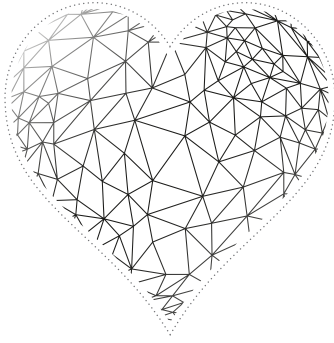


2026 A Call to Prayer & Self-Denial





The Future Is Now Invest in Our Children

by Carol Burnett

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2026 United Women in Faith's A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Service.

The 2026 theme, *The Future Is Now: Invest in Our Children*, is an expansive topic, as our children are influenced, and their future is shaped by all they experience at home, in their church, community, and world. We are their caregivers and those who shape their environment, whether we have children or not and whether we are currently caring for children or not. So, in many ways, this program is for us, the adults who shoulder this awesome responsibility.

Too many of our children live in poverty, too many live in families that can't afford what they need despite the fact their parents work. Too many children are hungry and too many children live in unsafe housing and unsafe communities. Too many children don't have the health care or the early childhood education they need because their parents can't afford it. Our children need us to act on their behalf to address these problems and protect them. This often means helping their parents, and it often means prioritizing children in national policy and budgeting.

This year's A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering will help children through the work of National Mission Institutions, which helps our most marginalized and vulnerable children through low-cost early childhood education, afterschool programs with a hot meal and caring mentors and enrichment programs, mental health counseling and social-emotional support, internships and work experiences, life-saving intensive care for severely traumatized youth, guidance for the transition to adulthood and independence, and reunification with family.

We are in a troubling period where many government-funded programs supporting children are at risk of reduction or elimination. The National Mission Institutions will remain steadfast throughout these tumultuous times, but they need our help.

Let's learn more about their work with children and know that our gifts today will impact the lives of countless children across the country. Our charge is daunting, but we can meet the moment and build the future we want for all our children.

Let's get started.

Before the service

- Identify at least three readers to help lead the service.
- Find articles and photos from **response** that uplift the work of National Mission Institutions with children and youth.
- Cut out the photos at the end of the printed service for placement on the altar.
- Gather materials for the activity and altar (see list below).

Materials

For the activity:

- Printed list of National Mission Institutions working with children and youth
- Postcards, greeting cards, or blank paper and envelopes
- Stamps
- Pens and pencils

For the altar:

- Cloth or table covering
- Photos or artifacts from National Mission Institutions, **response** articles featuring National Mission Institutions
- Baskets for the offering
- Plants, candles, and other things for the altar

WORSHIP CELEBRATION: THE FUTURE IS NOW: INVEST IN OUR CHILDREN

Leader: Welcome to this sacred time of worship. Today, we gather to glorify God and reflect on our collective responsibility to care for our children. Our foremothers recognized the needs of children and youth in their local communities and started childcare centers, orphanages, schools, feeding programs, and training opportunities. Their efforts continue today through the work of National Mission Institutions.

This year's A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering will support programs and national advocacy efforts at National Mission Institutions. Programs such as

anti-violence and child protection programs; daycare, afterschool, and wrap-around programs; vocational livelihood training for refugee and vulnerable children and youth; access to education and life opportunities for children with disabilities; and advocacy to end the school-to-prison pipeline.

Let us open our hearts and minds as we ask for God's guidance in how we are called to create a world where every child is loved, valued, and able to thrive.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of children and for the joy they bring into our lives. We ask for your wisdom and strength today as we reflect on how we can better serve the youngest among us. Help us to be faithful stewards of their well-being, advocating for policies and practices that nurture them into the fullness of who you created them to be. Stir in us a deep compassion and urgency to take action, bolstering the missions that bring them hope. Move us to embrace your call to give of ourselves to nurture all children, especially those pushed to the margins. May your love guide our actions, and may your justice flow through our hearts. Amen.

Reader: Let us listen to God's Word, reminding us of the precious value of children and the sacred trust we have in their care and upbringing.

Scripture Readings

Mark 9:36–37 (NIV)

[Jesus] took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Matthew 18:3–5 (NRSVUE)

[Jesus said,] "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

Song

"This Little Light of Mine," *The United Methodist Hymnal*, #585

Message: A Charge to Support Children

Jesus made it clear: when we welcome and care for a child, we are welcoming him. In this simple but profound truth, we are reminded that children are not just our future—they are God's precious gifts in the present. Each child carries

inherent dignity, value, and purpose, and as followers of Christ, we are called to see them through Jesus' eyes.

