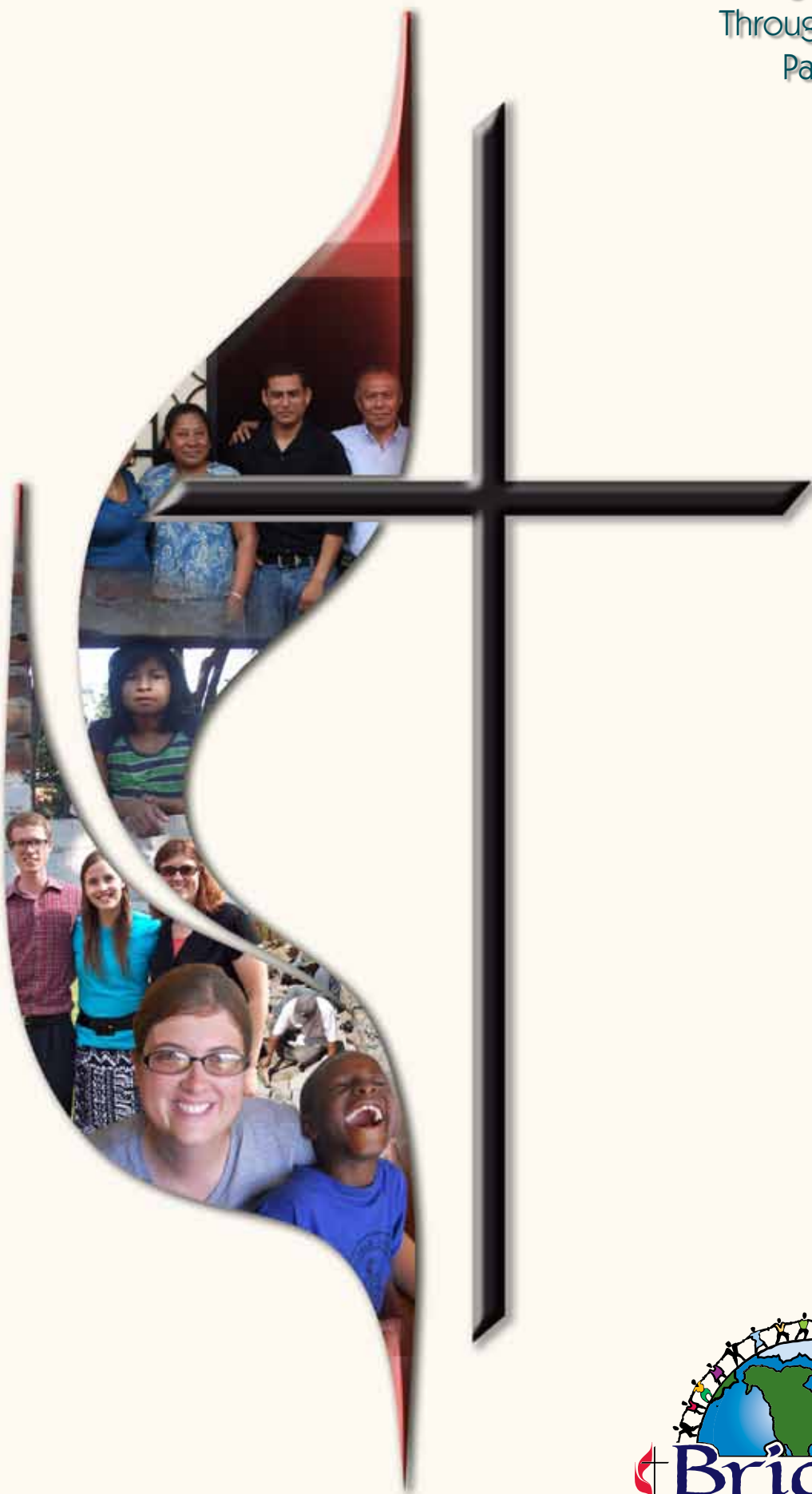


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- 1 East Africa**  
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- 2 El Salvador**  
Working directly with local churches, we have been inspired by the many energetic young adults with enthusiasm for missions in El Salvador. Areas of focus are: Purchasing Property, Supporting Pastoral Salaries and the Methodist Medical Clinic.  
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- 3 Bahamas**  
Youth members from North Georgia have been working with the Bahamas Methodist Habitat for several years. We expand this bridge to new people, new churches and more mission groups of all ages. Areas of focus: Bahamas Methodist Habitat, Aircraft Donations Program, Dental Program.  
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- 4 Portugal**  
The Methodist churches of Portugal struggle and are desperate for partner churches. Areas of focus: renewal of Methodism in Portugal, alleviating poverty, partnering with existing Methodist churches.  
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- 5 Russia**  
Plans are underway for North Georgia to formally partner with the United Methodist Church of Eurasia. Areas of focus: Strengthening link between Candler School of Theology and the Seminary of Moscow, offering training to enhance ministry and outreach.  
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- 6 Israel - pending**  
In this bridge to the Middle East, the North Georgia Conference seeks to reach out to the people of the Holy Land.  
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- 7 The Philippines**  
Much of the work of this Bridge revolves around addressing the extreme poverty that faces many of the people of the Philippines. We have the advantage of an existing strong Methodist church in the Philippines with excellent and experienced leadership. Areas of focus: medical and dental mission teams, establishing campus ministries on University campuses in Manila and continuing education for leadership.  
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- 8 Action Ministries of the North Georgia Conference**  
Action Ministries offers us a link to ministry across our own local communities. Areas of focus: Hunger, Housing and Education.  
Contact: Rev. John Moeller at [jmoeller@actionministries.net](mailto:jmoeller@actionministries.net)
- 9 World Methodist Evangelism**  
World Methodist Evangelism seeks to enable the “People called Methodist” to “spread throughout the earth abroad the honors of Jesus’ name.” Areas of focus: to see the Methodist Movement vibrant and growing throughout the world, to provide evangelism training, and to develop new churches.  
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The purpose of BRIDGES is to provide information and guidance to our churches on how to get involved in United Methodist based mission experiences.

BRIDGES organizes a way for our churches and agencies to get connected to critical and meaningful experiences, a way to work together to make a difference here in Georgia as well as around the globe.

BRIDGES provides a way for us to get to know and partner with other Methodist congregations and agencies so that together we can more fully and effectively advance and share the love of Jesus Christ.

