

New Places for New People (New Faith Communities) #664

Any gift to the New Places for New People Fund gets used to support the work of new church planters and their teams!

Protestant Cooperative Ministry at Cornell #958

The Protestant Cooperative Ministry encourages the members of the Cornell community to seek God's transforming power and struggle with the dynamic tensions of a life of Christian faith.

Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus (RISSE) #423

Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus, Inc (RISSE) helps refugees from all over the world, currently serving more than 250 families by offering English classes, helping with job searches, and so much more.

Seneca Street UMC: Buffalo #964

The Seneca Street UMC is an inner-city mission for children and their families in South Buffalo, including a comprehensive free after-school program.

Southern Sudan Health Project #966

The Southern Sudan Health Project supports eight Home Health Promoters who provide medications for malaria, diarrhea, eye infections, and upper respiratory infections along with assessing and recommending more medical treatment for other health issues.

UMCOR Kits Shipment Dollars #974

To assist with the transportation of the Cleaning Kits (formerly called Flood Buckets), Health Kits, and Menstrual Hygiene Kits, UMCOR has asked that \$2 per bucket be donated to help transport each Flood Bucket due to their heavier weight and \$1 per kit be donated to help ship the other kits. These dollars are not to go in the kits, so this Advance Special was added to offer a way for churches to send their contributions through the Conference office.

Volunteers in Mission Scholarship Fund #988

This Upper New York scholarship fund provides funds to volunteers engaged in mission. Persons can apply for financial support for taking in Volunteers In Mission (VIM) education courses, participating in VIM academy, and leading or participating in mission journeys led by trained leaders.

Watertown Urban Mission #990

The Watertown Urban Mission begins is an ecumenical interfaith venture to provide food for the hungry (averaging 530 households per month), clothing for those in need (Impossible Dream Thrift Store), help for the sick, visiting the imprisoned, and independence/self-sufficiency for the working poor (Wheels for Work).

Scan this QR Code to learn more about these 22 Advance Specials.

**Donations of any size can be mailed to:**

7481 Henry Clay Blvd., Liverpool, NY 13088
with the Advance Special number written on the memo line.

The Bridge is a Conference Communications Ministry tool that delivers to local churches news and stories of ministry from around the Upper New York area and the world. For more news and stories visit:

www.unyumc.org



The Haiti Partnership

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Supporting Ministries through Advance Specials



The Upper New York Conference's vision is to live the gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God's love with our neighbors in all places.



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Advance Specials—Supporting important ministries near and far



Each year at Annual Conference, we vote on a list of the Conference Advance Specials. What are they? There are three different types of Advance Specials in the *Book of Discipline*: for the General Church, Annual Conferences, and Districts. United Methodists of Upper New York have the following 22 Advanced Specials in our Conference.

Pray for each one and see if you feel God guiding you to encourage your church or small group to find ways to support one or two of them this year.

Africa University Endowed Scholarships #300

As the Upper New York Annual Conference came together, Bishop Marcus Matthews called a team together to help raise awareness and one million dollars to permanently endow eight scholarships to Africa University. The million-dollar mark was reached in 2021. But funds are still needed; scholarships are named after generous givers.

Anti-Poverty Initiative (University UMC: Syracuse) #904

University UMC's outreach efforts have increased exponentially since the COVID-19 pandemic and strives daily to meet the diverse needs of all Syracuse City residents. One of their biggest ministries is The Food Center at 324 University Ave, a model site created by the Food Bank of CNY and University UMC.

Beechwood Continuing Care/ Pastoral Care #3124

Beechwood and its Pastoral Care Department maintain a comprehensive program of care that addresses the spiritual needs of the diverse, interfaith, resident community. Beechwood is exploring creative ways of providing spiritual care in the new, and continually growing, Culture Change movement of which Beechwood and the *Welcome Home* center in Western New York.

Brown Memorial UMC: Syracuse #910

Brown Memorial is a mission church in Upper New York, located on the near Westside of Syracuse. The 13204-zip code is one of the poorest zip codes in the United States. The church offers community meals and tutoring, fund the community food pantry, legal aid, AA, NA, and the facility is used as a community resource.

Buffalo 10 Scholarship #528

A white supremacist committed a horrific mass murder in Buffalo on May 14, 2022. Ten innocent people lost their lives by simply being at the grocery store and being Black. The Buffalo 10 Scholarship program is

one step toward helping the residents in the 14028 zip code gain a voice about the underlying manifestations of structural racism that made this attack possible.

Campership Fund #912

The campership fund enables children coming from families who cannot afford to pay the full amount of the summer camp fee, to receive a campership from United Methodists of Upper New York for the purpose of attending one week of summer camp at one of the Upper New York Camp & Retreat owned facilities.

Chautauqua County Rural Ministry, Inc. #916

Chautauqua County Rural Ministry, Inc (CCRM) an interfaith, non-denominational human service agency based on the belief that all people are deserving of adequate food, clothing, shelter and work opportunity by which to acquire basic needs. They operate 15 programs to meet these needs.

The Children's Center for the Common Good #972

The Children's Center for the Common Good™ has as its primary ministry an Internet radio station and missional web site ministry, www.commongoodradio.org. This website and radio ministry is devoted to the goals of arts as valid expression of faith; that expression claiming fruits of the spirit.

Children's Home (CHOW) #919

The mission of the Children's Home is to enhance the safety, stability, and well-being of children, families, and their communities. Located in Greater Binghamton, New York, it is a not-for-profit organization offering four primary care areas to help children and their families: Residential, Educational, Preventive, and Therapeutic Care.

Gary Bergh Scholarship (Task Force on Peace with Justice in Palestine and Israel) #932

The Gary Bergh Scholarship is intended to increase contact with and awareness of life in Palestine/Israel. This purpose will be advanced by a) sending young adults, (though not limited to that age group) on trips to Palestine/Israel to witness the situation there. And b) sending young adults to attend U.S. conferences related to Palestine/Israel.

Haiti Partnership #936

The Haiti Partnership has sent several thousand dollars in earthquake relief, and also provides ongoing support to the Hermitage School, enabling dozens of children to attend school who otherwise could not afford to do so.

Mission Central UNY HUB #951

In partnership with Mission Central of the Susquehanna Conference, the UNY Mission Central HUB helps our local churches bring hope and assistance across the Northeast and around the world.

Native American Mission, Onondaga Nation UMC #948

Onondaga Nation UMC serves the Nation with their Linen Closet, which provides gently used blankets, sheets, and more. Annual events such as a Fall Turkey Dinner, Native American Ministries Sunday Open House, and June Strawberry Festival provide opportunities for fellowship with sisters and brothers on the Nation and in the larger community.

Native American Outreach/ Transportation Program #950

The Native American Outreach/ Transportation Program provides transportation to Native Americans ages 60 and older who live on the Onondaga Nation and in the surrounding Syracuse area.

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