Caring for children is not a task reserved for just parents or teachers—it is a calling for all of us. Whether we interact with them daily or rarely cross their paths, we have a role to play in creating a world where children can flourish physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

God calls us to not just to love in words but by our actions. This means nurturing children through encouragement, mentorship, and unconditional compassion. It means standing in the gap when they are vulnerable, advocating for justice on their behalf, and supporting the National Mission Institutions that serve on our behalf. Every child deserves access to education, food, safety, health care, and the hope of a bright future.

The National Mission Institution programs we celebrate in today's offering provide for the most vulnerable children in our midst. At MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services in Louisiana, children find a home where they can experience safety and healing. In Georgia, the New Bethlehem Community Center empowers young minds with K-12 education and supports pregnant teens. In Arizona, the Wesley Community Center offers health care, afterschool programs, and ESL classes. In Utah, Crossroads Urban Center helps families in crisis access emergency food, clothing, and household essentials.

These ministries are the hands and feet of Christ in action—and we are invited to join them through the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering.

As we give, pray, and advocate, may we be reminded that when we welcome and serve a child, we are welcoming Christ. Let us open our hearts to the children around us—not just today, but every day—and be vessels of God's life-changing love and unwavering justice.

Prayer: Open My Eyes, That I May See

The United Methodist Hymnal, #454

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Amen.

WORDS: Clara H. Scott, 1895
Public Domain

Reading 1: Children Learn What They Live

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.

If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate.

If children live with fairness, they learn justice.

If children live with security, they learn to have faith.

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If children live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to find love in the world.

If children live with secure homes, they learn to thrive.

If children live without fear of law enforcement, they learn to hope.

If children live with a supportive community, they learn to trust.

If children live with nourished bodies, they learn to grow.

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Song

"What Does the Lord Require," *The United Methodist Hymnal*, # 441

Responsive Reading

All: Income inequality in the United States has been growing, and many children grow up in families struggling to meet basic needs. Economic disparities are often exacerbated by factors such as race, geography, and family structure.

Reader 1: Bethlehem Center donated clothes and food to a family that was on our waitlist for a few months. They were a young couple with two children that needed clothing and shoes. Their apartment was not habitable for a pregnant mother and her family of four. We worked with this family for over five months



to get the items and housing they needed. We purchased diapers, wipes, and formula. When the new twins were born, the family could move to a habitable home. The money we received from United Women in Faith allowed us to purchase these items, and with no registration fees, the children were enrolled in a free Early Head Start program.

All: Raising the federal minimum wage and ensuring family-supporting wages for low-income workers can reduce income inequality and alleviate poverty. We give thanks for Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina who cared for this family.

All: Children in low-income households face increased risks of poor health, limited access to quality education, and food insecurity.

Reader 2: At the Bethlehem Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee, we believe in the power of holistic education—an approach that nurtures not only the minds of our students but also their bodies, spirits, and connection to the world around them. In 2024, the Read to Lead Academy integrated the farm at Bethlehem into the program, creating a unique learning opportunity for our students that combined agriculture, literacy, numeracy, and healthy living.

Read to Lead Academy students participated in the Farm and Garden Club, diving into a hands-on project that taught them about growth, responsibility, and the joys of seeing something flourish from the ground up.

This project wasn't just about gardening; it was a deeply interconnected learning experience that combined practical skills with educational goals. Students applied their literacy skills by reading instructions on how to care for the plants and researching the best ways to cultivate healthy crops. They enhanced their numeracy by measuring plant spacing, tracking growth, and calculating harvest yields. As they harvested the fruits of their labor, the students came together to make fresh salsa, using the very ingredients they grew. This was a celebratory moment, showing them the tangible results of their hard work and learning.

By working on the farm, students developed a deeper connection with God's earth, learning about stewardship, the cycles of nature, and the impact of caring for the environment. The project helped them understand that the food they eat doesn't just come from the store but is part of a larger ecosystem they can contribute to and care for.

The success of this project is a shining example of the Bethlehem Center's commitment to holistic education—teaching students not just academic skills but life skills that will nourish them for years to come.

All: Teaching children about growing food provides not only greater knowledge about health, but also about how to care for the environment, and how our actions impact others. We give thanks for the Bethlehem Center of Chattanooga.