BRIDGES seeks personal and community transformation by developing the ministries of other caring people. Sustainable projects give life and encourage health and balance, all in the name and witness of Jesus Christ.

Whether you are one person, a small class, a group, church, business, or a gathering of long-time friends, you can help make a difference for the Body of Christ through the BRIDGES programs.



The image of a bridge accents the gift of our connection. This model for outreach is rooted in our United Methodist connectional system that works together to sow the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ and to bring healing and wholeness to our world.

If you or your church currently support missions in a grand way, consider adding a strong United Methodist option to your portfolio. To get involved, start with this catalog of ideas and contact the person associated with each Bridge. You can get involved at many levels; offer prayers, financial support, resources, encouragement, perhaps join a travel team, or ideally, lead a team into mission. All churches should have a heavy investment in supporting missions as well as serving in missions; across the streets from our churches and homes, around the world, and in all places between where the love of God can be shared and nurtured.







This BRIDGE is alive with potential, opportunity, and beauty. The East Africa conference is enormous by USA standards, incorporating Burundi, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. The complexities of this conference are vast. Though differences abound, there is at least one common thing we celebrate, a passion for Jesus Christ and a limitless opportunity for sowing the seeds of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

While we have supported projects in a number of areas of the East Africa Conference, we are currently focusing on Kenya and working with two UMVIM missionaries, Bill Coble and Chat Uken Coble, of Peachtree Road UMC, who are living and working with the 'Start With One Kenya' (SWOK) program. SWOK is a 501c3 program and has a number of partners which include North Georgia.

This mission opportunity is focused on changing one life at a time by building foundational infrastructure, promoting independence and sustainability, nurturing human dignity and showing the love of Jesus Christ in holistic ways. This ministry effort places emphasis on the importance of clean water, water filter distribution, brick making and the building of homes, schools and relationships in the Internally Displaced People (IDP) and Refuge Camps of Nakuru, Kenya.

## How to get involved

Although the primary focus is on clean water and hygiene, healthcare, education, and micro-finance, there are other ways to get involved.

## Water Filter Distribution

A water filter can change a family's life because clean water is not available to all Kenyans. The distribution of water filter systems that remove the waterborne diseases that represent three out of the five leading causes of death and teaching hygiene practices in Kenya is key. While the distribution of filter systems is happening on a regular basis, there is significant need that is still yet to be met. Churches, groups, classes, even individuals, can have an immediate impact by raising funds to purchase the filter systems at a cost of \$60 per unit.



