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Michigan United Methodists care for Haiti's children. Haiti Covenant Partners are recommending gifts to several EngageMI projects upon the discontinuation of Haiti Hot Lunch Program.

The General Board of Global Ministries no longer recognizes the Haiti Hot Lunch Program as an Advance Special. Here are other ways to care for Haiti's children.

The Conference Board of Global Ministries and Haiti Covenant Partners announce that the Haiti Hot Lunch Program (Advance # 418790) is no longer an Advance project of the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM).

GBGM is responsible for ensuring accountability for the appropriate use of funds given through The Advance. A key part of this accountability is the submission of a simple annual report each Advance project. GBGM has not received an annual report from the Haiti Hot Lunch Program for multiple years. In addition, GBGM has received inquiries from multiple donors expressing concerns about lack of communication and financial accountability relating to gifts to the project.

Because of these concerns of both Board and donors, the Cabinet of GBGM has decided to close the project. The General Board of Global Ministries remains committed to dispersing the funds on hand. GBGM will administer the remaining balance through a series of grants facilitated by their manager of Food Security programs.

This comes as difficult news to Michigan United Methodists, after many years of faithful and generous giving by the Detroit and West Michigan conferences to the Haiti Hot Lunch Program. However, the Michigan Conference's EngageMI program will no longer receive funds for the Haiti Hot Lunch Program.

If your congregation was planning to support the Haiti Hot Lunch Program, please consider supporting one of these EngageMI Advance Projects of GBGM:

Grace Children's Hospital & Pediatric Clinic (Advance # 418520)

Haiti Artisans for Peace International/HAPI (Advance # 3020490)

Haiti Children Project (Advance# 3020507)

Haiti Undesignated (Advance #00483A)

Each of these projects are engaged in meaningful mission and ministry with the people of Haiti.

If you have questions, please contact the Rev. Paul Perez, Associate Director of Mission & Ministry (pperez@michiganumc.org).

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