All: There is a significant disparity in educational outcomes, particularly between white and minority children, as well as between children from wealthy and low-income families. These achievement gaps are exacerbated by underfunded schools, overcrowded classrooms, and a lack of access to advanced coursework in disadvantaged communities.

Reader 3: A mother recently contacted us about her son, Ben, joining our afterschool program. Ben is a very energetic seven-year-old, and keeping his attention on his work at school and home has been a struggle for her. He is the middle child of three boys, and as a parent of three, I know the hardship for the mother to make sure all have the help at home they need for homework. That is where we can step in to help this family, particularly Ben. When he started our afterschool program, he was reluctant to participate in group activities or come forth with the homework he needed help with. His mom showed us some of his papers with average scores of 60-70, and his test scores at school were the same or even lower.

Our counselors work with kids one-on-one in these situations and help build their confidence. Ben has been with our program for several weeks and has made great progress. He loves to participate in our devotion time and group activities. He doesn't wait for the counselors to ask about homework, he voluntarily gets out the work he needs help with. He loves working with other kids doing STEM activities or engaging in outdoor recreation. Ben was excited to let us know that his scores on his homework papers are now averaging between 80-90. We are hoping to see an improvement in his test-taking at school, also.

We are so proud of Ben and amazed at how he improved his academics and how he seems more confident in trying new things, even though they may seem scary. This is only one example of how our youth programs help the children in our community. Our mission is to strengthen the youth of our community by empowering them spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially.

All: Expanding funding for after-school and summer learning programs can help mitigate the effects of learning loss and provide safe, enriching environments for children outside of school hours and better serve working parents. We give thanks for the work of Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky.

All: The cost of childcare is a significant burden on families, particularly low-income and middle-class families. Many parents, especially single parents,

struggle to afford quality care for their children, which can lead to poor developmental outcomes for children in the absence of high-quality early childhood environments.

Reader 4: Calister was struggling to make ends meet because she was raising her three grandchildren and her husband was between jobs. She did not work because childcare was not affordable. When she enrolled her grandchildren in Moore Community House Early Head Start, she didn't have to worry about paying the high cost of childcare. When we helped her obtain financial aid she went back to school to renew her CNA (Certified Nurse's Aide) license. Moore Community House also helped her find community resources to help pay utility bills and meet other needs. She says she would not have been able to do it without help from Moore Community House Early Head Start.

All: Expanding and increasing funding for childcare subsidies would make childcare more affordable for low- and middle-income families. We give thanks for the work of Moore Community House in Biloxi, Mississippi, which supports women and their (grand)children to find stability and growth.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that too often, we have overlooked the needs of children and their families, especially those who live in poverty. We are grateful for the steadfast work of National Mission Institutions while we have been slow to act in justice, slow to speak out for those in need. Forgive us for our complacency and our failure to see your image in every child. Open our eyes and hearts to the suffering around us and lead us to act with compassion, urgency, and love. Amen.

Activity: A Word of Thanks

Assign each participant a National Mission Institution, or print and cut the printed list and have each person draw the name of a National Mission Institution.

On the greeting card, or letter paper, have each participant write a note to the National Mission Institution they selected. The note can thank the organization for the work they do with children, tell them that United Women in Faith supports them, ask them what their most critical needs are right now, and if there are any specific policies the National Mission Institution is advocating around. Be sure to invite further conversation by including a mailing address or email address where the National Mission Institution can respond.

Here's a sample:

Dear friends at [National Mission Institution],

I am a member of United Women in Faith in [insert name of location]. We are so grateful for the ways in which you continue the legacy of our foremothers to address the needs of children and youth.

We continue to support you through our prayers and financial gifts. Please let us know what your most critical needs are right now, and/or if there are key policy measures you are advocating around.

You can write me back or email me at [email address].

Thank you,

[name]

When participants are done writing their notes, have each place the note in an addressed envelope on the altar. The program leader will ensure these notes are mailed at the end of the service.

Optional: Use the online toolkit to learn about solutions that address the issues affecting children, then read the section in the toolkit on elected officials and identify your members of Congress and their contact information. Write a letter or postcard to your members of Congress advocating for changes that would improve the lives of children.

Online Toolkit
bit.ly/CTP-2026-toolkit

Reading 2: "On Children"

Your children are not your children.

They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.

They come through you but not from you,

And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,

For they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not their souls,

For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

Excerpt of "On Children," poem by Kahil Gibran. Public Domain.