## Clergy and Church Leader Training

UM pastors are being taught basic church leadership and polity with the help of visiting pastors from the US. We hope to add the UMC Course of Study curriculum in Kenya in preparation for more clergy to become eligible for ordination. This would build a strong foundation of leadership in Kenya for the UMC.

## Infrastructure in Camps

There are many refugee/IDP (Internally Displaced People) camps in Kenya. The camps vary in size. One with a hundred residents might be a few miles from another with five thousand. The residents live in tents and are in desperate need of all types of assistance including infrastructure, housing, and basic healthcare. Mission teams can focus on brick making and the building of homes, churches, schools and health care clinics.

## Scouting

Historically, scouting has been a successful venture between the two annual conferences. Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of the modern scouting movement, is buried in Kenya. Scouting for both boys and girls is an opportunity to help develop young peoples' character. This effort should continue to grow.

## Daily meal program

There are many children who have been abused and orphaned and as a result are living in local slums whose only guarantee for a meal is made possible by churches that offer a feeding program on a limited basis. Churches are needed to support these feeding programs so that meals can be offered daily.



## Children's Ministries

There are children in the IDP camps who are isolated, and have limited activities. Even basic recreation programs, like soccer, allow the schools and churches opportunities for ministry, spiritual formation and leadership development for children, youth and young adults.



## Supporting Women's Rights

The plight of women and the need for opportunities for advancement is at a critical level. Many Kenyan women have the ability to be fully self-sustaining, but few have had the training, opportunities and resources that can make such a thing happen.



Kenya is a paradoxical place where the Lord is doing amazing things in the midst of struggle for and through amazing people. There is room for you on this dynamic BRIDGE of mission.

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With a special emphasis on children and youth, this mission opportunity currently includes activities with the "Street Boys," Holy Trinity

School, local UMC churches, children's orphanages, and IDP Camps (Internally Displaced Person). SWOK hopes to expand its reach as more churches support this vision for change in the quality of living of God's people in East Africa.







Nestled among the hills and valleys of this pretty country called El Salvador are 13 Methodist Churches with about 1,000 members, half of which are children. Most of the pastors in these Methodist churches are part time with the majority being women. It is in this place and among these people where we seek to enhance ministry in this BRIDGE partnership.

Though still young, the Methodist Church in El Salvador has been planting one church per year since its inception in 1994. Centered in the city of Ahuachapán, the El Salvador churches face a number of challenges, including the difficulty of acquiring property for church facilities. Only four churches currently own their own buildings.

As part of its commitment to the El Salvador church, The General Board of Global Ministries provides minimum wage salaries for eight pastors (the other pastors serve as volunteers). Also they support a Christian Education program that offers biblical training that helps this growing community understand and embrace its Methodist identity. As many as 15 UMVIM teams visit the country annually to develop relationships with this growing Methodist community and partner in their work.



## How to get involved

### Medical clinics

The church serves the community through Methodist Clinics, medical operations, in different cities. Since 2006, three of these clinics have served more than 100,000



people who have received medical attention at minimal cost of \$3.00 for consultation and medication. The medical needs in this area are so great that people from Guatemala come and visit these clinics. Right now there is a need to complete construction of a clinic and church in San Salvador, the capital city.



### Education

Visiting mission teams have focused on this need in various ways from building a school and working with kindergartners, to training pastors and lay leaders, and providing children and youth programs. There is also a deep desire to have more and more training on worship practices, both traditional and contemporary.

### Purchasing land

The area churches are outgrowing the homes they currently are using for worship and study. There is a need to add 6 build-able properties as soon as possible.

### Building

A new church and parsonage with a clinic is needed in Ahuachapán. The church is growing, but unless help is provided to meet needs, development and growth could be stunted.



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### Financial Support

The roads in El Salvador are fine and good until you turn off the blacktop. Due to bad roads the life span of a normal vehicle there is short. The best vehicles for reaching the most rural locations is a heavy duty vehicle. These are expensive and hard to purchase by pastors with little or no salary. Without this kind of reliable and rugged transportation it is difficult for the church to expand.

The Methodist church of El Salvador lives by this missional challenge from the book of Isaiah, "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back" Isaiah 54:2. God is working in El Salvador, and joining the BRIDGE partnership in this part of the world will be a rewarding and renewing effort.







When many of us think about The Bahamas, our minds go to big cruise ships and fancy resorts, long beaches, and crystal clear water. However, there is much more to the story. The Bahamas is also a nation that struggles like many nations, with poverty, education, crime, abuse. Currently the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church (BCMC) is made up of 36 churches and many more outreach ministries, all of which share the love of God through service to others in all circumstances.

