**Description of Missions Work Areas of Support**

**March, 2025**

**Section 1 - AFRICA**

**Africa University (Advance # 3021028)**

We have supported this oasis of learning in the eastern highlands of Zimbabwe since its founding in 1992. It is the only United Methodist degree granting institution on the continent of Africa. Students at AU come from all over Africa, currently representing 23 countries.  Graduates go out to excel in careers in medicine, business, national politics, education, agriculture, and the church, to fulfill the university's motto of "educating global leaders, hope for the world". ($4,000 = 2025 Support)

**Temba Nkomozepi Salary Support** **(Advance # 3022400)**

Temba took over as the leader of the Mujila Falls Ag Center in October of 2018 from Paul Webster. Paul Webster was the founder of the Mujila Falls Ag Center and visited Midland FUMC ~~x~~3 times between 2005 and 2016. In Paul’s words "As a rural development specialist I am attacking the root causes of poverty, disease and hopelessness through education and training in small animal husbandry, cattle culture, goat milking, animal traction, tree nurseries, fruit and fish culture, and research." Paul adds, "The goals are families who can provide balanced nutrition for themselves and an income from small scale, family-based production."

Temba is the current leader of the Mujila Falls Agricultural Project in Northwest Zambia, near the border with the Republic of Congo.  Temba visit Midland FUMC in 2023. FUMC provides salary support for Temba.  ($2,500 = 2025 Support)

**Mujila Falls Ag Project (Advance # 15016A)**

The Mujla Falls Agricultural Project is a rural economic development project that serves the needs of the poor, rural peoples in Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Mujila Falls Ag Project promotes major programs in education, health, sustainable agriculture, community development, evangelism, and church construction. The projects strive to empower participants and address community social, economic and health problems holistically.

Midland FUMC has supported the Ag Center since it conception in 2000. Rev McCumons (FUMC head pastor) was the guest of honor for Paul Webster’s Commissioning there in 2000. More recently Midland FUMC sent a team to visit Mujila Falls in 2019 and will be sending another team in 2025. ($10,000 = 2025 Support)

**Samuteb Hospital (Advance # 00596A)**

Samuteb is a hospital in rural Congo (Africa) that serves an underserved area of the world, that without Samuteb, would have no medical care at all. This is a hospital that does not look like a hospital you and I would be accustomed to seeing. It looks like a primitive clinic; however, it serves thousands in an enormous area of Congo. Samuteb has been supported by our church for at least 30 years and our support is critical to their survival. Our retired Senior Pastor Carl Price visited the hospital multiple times. ($3,000 = 2025 Support)

**Judith Craig Orphanage – Liberia (Advance # 11820A)**

In 1984 Judith Craig became the third woman elected bishop of the UMC Conference. Bishop Craig served the Michigan Episcopacy from 1984 until 1992. Bishop Craig came to Midland in 1985 to celebrate our first $Million of Mission Outreach and she helped us launch our second $Million. When Bishop Craig retired in 2000 she was honored by the naming of the Bishop Judith Craig Children’s Village (BJCCV). Midland First UMC became a charter member of BJCCV by supporting a cottage in her Village. After 10 years of Civil War in Liberia BJCCV has become a school for the reeducation of children soldiers. We support BJCCV through our conference covenant, through general projects 11820A, and through special projects like the recent Water Distribution Project ($2,000 = 2025 Support)

**Liberia Ministry Partnership (Advance #CCMM3014)**

The Michigan Conference Liberian Task force organizes financial and spiritual support for Bishop Judith Craig Children’s Village, schools, clean safe water, agricultural development, and salary support for pastors, teachers, and superintendents. The Michigan Conference task force is committed to working with the people of the Liberian conference. ($2,000 = 2025 Support)

**ACT (Agape Community Transformation) Uganda**

ACT Uganda (Agape Community Transformation) is a registered non-profit governmental organization (NGO) in Muko Hope Sub County, Uganda. ACT was established in 2003 by Sue Waechter of Midland Michigan and Generous Turinawe of Uganda. During the past twenty plus years ACT has developed six programs:

* HONOR Scholarships (Hope, Opportunity, Need, Ownership, Respect) - Students receive a full scholarship for the year of tuition, room and board.
* UNIQUELY UGANDA HANDCRAFTS - this program began with the goal of providing a way to earn wages for women infected with HIV/AIDS by creating their handcrafts.
* HANDS - This program supports and provides education to the subsistence farmers of Muko Sub County. ACT’s program includes an extensive permagardening training.
* MISIC An innovative and unique program designed to help the children learn discipline through music in learning a stringed instrument to be part of ACT Orchestra.
* HEAL - Is a health promotion program utilizing villagers as volunteer and employs a Midwife full time to identify the greatest health needs.
* HARDWARE STORE - established in 2023. He hardware store brought jobs, resources, revenue and new opportunities to the community. The hardware store profits fund education, healthcare, and other community programs