A Call to Prayer & Self-Denial Offering

Our gifts today will support the work of National Mission Institutions that create a more just world for all children and their families. As we give our offering, we also bring our hearts and hands. Let us give generously, not only of our financial resources but also of our time, skills, and voices, advocating for policies that protect our children, end child poverty, and help our children thrive.

Charge to United Women in Faith

All: As members of United Women in Faith, as stewards of God's love, we are all called to act, whether it's supporting local initiatives, engaging with lawmakers, standing in solidarity with those experiencing injustice, or meeting the needs of families. Let us not be passive bystanders but active participants in God's work.

As members of Christ's body let us go into the world with renewed commitment to see every child as a gift from God and to take action in whatever ways we can to ensure they have the support they need to grow in body, mind, and spirit. Be advocates, be protectors, and be champions for the children in our world.

Benediction

Leader: Go forth today with a heart full of compassion and hands ready to serve the children of our world. Go forth in peace, knowing that your faith is made whole when it moves you to action. May God bless you with wisdom, strength, and courage as you work for a world where every child has the food, housing, education, health care, and safety they require. May you be instruments of God's peace and justice, inspired to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God, advocating for a world where every child can thrive. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord," *The United Methodist Hymnal*, #593

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National Mission Institution Photos



Youth that struggle with conventional school-work develop a love for learning through interactive and engaging e-sports at Partners in Ministry in Laurinburg, North Carolina.

Credit: Partners in Ministry



Children celebrate their kindergarten education at Toberman Neighborhood Center's FamilySource Center in San Pedro, California.

Credit: Toberman Neighborhood Center



Henderson Settlement's afterschool program serves children in Frakes, Kentucky and surrounding areas with educational supports and enrichment activities.

Credit: Henderson Settlement



Lulu, born with a condition that required her to use a feeding tube to survive, now thrives due to wrap-around services provided by Della Lamb Community Services' early childhood education program in Kansas City, Missouri.

Credit: Della Lamb Community Services

NATIONAL MISSION INSTITUTIONS

With Programs Serving Children & Youth

Alabama

Dumas Wesley Community Center

126 Mobile St., P.O. Box 7325
Mobile, AL 36670
Phone: 251-479-0649

Alabama-West Florida Conference

dumaswesley.org

Programs: Afterschool program, Child & Adult Care Food, Transitional Housing for Women and their Children

United Community Centers 3617

Hickory Ave., S.W. Birmingham, AL 35221
Phone: 205-925-2944

Alabama-West Florida Conference

Programs: American College Test Prep. (ACT), Summer Enrichment, Food Pantry

Alaska

AK Child & Family

4600 Abbott Road
Anchorage, AK 99507
Phone: 907-346-2101

Alaska United Methodist Conference

akchild.org

Programs: Providing trauma-informed, mission-based care to children, youth and their families through home, school and community based programs, therapeutic foster care and residential treatment.

Nome Community Center

P.O. Box 98, 505 West 3rd Avenue
Nome, AK 99762
Phone: 907-443-5259

Alaska United Methodist Conference

nomecc.org

Programs: Family Services, Boys and Girls Club Activities, Including Youth Enrichment, Homework Assistance, Meals

Arizona

Wesley Community & Health Centers

1300 South Tenth Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034
Phone: 602-252-5624

Desert Southwest Conference

wesleycenterphx.org

Programs: Family Primary Care Services, Mental Health Services, Health Education & Nutrition Counseling; Summer Enrichment, Community Gardening, Neighborhood Volunteer Projects

Arkansas

Camp Aldersgate

2000 Aldersgate Road
Little Rock, AR 72205
Phone: 501-225-1444 x227

Arkansas Conference

campaldersgate.net

Programs: Uniquely designed outdoor camping experiences for children and youth with special needs

California

David & Margaret Youth and Family Services

1350 Third Street, La Verne, CA 91750
Phone: 909-596-5921

California-Pacific Conference

davidandmargaret.org

Programs: *Transitional living for youth, Foster Care and Adoption, Learning Enhancement, School for At-risk Adolescent Girls, Mental Health, Resettlement support for unaccompanied minors*

Toberman Neighborhood Center

131 North Grand Avenue
San Pedro, CA 90731
Phone: 310-832-1145

California-Pacific Conference

toberman.org

Programs: *Afterschool, Youth Mentoring, Family Engagement, Case Management, Family Assistance, Gang Prevention, Thrift Store*

