

# SHAWNEE VALLEY DISTRICT CONNECTIONAL GIVING 2017

## DID YOU KNOW?

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| TOTAL DISTRICT CONNECTIONAL GIVING REQUESTED FROM OUR CHURCHES FOR 2018 | \$174,000 |
| EARNINGS AVAILABLE FROM OUR INVESTMENTS IF NEEDED                       | \$20,500  |
| TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR 2017  | \$191,500 |

The District Connectional Giving monies you send in to the District office as a local church will be used in our region/district in the following ways:

- 1) Leadership Development - **\$32,000** -to enhance the leadership and ministry of local churches of all sizes. We invest in all our pastors and lay leaders through conferences, workshops and training.
- 2) Discipleship Initiatives - **\$24,557** -to support our local prison ministries, university ministries, ministries with the poor, fresh expressions of church, etc.
- 3) Lay Servant Ministry - **\$500**
  - ◆ Local Church Lay Servant- to encourage laity to lead within their local church
  - ◆ Certified Lay Servant- to assist folks who sense a call into some form of ministry
  - ◆ Lay Speaker- to identify and train those who sense a call to future pastoral ministry
  - ◆ Lay Pastor- to equip laity to serve a church
  - ◆ Certified Lay Minister- to support those who want to further their training as lay ministers
  - ◆ Basic/Basic Refresher/Advanced Classes twice a year- to equip those who want to learn and grow
- 4) Pastoral Care and Emergency Needs - **\$1,500** - to assist with emergency needs in the lives of our pastors
- 5) Next Generations / Youth Initiatives - **\$5,000** - to support this program through training and mission opportunities
- 6) Committee on Ordained Ministry - **\$600** - to come alongside our Lay Pastors, Licensed Local Pastors, Associate Members, and Elders/Deacons
- 5) Pastoral Clusters - **\$1,000** - to help with the purchase of study materials and other needed expenses so that pastors are being challenged to grow in their spiritual leadership
- 6) Non-budgeted Investment monies are available for Strategic Ministry grants and mission outreach -**\$20,000**
- 7) District Missional Staff - **\$20,000** - to help coordinate, support and lead effective ministry in our region
  - ❖ Next Generations Coordinator- to plan events for the next generation and network leaders
  - ❖ Pastoral Cluster Coordinator- to create clusters for every pastor to participate in
  - ❖ District Committee on Ordained Ministry Coordinator- to oversee pastors in process
  - ❖ Grants Coordinator- to assist in determining the best use of monies for strategic ministry
  - ❖ Lay Servant Ministries Coordinator - to recruit and train new lay servants
  - ❖ Smaller Church Co-Coordinators - to provide resources and initiatives for our smaller churches
  - ❖ Prison Ministries Coordinator - to coordinate the district's prison ministry
- 8) District Administrative Staff- **\$84,943**
  - Administrative Assistant/Vietnam Mission Coordinator
  - Finance Manager/Communications Coordinator/Disaster Relief Coordinator

**We celebrate the fact that for the last 5 years, Shawnee Valley District churches have steadily increased their District Apportionment Giving from 92% in 2013 to 100% in 2017!**

**In addition, for the 2013 through 2017 fiscal years, your Shawnee Valley District has helped make possible the following ministries in our district, state, country and around the globe with other monies. You are helping to make a difference in the lives of others!**

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#### SHAWNEE VALLEY DISTRICT

- Strategic Ministries Grants – The District Grants team has reviewed and awarded **\$213,127** to churches in the district through an application process to enhance ministries in the following areas: Leadership Development, Evangelism with a Discipleship Plan, Ministry to the Poor with a Discipleship Plan, Structural improvements or expansion of facilities as a result of outgrowing space currently - used to reach & assimilate the community into the life of the congregation
- Emerging Ministry Grants – The Grants Team has reviewed and awarded **\$93,295** in grants to local churches and mission projects to assist in developing new ministries and discipleship initiatives
- Capital Grants/Church Loans/Key Strategic Revitalization Projects - we have given **\$214,948** in grants at the discretion of the District Superintendent to assist with emergencies and revitalization projects and **\$42,050** in low interest 5 year loans
- Jackson Area Ministries - **\$9,000** has been given to support JAM's building ministries in Appalachian areas
- Over **\$8,000** and many man-hours were spent in Coalton, Ohio (Jackson County) in the summer of 2015 assisting homes damaged by flash floods.
- Next Generations / Youth Initiatives - **\$16,862** for special youth events, training and mission teams
- Prison Ministry - **\$7,602** has been collected and will be used to purchase Bibles, etc. for those incarcerated in prisons in our area
- Angel Tree Ministry - **\$6,648** was collected in 2015 to support children of those incarcerated in our district by purchasing Christmas gifts on behalf of the prisoners.