($1,500 = 2025 Support)

**Mulungwishi Seminary (Advance # 05773A)**

The Mulungwishi Theological Seminary trains pastors to serve in the church and society in Africa. It is located in the Democratic Republic of Congo and is the School of Theology component of the greater Katanga Methodist University (KMU), which also includes Schools of Agriculture, I.T., Education, a Women’s Center and a Medical Center. Students at the seminary receive a Bachelor’s degree after three years and a Master’s after five. There is also a PhD level program. The graduating class averages ten theology students per year who become ordained UMC clergy. ($2,500 = 2025 Support)

**Section 2 - HAITI**

**Haiti Foundation Against Poverty (Mallery Neptune)**

Haiti Foundation Against Poverty is a nonprofit organization founded by Mallery Neptune in 2007. HFAP’s mission is to serve the poor, widowed and orphaned (James 1:27) in Haiti through: education, job creation and evangelism. To accomplish this, HFAP’s programs include orphan care, child sponsorships, artisan employment, agricultural advancements, medical care and discipleship. HFAP has two headquarters in Haiti, one in the city of Port-au-Prince and one in the mountains above Jeremie. Through their various ministry efforts, they are seeing hope and light breaking through poverty and darkness. Employment today empowers families now. Education today will change Haiti tomorrow. Evangelism today will change Haitians forever. ($4,200 = 2025 Support)

**Grace Hospital & TB Clinic - Port-au-Prince, Haiti (Advance # 418520)**

This hospital gives care tochildren and in-hospital treatment is reserved for the most critical cases. There are fewer in-patients now than in the past decade due to the change in treatment of TB from hospital to home care for the entire family. Now more family members can receive care at home, lessening the trauma of separating families during treatments. ($6,000 = 2025 Support)

**Section 3 - EASTERN EUROPE**

**Baltic Theological Seminary**

Baltic Methodist Theological Center is in Tallin, Estonia. It trains students for pastoral ministry and other ministry leadership. JD Landis is a trustee on the Board under the supervision of Bishop Christian Alstead.  He is responsible as a trustee with all major decisions of the seminary. They are also charged with the responsibility of raising funds.  The seminary graduates 10-20 students a year that come from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Scandinavia and other former Soviet Countries. JD is also a contact with the Haapsalu United Methodist church and their pastor Urmas Rahuvarm. Haapsalu has a lay leader presently training for ministry, Rauno.  Other contacts include the Lighthouse Center for Children in Tallin, and Camp Gideon directed by Artur Pold. ($2,700 = 2025 Support)

**Section 4 - Asia**

**Justice Ventures International -India and China**

JVI secures freedom, justice and restoration for the poor and oppressed by strengthening ventures that promote justice. JVI partners with local organizations to rescue men, women and children suffering from extreme injustice. They help with legal case work, human rights training, rights-based advocacy and have freedom businesses to market and sell products made by human trafficking survivors. Human trafficking and bonded slavery are just two of the areas they work in to rescue people. ($4,500 = 2025 Support)

**Section 5 - Latin America**

**Solar Ovens Project (Advance # 418812)**

Solar ovens provide clean fuel for making the contaminated water safe for drinking without harvesting precious mahogany trees used to make charcoal for cooking. The trees stabilize the soil, keeping it from washing into the shallow sea and smothering small fish. Now the small fish can become big fish to feed the people. The pollution from charcoal fires is also diminished so that the air is healthier. ($1,000 = 2025 Support)

**Section 6 - USA**

**Baldwin Center (Advance CCMM# 3036)**

For over 40 years the Baldwin Center has been providing critical services to the underserved populations of Pontiac, Michigan. To fulfill their mission to feed, clothe, educate, and empower, they provide takeout meals, a clothing closet, after school programs, shower and laundry services, summer camps, and a holiday shopping store. The Baldwin Center was originally created as an outreach program of the former Baldwin Avenue United Methodist Church in response to increasing poverty in the neighborhood. ($1,500 = 2025 Support)

**Cass Avenue Community Services – Detroit (Advance CCMM# 3005)**

Cass Avenue Community Services helps the local community provide food, shelter and income to the homeless community. It also provides religious prayer and worship to those in need. They rehabilitate the indigent and employ them by making door mats, coaster and flip-flops. Faith Fowler is the minister at Cass Ave Methodist Church. ($5,000 = 2025 Support)