Gum Moon Residence Hall

940 Washington Street
San Francisco, CA 94108
Phone: 415-421-8827

California-Nevada Conference

gummoon.org

Programs: *Child Development Informational and Referral Services, Cultural, Social, and Recreation*

Neighborhood House of Calexico

506 East Fourth Street, Calexico, CA 92231
Phone: 760-357-6875

California-Pacific Conference

nhclx.org

Programs: *Emergency Assistance, Emergency Shelter for Women and Children, Child Development, Thrift Store*

Delaware

Neighborhood House

1218 B Street, Wilmington, DE 19801
Phone: 302-658-5404

Peninsula-Delaware Conference

neighborhoodhse.org

Programs: *Youth Development (Afterschool and Summer Enrichment Camp), Early Childhood Development*

Florida

Cornerstone Family Ministries

P.O. Box 5746, Tampa, FL 33675-5746
Phone: 813-253-3853

Florida Conference

cornerstonefamilyministries.org

Programs: *Early Learning and Child Development, Children's Faith Connection, Community Gardening*

Wesley House Family Services

1304 Truman Avenue, Key West, FL 33040
Phone: 305-809-5000

Florida Annual Conference

wesleyhouse.org

Programs: *Child Development, Adoption Services, Case Management, Healthy Families*

Georgia

New Bethlehem Community Center

1336 Conklin Avenue, Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: 706-722-0086

North Georgia Conference

nbccaugustaga1.com

Programs: *Afterschool Program, Food Pantry, Clothing Closet*

Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers

740 Fletcher Street
Cedartown, GA 30125-3249
Phone: 770-748-1500 ext. 212

North Georgia Conference

murphyharpst.org

Programs: *Residential Therapeutic Care to Abused and Neglected Children and Youth*

Open Door Community House

2405 Second Avenue
Columbus, GA 31901-1023
Phone: 706-323-5518

South Georgia Conference

odch.org

Programs: *Mathews Promise Academy after-school program*

The Vashti Center

1815 E. Clay Street
Thomasville, GA 31792-4797
Phone: 229-226-4634

South Georgia Conference

vashti.org

Programs: *Residential Health Services to Children and Youth*

Wesley Community Centers of Savannah

1601 Drayton Street, Savannah, GA 31401
Phone: 912-236-4226

South Georgia Conference

wesleyctr-savh.org

Programs: *Early Childhood Education and Development, Services to Families who are Homeless*

Hawaii

Susannah Wesley Community Center

1117 Kaili Street, Honolulu, HI 96819-3432
Phone: 808-847-1535

California-Pacific Conference

susannahwesley.org

Programs: *Youth and Family Services, Community Service*

Illinois

Cunningham Children's Home

1301 N. Cunningham Ave.
Urbana, IL 61803-0878
Phone: 217-367-3728

Illinois Great Rivers Conference

cunninghamhome.org

Program: *Residential Therapeutic Treatment Educational Services, Community Services Spiritual Life, Resettlement support for unaccompanied minors*

Lessie Bates Davis Neigh. House

1200 North 13th Street East, St. Louis, IL 62205
Phone: 618-874-0777

Illinois Great Rivers Conference

lessiebatesdavis.org

Programs: *Early Childhood Education, Employment & Family Support, Youth Education and Development*

Iowa

Families Forward

(Formerly Hawthorn Hill and Bidwell Riverside Center)

3001 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312
Phone: 515-283-1911

Iowa Conference

hawthorn-hill.org

Programs: *Transitional housing for homeless women with children, clothing closet, child development, Thrift Store, Food Pantry*

Kentucky

Henderson Settlement

P.O. Box 205, 16773 Highway 190
Frakes, KY 40940
Phone: 606-337-3613

Red Bird Missionary Conference

hendersonsettlement.com

Programs: Youth Ministries, Food Pantry,
Library, New Mother Assistance, Thrift Store

Wesley House Community Services

5114 Preston Highway, Louisville, KY 40213
Phone: 502-968-8231 ext. 242

Kentucky Conference

wesleyhouseky.org

Programs: Child Development, Youth Service,
Employment Skills Training

Red Bird Mission

70 Queendale Ctr., Beverly, KY 40913
Phone: 606-598-3155

Red Bird Missionary Conference

rbmission.org

Programs: Child Development, Family Minis-
tries, Women and Children Ministries

Louisiana

Dulac Community Center

P.O. Box 349, 125 Coast Guard Rd.
Dulac, LA 70353
Phone: 985-563-7483

Louisiana Conference

dulaccommunitycenter.org

Programs: Foodbank, Education

North Rampart Community Center

1130 North Rampart St.
New Orleans, LA 70116
Phone: 504-529-1681

Louisiana Conference

northrampartcommunity.com

Programs: Afterschool, Summer Camp

MacDonell U.M. Children's Services

8326 Main St., Houma, LA 70363
Phone: 985-868-8362

Louisiana Conference

macdonellchildren.org

Program: Residence for children whose cir-
cumstances leave them in need of a safe,
loving, and nurturing environment