Many congregations in North Georgia have already been crossing the BRIDGE to The Bahamas and we are now expanding our current relationships with the BCMC. It is our hope that more people and more congregations will enter into this partnership. They are eager to host us as spiritual brothers and sisters who cross the BRIDGE to serve with them in the Lord's work.

As you read through the following on-going BCMC ministries, we hope that you will discover new avenues of possibility for groups and individuals in your church. Please pray for discernment as you listen for God's calling to join with them in ministry throughout their beautiful country.



**Bahamas Methodist Habitat** – *Disaster Management and Sub-standard Housing Repair.* Through their local and international volunteer network, BMH improves the living conditions of families in need. High school youth, college and adult teams are welcome to serve throughout the year. Early Response Teams are encouraged to be 'on-call' during hurricane season.

**Pastoral Appointments** – *One to three year appointments.* Qualified pastors are desperately needed primarily on the islands of Eleuthera, Cat, Inagua, Andros, and Grand Bahama.

## **Zion Children's Home** *(Current Island)*

### **Bilney Lane Children's Home** *(Nassau)*

*Safe haven for abused children.* These homes offer a holistic environment where children (ages 2-16) receive short- and long-term love, care, and support.



**Queen's College** *(Nassau)* – *Comprehensive school (K-12).* The school's focus is both academic excellence and the development of well-rounded, courteous, spiritually grounded global citizens.

### **Nurse Naomi Christie Home for Senior**

**Citizens** *(Nassau)* – *Nursing Home.* Caregivers provide 24-hour care for up to 13 residents aged 60 and over.

**Peace and Justice Institute** – *An alternative means of intervention.* This institute, through collaboration and addressing the issues that confront residents in their daily lives, helps to break the cycle of crime and violence with alternative sentencing and life-skills counseling, coaching and mentoring.



## **Center for Learning Education and Training** – *Ministry Certification*

C-LET's curriculum prepares students to fulfill their life calling by focusing on leadership training, ministry development, and community work.

### **Sabbath/Retreat** – *Haven for Renewal*

The conference offers local settings for pastoral, staff, and personal retreat and sabbath.

## **How To Get Involved**

Contact Sam Halverson ([sam.halverson@ngumc.net](mailto:sam.halverson@ngumc.net)) with the ministry focus of your calling and he will connect you with the appropriate BCMC coordinator. Please visit the BCMC ministry Facebook page and websites for more specific information.

### **Pray:**

With the staff and congregations of the BCMC;  
With the people of The Bahamas, especially the youth, those struggling with hurricane damage, cycles of poverty, and the need for a sense of home; With those in The Bahamas who continue to be the hands and feet of Christ.

### **Go:**

Lead your church mission to The Bahamas (*service opportunities listed*). Apply for a pastoral appointment. Schedule sabbath retreat. Participate in June of 2014 NGC Youth Mission to Eleuthera, The Bahamas (9th-12th grade).

### **Give:**

Please join with us in sustaining these BCMC life-giving ministries through your financial and in-kind support. Encourage youth in our conference to serve on a mission by providing a scholarship. Donations of any size are appreciated and welcomed. If you are unsure of where your donation would be best served, you may simply make a contribution of any amount to our Bahamas Mission Fund. Persons of all ages can support this wonderful reciprocal BRIDGE.



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Portugal is a nation of sweeping hills lined with rows of grape vines on the interior side, and long sandy beaches on the shore side. There are historic cities of red tiled roofs next to modern towers of commerce and all of it teems with life. While beautiful, this nation which is both ancient and modern, faces critical economic issues. The country struggles with radically austere budgets, the resulting lack of viable employment for the young adult population, and low morale among the youth and their parents. The church is seeking to be a beacon of hope and light in a perilous time.

The Methodist church in Portugal is 16 congregations in a region of the world that is heavily dominated by a non-protestant presence. The history of the Methodist church in Portugal is quite long and includes a former connection to the British Methodist Church. Today they are an independent Methodist church seeking a way forward in a complex time. The partnership with the North Georgia BRIDGES program is the first such union they have experienced and comes when they face several urgent issues. The lack of jobs for the next generation of workers is so profound that there is a visceral loss of hope in the country. The vast majority of job seeking young adults now migrate to other parts of Europe. This movement has long term implications for the country.

The leaders there are asking for help answering difficult questions. How does the church respond in times like this? How can the church mobilize for community support and advocate for economic parity? How can the faithful evangelize in a culture that is struggling to make sense of the strident and austere cuts to family income, missional support, and more?