**A TOTAL OF \$611,532 HAS BEEN GIVEN TO LOCAL MINISTRIES**

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#### STATE OF OHIO

- West Ohio United Methodist Rural Advocates- **\$1,500** – to encourage and support our town and rural congregations so that they can be vibrant churches
- West Ohio Conference Consultation Process - **\$113,049**- Our District has participated in supporting several churches throughout the State including Shawnee Valley Churches: Hillsboro First, Washington Court House Grace, Cornerstone, Jackson Christ, Chillicothe Trinity and most recently, Greenfield First and Bainbridge. (Part of the funds for this process comes from the income received from churches that have closed in our District.)
- West Ohio Conference All in the Family Consultation-**\$25,679** - we have numerous churches in our district involved in this focus on families and discipleship
- West Ohio New Church Starts - **\$102,225** - Ironton Resurrection Hope UMC and the Ironton First UMC were assisted in this venture. Through West Ohio Conference's **Light the Way Campaign**, we will continue to contribute to this endeavor
- Hispanic Ministry – **\$26,414**- we have several churches and ministries reaching out to the growing Hispanic ministry in our state
- **\$8,000** has been given to other Districts in the West Ohio Conference to assist in budget deficits and emergency needs.
- Shawnee Valley District deferred their portion of district equalization funds from West Ohio Conference to Foothills District the last three years, adding up to **\$115,000**

- In 2016, we collected **\$2,576** to support Joni & Friends, who offers a family retreat at Shawnee State Park for those with disabilities.

## **A TOTAL OF \$394,443 HAS BEEN GIVEN TO MINISTRIES AROUND THE STATE OF OHIO**

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### UNITED STATES

- ✓ The SVD 3-C ERT Disaster Response Ministry has responded to many natural disasters both in Ohio and out of state
- ✓ Through Mission Call donations, we have collected **\$19,564** to assist in covering training expenses and supporting teams, stocking the supply trailer and providing materials on site
- ✓ Teams and individuals have deployed to the flood & wind event in Racine, Ohio (2014), Jackson, Ohio (2015), New Jersey (Super Storm Sandy 2013), West Virginia, South Carolina, the UMCOR Distribution Centers in Pennsylvania, Illinois & Louisiana and most recently, Texas.
- ✓ Cash collected for Health Kits, Flood Buckets and Hurricane relief adds up to over **\$12,700**
- ✓ In 2017, Health Kits were collected and taken to the Midwest Distribution Center. Value of the kits was over **\$900**
- ✓ Flood Buckets (Clean up Kits) were assembled and delivered to the Midwest Distribution Center in 2017. Over 1000 buckets, valued at \$65 each were assembled by Shawnee Valley Churches - **\$65,000**

## **A TOTAL OF \$98,164 HAS BEEN GIVEN TO MINISTRIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES**

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### INTERNATIONAL

Vietnam- Since 2013, the Shawnee Valley District has invested **\$266,110** to help the Vietnam Church reach its people. You have invested in:

- Health Kits for families in the remote areas
- School Kits for families in the remote areas
- Evangelism efforts so the good news of Christ can be shared
- Support of pastoral leaders and the mentoring of future leaders
- Given monies to churches for basic needs
- Made possible a vision to create new churches and to reach the various people groups

Imagine No Malaria- The churches and congregations of the SVD have provided over **\$50,000** to help curb and eventually eliminate malaria. Another **\$42,000** was given by the Shawnee Valley district in matching funds in 2014.

Operation Christmas Child – In 2016, our churches donated **\$3,373** in cash to support the follow-up ministry provided to children who receive a shoebox. Numerous churches are collecting and sending shoeboxes overseas through Operation Christmas Child. Each year, more churches are supporting this outreach ministry.

## **A TOTAL OF \$361,483 HAS BEEN GIVEN TO INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES**

The Shawnee Valley District Churches have also given missional & ministry monies through our Conference apportionments since 2013. You have made a difference in the lives of many people for the sake of Christ. In 2017, our giving to the West Ohio Conference was **\$922,131**, which is 78% of the total requested from our 115 churches. THANK YOU!