Maryland

Susanna Wesley House

609 Park Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21201
Phone: 410-837-3787

Baltimore-Washington Conference

susanna-wesleyhouse.org

Program: *Transitional Housing for Women and Dependent Children*

Massachusetts

Hattie B. Cooper Community Center

1891 Washington Street
Roxbury, MA 02118
Phone: 617-445-1813

New England Conference

cooperctr.org

Programs: *Infant and Toddler Preschool, After-school, Summer Camp*

Michigan

UM Community House

904 Sheldon Ave, S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49507
Phone: 616-452-3226

Michigan Conference

umchousegr.org

Programs: *Child Development, Youth Development, Adult Development, Seniors' Activities & Services*

Minnesota

Emma Norton Services

2265 Hillcrest Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116
Phone: 651-224-1329

Minnesota Conference

emmanorton.org

Programs: *Children & Youth (Emma's Place programs like homework help, education help, etc.)*

Mississippi

Bethlehem Center

920 N. Blair St., PO Box 3522
Jackson, MS 39207
Phone: 601-355-0224

Mississippi Conference

Programs: *Child Development, Afterschool Communities of Shalom Partner*

Moore Community House

684 Walker Street, Biloxi, MS 39530
Phone: 228-436-6601

Mississippi Conference

moorecommunityhouse.org

Programs: *Early Head Start, Women in Construction*

Wesley House Community Center

1520 8th Avenue, Meridian, MS 39301
Phone: 601-485-4736

Mississippi Conference

wesleyhousemeridian.org

Programs: *Child Advocacy and Therapeutic Help for Survivors of Sexual Assault, Early Childhood Education Services, Emergency Relief*

Missouri

Della Lamb Community Services

500 Woodland Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64106
Phone: 816-842-8040

Missouri Conference

dellalamb.org

Programs: *Child Development, Youth Services*

InterServ

5400 King Hill Ave, St. Joseph, MO 64504-003
Phone: 816-238-4511 ext 34

Missouri Conference

faithfullyserving.org

Programs: *Early Childhood Development, Youth Programs*

Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center

601 W. Marshall Street, P.O. Box 187
Charleston, MO 63834
Phone: 573 233-8391

Missouri Conference

swflc.com

Programs: *Services for Survivors of Violence, Youth Activities*

Epworth Children and Family Services

110 North Elm Avenue, St. Louis, MO, 63119
Phone: 314-918-3308

Missouri Conference

epworth.org

Programs: *Residential and Intensive Treatment, Foster Care Case Management, Youth Aging Out of Foster Care, Youth Emergency Service*

Cornerstones of Care formerly known as Spofford

8150 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64114
Phone: 816-508-1700

Missouri Conference

cornerstonesofcare.org

Programs: *Education, Mental & Behavioral Health, Foster Care & Adoption, Family Support*

Nebraska

Epworth Family Resources

(Formerly Epworth Village)

P.O. Box 503, 2119 N. Division Avenue
York, NE 68467

Phone: (402) 362-3353

Great Plains Conference

epworthfamilyresources.org

Programs: *Foster care, In-home Family Services, Daycare*

The Big Garden

(Formerly United Methodist Ministries)

5602 Read St., Omaha, NE 68152

Phone: 402-898-9862

Great Plains Conference

bigmuddyumc.org

Programs: *Community Gardening, Nature Camp*

New Jersey

Neighborhood Center

278 Kaighns Avenue

Camden, NJ 08103

Phone: 856-365-5295

Greater New Jersey Conference

neighborhoodrising.org

Programs: *Child development, Afterschool and Teen Education/Leadership Dev., Urban Community Farm*

