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BLURB 1

DO YOU KNOW UMCOR?

UMCOR stands for United Methodist Committee on Relief and will be the focal point of a Special Sunday Service in March. When watching disaster unfold around the globe, many of us feel the call to help but are at a loss as to what we can actually do to help. UMCOR Sunday is the day for congregations around the globe to **help**.

UMCOR offers aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded.
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded.
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded.

And when the next crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond.

On this Special Sunday on March 31, 2019, our generosity as a church covers the operating budget of UMCOR. This allows them to funnel 100% of other donations received throughout the year directly to relief efforts.

UMCOR Sunday is where we come together to **help**.

If you want to learn more about UMCOR visit: www.umcgiving.org/UMCOR

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FROM "THEY" TO "WE"

UMCOR is the United Methodist Committee on Relief, and yet they are anything but a typical committee. They are a program by the General Board of Global Ministries taking action when disaster strikes around the globe.

We will be highlighting UMCOR during our next Special Sunday, on March 31st.

UMCOR acts as the hands and feet of Christ's church, **moving towards the most vulnerable in their time of need**. Helping people in their darkest days doesn't have to be something **"they" do, it can be something "we" do**. We hope that you will give generously this upcoming UMCOR Sunday so that we, along with our United Methodist congregations around the globe, can share compassionate relief in the midst of devastation.

Until then, let's be praying for the volunteers, the lives they touch, and for hearts to be moved.

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LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The UMCOR Special Sunday is on March 31st, and we want to remind you that even though writing a check or putting cash in the offering doesn't feel exciting, you really ARE making a difference.

Your donations to UMCOR on this Special Sunday help:

- Refugees in Clarkston, GA earn a living wage and get job training.
(read the full story here:
<http://www.umcgiving.org/impact-articles/meeting-a-knead-in-atlantas-refugee-community>)
- Deliver food, water, shelter, and long-term recovery assistance to help many of the 68.5 million people displaced by war, persecution, and natural disaster.
(read the full story here:
<http://www.umcgiving.org/impact-articles/coming-home-tragedy-and-hope-in-iraq>)
- Distribute relief kits to those in need following the U.S. hurricanes of 2017.
(read more here:
<http://www.umcgiving.org/impact-articles/changes-to-umcor-relief-supply-kits-empower-communities>)

There are countless other stories about seeing God's work in action through UMCOR. We want you to know that **it is something we can do together to help** give relief and spread God's love throughout the world.

Your gifts on UMCOR Special Sunday underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business." This helps UMCOR keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific project will go toward that mission, not administrative costs.

This is such an important gift and one that we can do together. ***Let's make a difference, together.***