**Rescue Mission of Mid-Michigan (Previously City Rescue Mission of Saginaw)**

The City Rescue Mission of Saginaw (formerly known as the Saginaw Rescue Mission), provides emergency shelter, meals and compassionate Christian care for homeless people in the Saginaw community. In existence since 1905, they also offer extensive training in life skills, employment readiness, and Christian living. Through the Impact Designs program, they open doors to sustainable permanent housing solutions for their guests. Their mission statement: To glorify God by serving people in need, proclaiming the Gospel, and establishing disciples among disadvantaged people. ($6,500 = 2025 Support)

**His House Christian Fellowship - Kate & Joe Hogoboom - Ferris State University**

His House is a campus ministry at FSU headed by Kate & Joe Hogoboom. Kate is Carl & Pat Price’s granddaughter. We support their salaries as Administrative Assistants. They mentor students, prepare teachings, plan and lead retreats, camps, social events and worship times, while attempting to bring security and the love of Jesus Christ to students at FSU, as well as encouraging the students to grow spiritually. ($1,300 = 2025 Support)

**One Week One Street (OWOS)**

One Week, One Street OWOS is an annual urban revitalization effort to encourage, hope, pride and love for our neighbors in Saginaw by utilizing volunteers and donations from the Great Lakes Bay Region churches, businesses, and other non-profit organizations.  OWOS is an annual organized week, providing "hands on to help meet the needs of people in Saginaw. Volunteers are from churches, employers and other Great Lakes Bay Region civic organization, working together the last week of June. OWOS is recognized as a United Methodist project in the Central Bay District.

In addition to sending funds the members of Midland FUMC do carpentry, yard work, paint, clean up and develop on-going relationships with the people of Saginaw each year during the OWOS event.

($1,000 = 2025 Support)

**God’s Country Cooperative Ministries (Advance CCMM# 3044)**

God's Country Co-Operative Parish (GCCP), Headquarters is in Newberry, Michigan.  It consists of 7 small churches located in the Eastern half of the Upper Peninsula.  The work is social work, assistance in housing, household goods, clothing, home repair, supporting the churches.  The center now supports the entire UP for household goods and clothing.  Summer VIM groups do construction projects and other upgrades.  A Big winter coat/clothing give away is a significant Mission for the center.  The Center works with State Agencies to provide assistance to individuals and families who are in need.  To help support the ministry, they make and sell picnic tables and double chairs.  The churches make pasties to sell and hold pasty dinners to support their congressional mission work. ($1,800 = 2025 Support)

**New Heart Mission Church (Saginaw)**

Mission is to serve the broken-hearted, lost, disadvantaged, and impoverished people in the city of Saginaw by offering the love, hope, and transforming message of salvation found in Jesus Christ by providing mission-focused ministries.

These ministries are: Weekly Food and Children’s Clothing Pantries with Breakfast Church, Bicycle Ministry, Easter Egg Hunt Stations, Back-to-School Event, Community Baby Shower, Kids' Christmas Party Stations, Jacob’s Ladder safety hazard home repair (assisting widows, elderly, and disabled persons), and various community meals feeding low-income families.

($1,500 = 2025 Support)

**After the Storm**

After the Storm is a Midland Based/led, Faith based, United Methodist Organization that is based solely on Michigan Natural Disasters.($1,000 = 2025 Support)

**Native American Ministry Sunday**

The Michigan Conference's Committee on Native American Ministry  (CONAM) is the primary way the conference supports Native American ministries.  Planning and support generally happen through the work of CONAM as they focus on honoring, and preserving the indigenous cultural and religious traditions, celebrate their gifts and their spirituality, and name the challenges they face. Where they can, they provide funding support for the pastors serving in those congregations.

There are eight Native American churches in the state of Michigan:

* Zeba Indian Mission UMC,.L'Anse
* Oscoda Indian Mission UMC
* Northport Indian Mission UMC
* Kewadin Indian Mission UMC
* Greensky Hill Indian Mission UMC, Charlevoix
* Mt. Pleasant Chippewa Indian UMC
* Salem Indian Mission UMC, Hopkins
* Bradley Indian Mission UMC, Shelbyville

($500 = 2025 Support)

**Wesley Foundation @ Central Michigan University**

Mary Hamilton will provide paragraph. ($1,000 = 2025 Support)

**Wesley Foundation @ Purdue University**

Fritz Hyde will provide paragraph. ($500 = 2025 Support)