## How to get involved

The annual conference (synod) of Portugal met recently and created a new committee designed to provide long term visioning for projects and development to support the overall objectives of the conference. They will create a prioritized list to guide us as things move forward. This new committee will serve as the key link for coordinating activity in Portugal.



## Lordelo Methodist Church

This Angolan Methodist church is gaining traction in the northern city of Porto with an indigenous Angolan pastor as the leader. This church is in a very old building that has options for being a rooming house along with a church, but it needs to be remodeled. When this project is completed the church will have a clear way towards being self-sustaining for the long term.

## Monte Pedral Methodist Church

Their building needs to be demolished and reborn with a multi-purpose space in addition to the sanctuary. This arrangement would provide self sustaining cash for the church operations.

## Minaret Methodist Church

This is the main church in the city and offers projects to help people find solutions for the lack of jobs. There is hope of starting a solidarity center here that specifically addresses needs of young college graduates who cannot find employment in their major area of study.

The Methodist Church of Portugal has two mission houses available to visiting work teams; one in the north near Porto, the home of Methodism in that country, and one in Aveiro in the middle of the country. Both can accommodate teams of up to 20 persons for low cost. There is brick and mortar work, educational work, and more as they seek to ignite a new era for the growing church in Portugal.



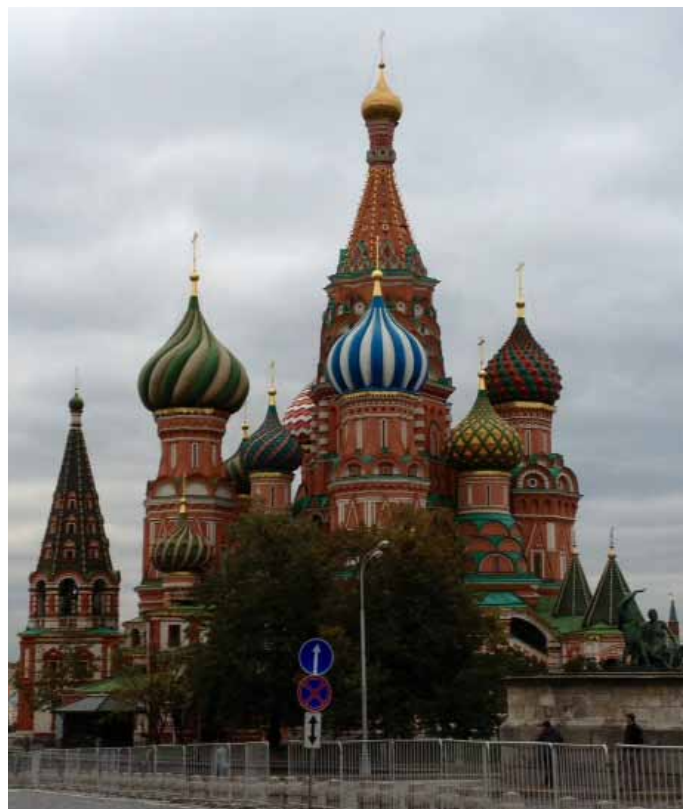
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This BRIDGE offers two avenues of opportunity, with one being between schools of higher education and the other being between the local churches here and there. There is some degree of overlap in these two areas, but there are distinctions worth noting.

Last year we rekindled the working relationships between Candler School of Theology, Gammon Theological School, and the Moscow Theological Seminary of the UMC. Letters of covenant were exchanged, and work of sharing professors, classes, expertise, and students has already begun. There is more interchange being planned as this aspect of the partnership reaches higher levels of exchange and support.



Last year the foundation was laid for church ministry partnerships with the North and South Moscow districts of the UMC. Moscow is a place where modernity ambles forward on ancient pathways and the contrasts are seen everywhere throughout the city. The United Methodist church there faces a number of hurdles as they continue establishing a Protestant presence in a largely Russian Orthodox culture that is heavily blessed by the State. Russian culture is deeply rooted in the Orthodoxy making any Protestant church somewhat foreign to the majority of Russians. With a general difficulty trusting new establishments, and the State sanctioning of the ROC, there is additional push back from young adults who struggle in the gaps between what was, is, and may one day be. The future is complex and uncertain and anything institutional is viewed cautiously.

## How to get involved

### Academic Unity

If you are connected to the world of higher education, or have specific 'continuing ed' gifts and graces for teaching and sharing, there is a need for interaction between the schools cited above. Classes are taught in two week blocks because full time schooling comes at too dear a cost. Two week class sessions can be done in vacation slots, in affordable ways, and allows trained instructors to travel and stay long enough to complete a session.