New Mexico

McCurdy Ministries Community Center

362 A South McCurdy Road
Española, NM 87532

Phone: 505-753-7221 x210

New Mexico Conference

mccurdy.org

Programs: *Preschool, Afterschool, Summer Enrichment, Behavioral Health*

New York

Neighborhood Center

624 Elizabeth Street, Utica, NY 13501

Phone: 315-272-2626/2600

Upper New York Conference

neighborhoodctr.org

Programs: *Child Dev. & Family Services, Behavioral Health Services, Mobile Crisis Assessment Team*

North Carolina

Bethlehem Community Center

520 Cleveland Ave. Winston-Salem, NC 27101
Phone: 336-722-6264

Western North Carolina Conference

bethlehemchildcarews.com

Programs: *Summer Daycare, Child Development, Infant Care, Preschool*

Alliance Center for Education formerly Bethlehem Center of Charlotte

700 Parkwood Avenue, Suite 243
Charlotte, NC 28205
Phone: 704-375-1417

Western North Carolina Conference

ac4ed.org

Programs: *A Continuum of Services from Birth Through College Graduation, e.g.: Early Childhood Development, Out of School Time Enrichment, Scholarship Fund*

Partners In Ministry

12 Third St., Laurinburg, NC 28353
Phone: 910-277-3355

North Carolina Conference

pim-nc.org

Programs: Youth Empowerment, After-school Education, Thrift Store, Health Screenings, Food Pantry, and Referral Services

Ohio

Wesley Community Center

3730 Delphos Avenue
Dayton, OH 45417-1699
Phone: 937-263-3556 ext.14

West Ohio Conference

wesleydayton.org

Programs: *Afterschool, Freedom School, GED, Pre-K, Food Pantry, Community Garden*

West Side Community House

9300 Lorain Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102
Phone: 216-771-7297 ext. 325

East Ohio Conference

wschouse.org

Programs: *Children and Youth Development, Family to Family Crisis Intervention and Supportive Services*

Community Development for All People

946 Parsons Ave., PO Box 6063
Columbus, OH 43206
Phone: 614-445-7342

West Ohio Conference

4allpeople.org

Programs: *Affordable Housing, Youth Dev., Neighborhood Leadership Academy, Free Store*

Wesley Education Center for Children & Families

525 Hale Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229
Phone: 513-861-9865

West Ohio Conference

wesleyed.org

Programs: *Child Development (infant – 5 years old, including communications, brain power, healthy growth, social skills development)*

Oklahoma

Neighborhood Services Organization

431 SW 11th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73109
Phone: 405-236-0413

Oklahoma Conference

nsookc.org

Programs: *Dental Clinic, Transitional Housing for Homeless Families, Pregnant Women, Boys who have aged out of Foster Camp*

Pennsylvania

Ruth M. Smith Center

407 South Main Street, Sheffield, PA 16347
Phone: 814-968-3238

Western Pennsylvania Conference

ruthmsmithcenter.org

Programs: *Gym for Sheffield YMCA*

South Carolina

Bethlehem Center

397 Highland Ave.
Spartanburg, SC 29304-3501
Phone: 864-582-7158

South Carolina Conference

thebethlehem.center

Programs: *Afterschool, Food Pantry, Thrift Store*

Tennessee

Bethlehem Centers of Nashville

1417 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203
Phone: 615-329-3386 x230

Tennessee Conference

bethlehemcenters.org

Programs: *Child development (K-4), Youth Empowerment, Youth Workforce Development*

Wesley House Community Center

1719 Reynolds St., Knoxville, TN 37921
Phone: 865-524-5494

Holston Conference

wesleyhouseknox.org

Programs: *Children's Afterschool Recreational and Education, Performing Arts and Cultural Development, Summer Enrichment*

The Bethlehem Center

200 W. 38th Street, Chattanooga, TN 37410
Phone: 423-266-1384 x.2

Holston Conference

thebeth.org

Programs: *Afterschool Education, Summer camp, Leadership Development, Resettlement for unaccompanied minors*

Texas

Dallas Bethlehem Center

4410 Leland Avenue, Dallas, TX 75215
Phone: 214-428-5171 x.102

Horizon Texas Conference

dallasbethlehemcenter.org

Programs: *Early Child Dev., Afterschool (literacy, mentoring and leadership development), Summer Camp*

Amarillo Wesley Community Center

1615 South Roberts Street Amarillo, TX 79102
Phone: 806-372-7960

Horizon Texas Conference

wesleyamarillo.org

Programs: *Social Services, Counseling, Child Dev., Afterschool Activities, Mentoring*

