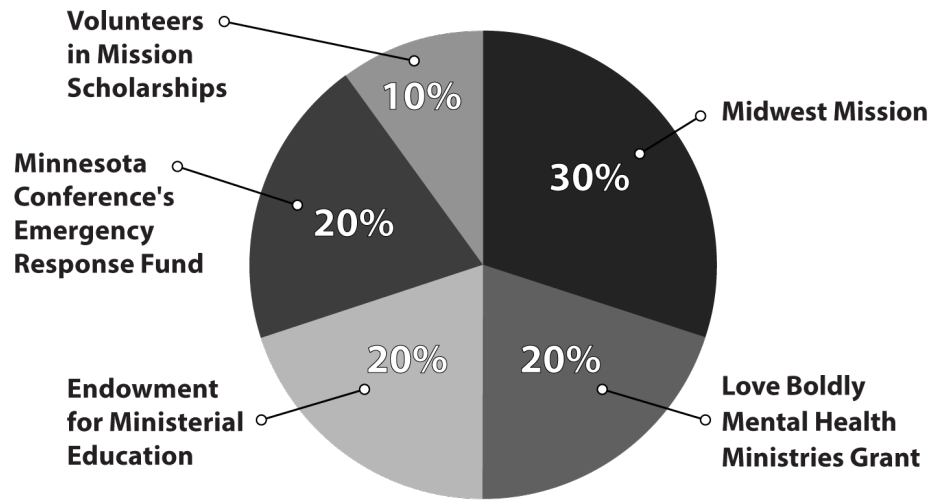


Where the Love Offering will go



How to support the Love Offering

Give to the offering through your church. Designate your offering as "Love Offering." If possible, please give before the 2026 Annual Conference Session, taking place June 16-18. Churches will then bring one check to Annual Conference. Thank you for your generosity. Together we can serve joyfully and join in God's work in the world!

Churches or individuals can also give electronically at <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/loveoffering>.



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2026 Love Offering

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Conference take a Love Offering for missions. The offering is brought to Annual Conference—a gathering of United Methodist clergy and laity from across the state.

The theme of the 2026 Annual Conference session—which will take place June 16-18 at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud—is "Created to Serve Joyfully"

Our Love Offering is not simply charity, but a shared ministry, a way of joining God's work in the world. Bishop Lanette Plambeck shares, "This offering is more than a tradition. It is a tangible expression of our connectional life and our shared commitment to Christ's mission. When we give, we participate in ministry that reaches far beyond what any one congregation could do alone."

The funds from this year's offering will go to Midwest Mission, Love Boldly Mental Health Ministries Grants, the Endowment for Ministerial Education, the Minnesota Conference's Emergency Response Fund, and Volunteers in Mission Scholarships. Read on to learn about these recipients and their purposes.

2025 Recap

Your donations to the 2025 Love Offering totaled **\$89,489.88!**

The funds went to student scholarships at Africa University, the Immigration Law and Justice Network, OC Ministries, and Midwest Mission. Thank you for your generosity!

Midwest Mission

Midwest Mission, a depot in the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) relief supply network, is a trusted partner in disaster response in the U.S and globally.

Midwest Mission brings people together and spreads hope through tangible humanitarian relief— items such as rice and soy blessing bags, personal dignity kits, feminine hygiene kits, student kits, and layette kits. In the last year alone, they provided 1.7 million meals, over 40,000 kits,



and other sources of aid.

Midwest Mission has locations in Iowa and Illinois, offering mission trip opportunities for groups. Midwest Mission will bring their packing supplies to Annual Conference, giving us a first-hand opportunity to “Serve Joyfully.”

Learn more: midwestmission.org

Endowment for Ministerial Education

This initiative aims to provide sustainable, reliable, and impactful support for seminary education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. In the U.S., 71% of UMC clergy hold a master’s degree in theology. Beyond the U.S., fewer than 5% hold similar degrees. Seminaries in the U.S. benefit from healthy endowments that often fund scholarships for their students. This offering aims to build an endowment that will support 500

seminary students each year from 20 theological schools, addressing the disparities currently in place across the United Methodist connection. We can be a part of a legacy long into the future with our generous support.

Learn more: endowftecc.org



Volunteers in Mission Scholarships

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) is a grassroots movement that coordinates short-term mission locally, nationally, and globally. Thousands of United Methodists engage in short-

term mission each year— in disaster response, community development, pastor training, microenterprise, agriculture, Vacation Bible School, building repair and construction, and

Love Boldly Mental Health Ministries Grant for Minnesota Conference Churches

Help further the impact of this newly established grant. Approved and coordinated by the Minnesota Conference Mission Promotion Team, these grants will help our churches offer mental health support to their communities through new programs or expansions of existing mental health ministries in our congregations. These funds will help congregations, in a very



practical way, reduce the stigma of mental health care while engaging in collaborative ministries in their communities.

Minnesota Conference's Emergency Response Fund

Support congregations in the Minnesota Conference who are providing immediate, focused, and localized humanitarian aid due to crisis and emergencies. Current critical needs are in response to the impacts of immigration enforcement—providing assistance for basic needs, food support, hygiene products, and housing and utilities assistance.

One local church reported more than double the increase in food distribution during the first quarter of this year. Another

immigrant congregation reported delivering groceries weekly to 40 families in their community unable to safely leave their homes, while knowing of 20 more families they could help if additional funding were available. This offering will help congregations to stand in that gap and serve our neighbors.



medical/dental services. The Love Offering provides scholarships for first-time participants and first-time team leaders.

Learn more: umvim.org