### Academic Scholarships

While short sessions are more affordable, the cost still represents an enormous financial challenge to local pastors. Additionally, a full scholarship for a complete seminary education is even more difficult to come by. They have the willing students, but lack a way to prepare and train them unless there is scholarship support. There is a concerted effort throughout the denomination to underwrite scholarship support as a foundational effort to empower United Methodism in the Eurasia conference.

### Bi-vocational Skills

With the growing pressure of the State, and the Russian Orthodox Church to marginalize the Protestant efforts in Russia, the churches in the Moscow districts are facing the reality of small start up churches staying small for longer periods of time. Clergy are having to find second and third jobs beyond the church to garner a livable wage while they minister. They are asking for guidance from entrepreneurial pastors and church leaders about how to manage the church in a part time way without losing ground. They are asking for partners here who will mentor and coach them, pray for and with them, share how structures are developed for broader shared leadership, and more.



### Young Adult Ministry

Moscow is a hub of young adults and youth, seeking education, culture, music, and the kind of shared energy large groups of young people can manifest. However, they are a generation lost between old and new, trust and mistrust, and the challenges of unemployment, identity, and ideology. They are bright, savvy, and very capable, but the church is having a hard time reaching them and they are asking for ideas and support.

### Youth and Camps

There is a movement of summer camps for small groups alive and running in the Moscow area. They are asking for ideas on how to move forward. They are seeking partnerships with other youth and young adults around the world who are willing to discuss issues, join in on prayers for peace, share methods for presenting the gospel message of life and salvation, and give them tools to endure in a city that is rife with competing voices.



### Come and see for yourself

There is a Exploration trip to Moscow being planned for October 27 - Nov. 4, 2013. This will be a small group that will visit key sites, learn from key leaders, worship in United Methodist churches, and be in prayerful discernment for how to best develop this very young partnership.

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The location of the Philippines on the Pacific Ring of Fire and its tropical climate make the nation prone to earthquakes and typhoons but has also endowed the country with natural resources and makes it radically diverse. The land mass of the 7,107 islands measures over 120,000 square miles and makes it the 73rd largest independent nation on the globe. It is the 12th most populated country in the world with over 97 million people.

The United States of America and the Philippines have had a close relationship with one another for over a century. Yet, the Manila Episcopal Area of the Philippines Central Conference (MEA) did not have a relationship with any Annual Conference in the United States. In January of 2012, Bishop Watson led a small group from North Georgia to Manila to meet with Bishop Arichea, the pastors and the deaconesses of the MEA to prayerfully explore how God could bind us together in ministry and mission.

From those sacred conversations several areas were identified that could serve as common ground upon which we could together build a BRIDGE of ministry and mission between our two conferences over the next several years.



## How to get involved

### Healthcare Partnerships

We are working to build partnerships between United Methodist related hospitals in the MEA and North Georgia.

### Children in Poverty

There is a UM program in Manila committed to helping local churches live out their identity as the embodiment of Christ's love among the very poor in metro Manila.

### Victims of Human Trafficking

The issues in this area are very real and impact not only Manila, but get played out right here in Atlanta, a premium destination for this kind of crime.

### Campus Ministry

There are no less than seven major universities in metro-Manila. Working with MEA leadership to establish vital and life changing UM campus ministries is a priority with their episcopal leadership.

### Christian Education

We are joining with the pastors and deaconesses in MEA on the campus of Philippine Christian University, and with seminary students on the campuses of Union Theological Seminary, Philippines and Wesley Theological Seminary at Wesleyan University Philippines. In addition, a partnership between LaGrange College and the MEA is being developed to explore the possibility of short term student exchanges which include an element of service to the poor.



### Clinical Pastoral Education

With Mary Johnston Hospital, a UM affiliated hospital in downtown Manila, serving as a CPE training location, the MEA's leaders are seeking to elevate the quality of their CPE training.

The MEA is so committed to this BRIDGE that a District Superintendent from the Bishop's Cabinet and an ordained Elder, who is also a medical doctor, have been assigned specifically to work on building this BRIDGE between our two conferences. We believe our commitment to this broad effort will be matched by our congregations and leaders here in North Georgia as this partnership expands.

