

Equipping Communities for Mission

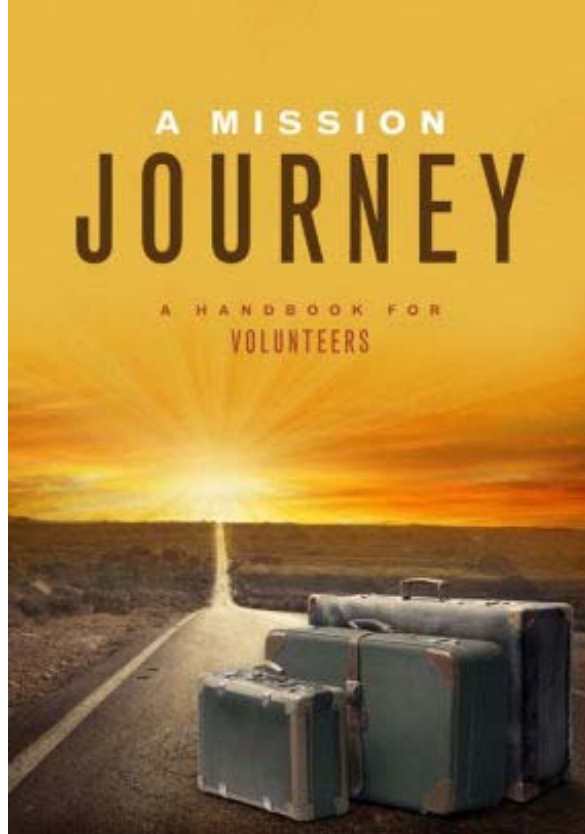


- What brings you here today?

- What questions do you have?

- Should the church be involved in disaster response ministries?
- Should the church be involved in overseas mission ministries?

Mission is....



- At the core of this is the understanding that when we talk about “mission” it is not *our* mission or the *church’s* mission – but God’s mission. Jeremy Bassett, in *A Missionary Journey – a Handbook for Volunteers* writes, “God’s mission has been at the heart of the church of Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is not so much that the church has a mission, but that God’s mission has a church.” This mission leads us to “an ever-increasing involvement in the pain and brokenness of the world.” Through the church God seeks to restore humanity to God’s original plan.

What makes for meaningful mission?

What are the challenges to engaging people in mission?



Developing a Missional Congregation

- Ministry of all believers
- Giftedness of all believers
- For the sake of others
- Provide opportunities for meaningful mission
- Invite.... Invite...Invite...
- Celebrate.



Spiritual formation is the life-long process of being conformed into the likeness of Christ by the gracious working of the Holy Spirit for the sake of others.



Transformational Mission

Luke 10: After this the Lord appointed seventy two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was to go... The seventy two returned with joy....





- All disasters are local: the local church is a major thread in the overall fabric of a community's disaster preparation and response. The visible presence of the church is essential in any time of disaster.
- Disaster response is an effective ministry through which we become instruments of God's healing and hope. By becoming the hands and feet of Christ, we share in a commitment to the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of people in a time of crisis.



- Early Response Teams
- Long Term Recovery Teams
- Disaster Emotional and Spiritual Care Teams
- Connecting Neighbors
- HUBS



The New York Conference supports Volunteer Mission trips in countries around the world — in places where the need for our service is welcomed. The main purpose of this short term mission ministry is to make the love of God visible, meaningful, and redemptive in the midst of human need. Guided by “best practices” volunteers are sent to develop trusting and enduring relationships that would foster partnership with the under-resourced, disenfranchised, marginalized, and oppressed in order to build hope and transformation lives.



- The New York Conference has accepted the challenge to join in the denomination’s global initiative, “Abundant Health: Our Promise to Children.” The [health initiative](#) that was kicked off at the 2016 General Conference by the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) builds on the success of Imagine No Malaria.



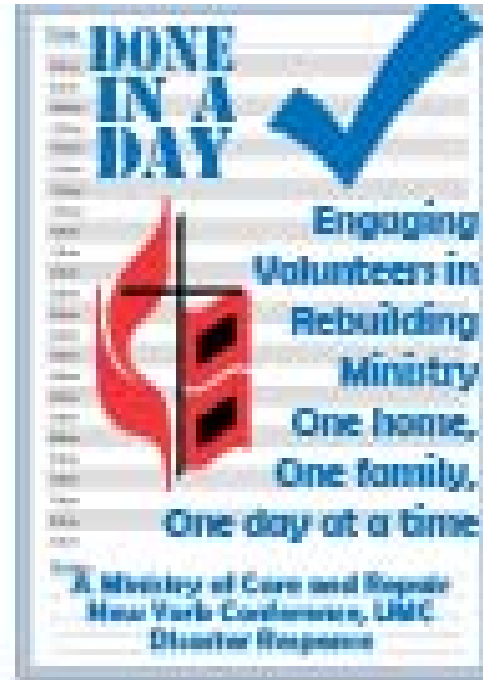
- “In the U.S., we are calling on as many churches as possible to help us participate in global health work by addressing congregational health issues and reaching beyond the congregation to the community,” said Dr. Olusimbo Ige, Executive Director of GBGM's Global Health program.
- The goal is to engage at least 10,000 U.S. churches in promoting physical activity, healthy diet and nutrition, education for tobacco- and drug-free living, and mental health education.

Done in a Day
Community Gardens
Abundant Health Expos
Ministry with the Poor
Local Church Resources
Ready Church
Relational Ministry
And more to come!

**Local
Outreach**

- Jesus is our model. He got involved, walked the streets, sat in the market place, and spent time in people's homes. He got his hands dirty and offered the life-changing touch of holiness. He brought heaven down to earth."
- In many ways ministry is always local – it serves with, and within, a community and seeks not only to meet the needs of, but to empower, local people and communities.

“Done in a Day” seeks to work with churches to identify local homes and homeowners who are in need, who may not be able to afford repairs, or who may need some TLC through home repairs. A priority should be given to low-income families, seniors, persons with disabilities, single-parent families, and others with special needs or circumstances. Local churches would provide the volunteer labor for the effort.



Done in a Day

Youth Opportunities for Mission

UMARMY – United
Methodist Action Reach-
Out Mission by Youth

ASP – Appalachian Service
Project

YAM – Youth Ambassadors
in Mission



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- How are we currently actively engaged in our communities in ways that promote healing of mind, body, and spirit?
- In what ways are we engaging youth and young adults in mission ministries?
- How can we more effectively invite, equip, and engage our congregation in ministries of hope and healing in our community, our country, our world?
- How do our mission ministries make disciples of Jesus Christ?