciumc.org>

- 1-888-440-9167; 1-919-739-9167

- 676 Community Drive, Goldsboro, NC

- (Look on our District website for the link to MERCI)

- * **CONFERENCE COORDINATOR**

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- * ELCA Resources: www.elca.org/dcs/disaster

- Meeting God in the Ruins: Devotions for Disaster Relief Volunteers (Free)*

- New Every Day: Forty Devotions for Disaster Survivors (Free)*

- Prepared to Care: A Booklet for Pastors to Use in the Aftermath of a Natural Disaster*

- Prepared to Care: A Booklet for Pastors to use in the Aftermath of a Human-caused Disaster*

- **General Board of Church and Society:** www.umc-gbcs.org; gbcs@umc-gbcs.org; 1-800-967-0880

They implement the church's Social principles; they "provide resources to inform, motivate, train, organize, and build networks for action toward social justice; and serves as the

denomination's chief social-action and public-policy agency, addressing US and international issues.”

- **General Commission on Religion and Race:** www.gcorr.org; info@gcorr.org

“Challenges the entire church – and its agencies and related institutions – to the full and equal participation of racial- and ethnic-minority constituencies in the church’s life and mission; strives to ensure inclusiveness through advocacy, counseling, consulting and investigating; assists annual conferences in developing programs and policies designed to achieve inclusiveness; and administers the church’s Minority group Self-Determination Fund.”

- **Local ministries:** Please refer to www.raleighdistrictumc.org; click mission on upper, right-hand side for several listings.
- **Mission Personnel** <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/work/missionaries/biographies>
- **North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church:** www.nccumc.org/missions; Conference Missions Director, Steve Taylor, 832.9560
- **Raleigh District of The United Methodist Church:** www.raleighdistrictumc.org. On the upper black bar click on missions. District Pastor of Missions Jo Elaine Harris: 266-2373; joelaine@nccumc.org.
- **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).** <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/UMCOR>

UMCOR is the not-for-profit global humanitarian aid organization of The UMC. It works in 80+ countries, including the US. Their purpose is to alleviate suffering – caused by war, conflict or natural disaster – with open hearts and minds to all people. They respond to natural and civil disasters that are so great that they overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on its own.

Information line: 1-800-554-8538
Volunteer line: 1-800-918-3100
Sager Brown Depot: 1-800-814-8765
www.twitter.com/UMC_UMCOR
www.facebook.com/UMCOR

- **UMConnect:** <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/connections/lists/umconnect/>; www.twitter.com/ConnectnMission; www.YouTube.com/ConnectnMission

This is an email discussion group where you can talk about ideas related to internet and other electronic ministries with other church members. Many in the group are responsible for web sites on GBGM's web. This is a wonderful resource for all areas of mission. Look to the right-side of the page for informational links.

- **United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM):** www.umvim.org; <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/about/us/mv/mission-teams-umvim/>

UMVIM promotes, encourages, and enables Christians to exemplify “Christian Love in Action” through short-term mission service in the US and abroad.

For Opportunities, visit <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/about/us/mv/programs/>. This site provides information for teams, team training, upcoming trips, and much more.

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- **Web hosting:** <http://gbgm-gmc.org/churches>. Free!

Local Governments

The county governments included in the Raleigh District have excellent websites that include information on their services (which include financial assistance) and programs (including some prevention programs). They are easy to negotiate and a quick resource to find out what might be available to the folks who need some assistance.

Franklin County: www.fcdss.org.
 107-A Industrial Drive
 Louisburg, NC 27549
 Telephone: (919)496-5721

Johnston County: <http://www.co.johnston.nc.us/mainpage>.

DSS Building
714 North Street
Smithfield, NC 27577
Phone: 919-989-5300
Fax: 919-989-5324

Wake County: www.WakeGov.com/HumanServices.

220 Swinburne Street, Raleigh, 212-7000
Eastern Regional Center: 1002 Dogwood Drive, Zebulon, 404-3900
Southern Regional Center: 130 North Judd Parkway NE, Fuquay-Varina, 557-2501
Northern Regional Center: 350 East Holding Street, Wake Forest, 562-6300

There are many other locations that offer some of the services. You can find these under their "locations" link.