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Forty-two years ago, World Methodist Evangelism was launched as a missional expression in the World Methodist Council. It is an evangelism ministry of the world Methodist family of 80 million persons in 155 countries. The vision at inception remains the vision today, “To see the Methodist movement alive, vibrant, growing, and yearning to spread the good news of Christ Jesus throughout the whole world through word, deed and sign that the world may know Jesus Christ.” The ministry has grown and multiplied over the years and now includes several avenues of opportunity.

## **Connecting Congregations** – *Connecting In Christ*

This ministry began in Czechoslovakia very soon after the collapse of communism in Europe and has spread to every continent on the globe. The task has been to connect emerging and developing congregations with established

congregations in other parts of the world. Congregations are connected together and share with one another what each one has to give. This program expanded to include the training and deploying of evangelists who ride bicycles and motorbikes to

spread the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## **International Christian Youth Conferences**

### **(ICYC)** – *Multiplying The Witnesses*

There have been nine ICYC’s to date and over 6,500 young people (ages 17-30) from 65 countries have participated in these life changing conferences. Participants worship,

pray, fellowship, play, and study as part of the experience. These young adults have gone on to become leaders in churches and groups around the world. The importance of this program continues to grow as this new level of committed leaders hold the promise of carrying our church farther, deeper, and higher than ever before.

## **Faith Sharing Events** – *Multiplying The Witnesses*

This program began in 1996 at the World Methodist Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It represents a primary ministry of WME. The program is focused on training participants to go into the world who are able to share their faith in the “graceful” Wesleyan way. The approach is rooted in Scripture and informed by Wesleyan Theology. This ministry not only trains here in the USA and around the world, but also seeks to provide faith-sharing resources in different languages. Over 800,000 Faith-Sharing New Testaments, developed by WME, have been published in English and translated into 39 languages.

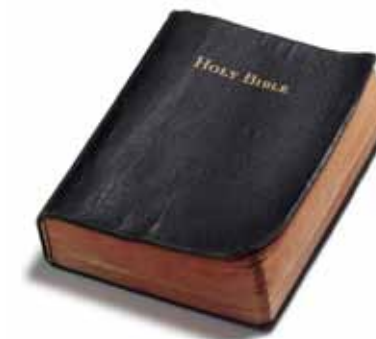
## **Order of the Flame** (*Faithful Leaders As Mission Evangelists*) – *Training Leaders*

Young pastor’s and their spouses are offered an opportunity to experience an intense training in evangelism leadership and return to their ministry with the commitment to “do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.” (2 Timothy 4:5) Over 1,000 leaders in North America, Ireland, and Africa are now committed to “holding fast to the doctrine, discipline, and spirit with which we first set out” in this Methodist movement. This program has developed quickly to become one of the most transformative and important in the denomination.

## **World Methodist Evangelism Institute** –

### *Training Leaders*

This is a ministry of World Methodist Evangelism and Candler School of Theology, and is a primary arm of training in evangelism. Since its inauguration in 1982, more than 7,000 people from 75 countries representing every continent have been trained in WMEI seminars. The theme of these WMEI seminars is “Developing Missionary Congregations - That the World May Know Jesus Christ.” Participants learn new approaches to sharing the “old, old, story” in a way that takes seriously the culture, and honors our faith traditions of renewal through the holy spirit. Dr. Eddie Fox is the Executive Director, and Dr. Winston Worrell serves as the Director of WMEI. This program resides at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta.



## **How to get involved**

**Give.** WME organizes on every continent to provide an arena for learning, sharing, reflecting, and studying the focus and practice of evangelism in an environment of mutual respect. Lives have been transformed, ministries have grown, dynamic leadership has been raised up, congregations, and millions of lives have been touched for the Kingdom of God. Contributions to this agency directly impact ministry from East to West, North to South, and all points between.

**Covenant Churches.** To become a Covenant Church with WME, include them in your church’s budget and financially support and pray for this ministry. All of the programs, ministry, resource development, and leaders, are entirely supported by the gifts of congregations, individuals, and foundations. Becoming a connecting

congregation enables the work of growing churches in mission and challenge.

**Scholarships.** A core value of their mission is connecting world leaders. They bring together Methodist and Wesleyan leaders

from around the world to share and discuss new, culturally-applicable methodologies of evangelism. The design of these seminars brings key figures in the Methodist/Wesleyan movement to help form and grow leaders. Many who would benefit from these opportunities need additional funding to make the journey.