Good Neighbor Settlement House

1254 E. Tyler Street, Brownsville, TX 78520
Phone: 956-542-2368

Rio Texas Conference

goodneighborsettlement.org

Programs: *Soup Kitchen, Thrift Store, Respite program for migrant families, Food Bank*

Holding Institute Community Center

1102 Santa Maria Avenue, Laredo, TX 78040
Phone: 956-718-2070

Rio Texas Conference

holding-institute.org

Programs: *GED, Classes: College, Vocational, ESL, Peer Tutoring, Student Leadership, Community Gardens, Wesley Nurse, Health & Nutrition, Preventative Health Care*

Southside Community Center

518 S. Guadalupe St. San Marcos, TX 78666
Phone: 512-392-6694

Rio Texas Conference

southsidecommunitycenter.org

Programs: *Daily Meal, Transitional Shelter, Direct Assistance, Home and Disaster Recovery, and Emergency Weather Shelter*

Wesley Community Center

1410 Lee Street, Houston, TX 77009
Phone: 713-223-8131

Texas Conference

wesleyhousehouston.org

Programs: *Early Childhood Education, Youth Services*

Wesley-Rankin Community Center

3100 Crossman Avenue
Dallas, TX 75212-3914

Horizon Texas Conference

wesleyrankin.org

Programs: *Child Development, Youth Education and Leadership Development*

United Community Centers

3900 Meadowbrook Dr., Suite 122
Fort Worth, TX 76104
Phone: 817-927-5556

Horizon Texas Conference

unitedcommunitycenters.org

Programs: *Educational Literacy Program, for school-aged children during school year, 10-week Summer Literacy Enrichment Camp, Client Assistance & Advocacy Program, Meal Program for children, Monthly Mobile Pantry*

Wesley Community Centers of Nueces County

4015 MacArthur, Corpus Christi, TX 78416
Phone: 361-880-8300

Rio Texas Conference

wesleycommunitycenter.org

Programs: *Child Development, Permanent Housing for Women with Young Children, Food Bank*

Utah

Crossroads Urban Center

347 South 400 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84111
Phone: 801-364-7765

Rocky Mountain Conference

crossroadsurbancenter.org
Programs: *Emergency Food Pantry, Thrift Store, Housing and Food Advocacy*

Virginia

Wesley Community Service Center

1701 Elm Ave, Portsmouth, VA 23704
Phone: 757-399-0541

Virginia Conference

wesleyportsmouth.org
Programs: *Literacy Tutoring & GED Test Preparation, Meals on Wheels, Emergency Financial Assistance*

Washington

Atlantic Street Center

2103 South Atlantic Street, Seattle, WA 98144
Phone: (206) 454-3908

Pacific Northwest Conference

atlanticstreetcenter.org
Programs: *Early Learning, Youth Development, Family Support, Counseling*

Tacoma Community House

1314 South L Street, Tacoma, WA 98405
Phone: 253-383-3951

Pacific Northwest Conference

tacomacommunityhouse.org
Programs: *Education, Immigration, Tutoring*

West Virginia

Scott's Run Settlement House

P.O. Box 590, Pursglove, WV 26546
Phone: 304-599-5020

West Virginia Conference

srsh.org
Programs: *Food Pantry, Baby Basics, Backpack Feeding, Seasonal Outreach*

Wisconsin

Northcott Neighborhood House

2460 N. 6th St., Milwaukee, WI 53212-2756
Phone: 414-372-3770 ex.15

Wisconsin Conference

northcotthouse.org

Programs: Youth Sports, Afterschool, Summer Enrichment, GED, Food/Clothing Pantry, Community Learning Centers

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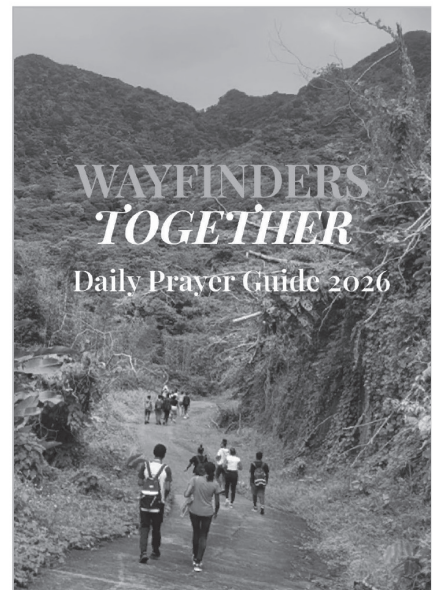
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