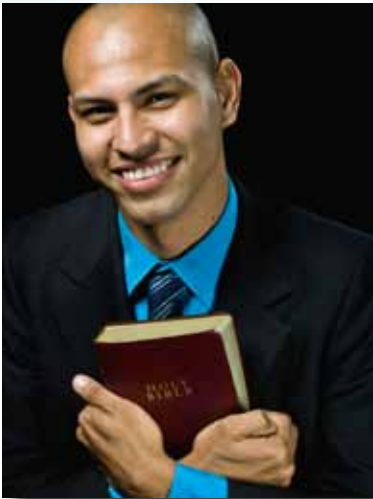
## **Youth and Young Adult Support.**

The International Christian Youth Conference on Evangelism is entirely dependent on gifts and contributions to enable young persons from around the world to participate in this life- changing conference. These young people are faithful witnesses on every continent.

**One Family.** World Methodist Evangelism invites you and your congregation to stand with them in this moment of a “wide door” for world evangelism. The people called Methodist, followers of Jesus Christ in the company of the Wesley’s are “One Family, One Mission.”

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As they watched their home burn, tears and smoke stung their eyes. As the sun began to rise in the distance, the adults knew they'd soon need to think of what to do next. For now, they were simply grateful that everyone—nine adults and four children—made it out alive.



When this family arrived at the Action Ministries Rome Bagwell food pantry, the children were still wearing their pajamas. The family had lost everything. With the help of generous donors and

engaged volunteers, Action Ministries connected them to a clothes closet and other needed services and provided food for several weeks until they got back on their feet.

### The Power of Partnership

You've seen it. Perhaps you've even experienced it: The power of a family, a neighborhood, a church or a nation to make a difference for Christ right where they live. We are called to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and incarcerated, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

For 50 years, Action Ministries has provided the tools to help the North Georgia conference serve its neighbors in need. Action Ministries mobilizes communities to address the challenges of poverty by focusing on hunger relief, housing and education. Last year, nearly 65,000 people were served and many more lives were changed by Action Ministries;

however, according to the U.S. census, Georgia has the third highest poverty rate in the country and the need for services and support are much greater. Action Ministries is breaking down the barriers that stand in their way by filling basic needs of hunger relief, housing and education.

Action Ministries reaches into 50 north Georgia counties, and our goal is to bring hunger relief, housing and education solutions directly to each local church so your volunteers can serve effectively in their own communities. Action Ministries has an extensive network of community partners and volunteers equipped with the tools and expertise to multiply your efforts in the community where you live. At Action Ministries, we believe there is an action hero within us all and, together, we can take action in our communities.

### How To Get Involved

**Give.** With an extensive volunteer base, local expertise and 50 years of experience helping neighbors in need, Action Ministries has a unique ability to make your dollar go further in your community.

**Pray.** As we share our concerns for the less fortunate with God in prayer, He can work through us, giving us opportunities to help, encourage and bless others.

**Volunteer.** Behind every amazing life transformation is a group of individuals with a heart to serve. If you, your church, small group or family has heard the call to serve, Action Ministries can connect you with worthy projects and provide a toolbox of solutions that you can put to work in your own backyard. Harness the power of your congregation to serve its neighbors in need. Through locations in Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Gainesville and Rome, and through Breakthru House, a residential

addiction facility for homeless women in Decatur, and our regional housing programs and hunger initiatives Smart Lunch, Smart Kid and Feed the Hungry, Action Ministries exists to lead people out of poverty. Our hunger relief, housing and education programs offer many opportunities to engage.

### To combat hunger

Serve meals at our community kitchens, such as the Atlanta Women's Community Kitchen and Our Daily Bread in Athens. Organize food drives to stock food cupboards, work in community gardens and distribute food at food pantries.



Donate time and money to the Smart Lunch, Smart Kid program, which, in its inaugural year, served more than 117,000 lunches to Georgia children who would have otherwise gone hungry. Participate in our food box initiative, a regional "hub and spoke" system of food distribution that engages community partners like schools and churches to share in site-based food collection, allowing us to distribute more food in more places.

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### To educate

Share expertise by becoming mentors, teaching GED, financial health or life skills classes, tutoring and reading to homeless children, teaching in Atlanta's after-school program, helping low-income and elderly clients file tax returns and teaching at-risk families how to become self-sufficient.

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### To house

Partner with homeless, the disabled, women struggling with addiction, veterans' families, and those living with HIV/AIDS who need transitional or supportive housing. Provide furniture, clothing, household items, prayers and support as people move into self-sufficient, whole and healthy lives.

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Contact us today and let us help you build bridges between your congregation and the community you live in, so that together, we may better answer the call of Christ to love our neighbors.

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