



PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE



Empowering churches to proclaim the reconciling love of Christ.

A Message from PCC

Dear Members and Friends of Penn Central Conference,

We wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the work that Global H.O.P.E. is doing around the world and how you can help!

Refugee and Migration Ministries

What started in 2008 with a Massachusetts congregation's welcome to one gay asylum seeker has grown into a model ministry that has assisted some 400 LGBT asylum seekers from more than 20 countries in the past 14 years with housing and other basic needs.

The LGBT Asylum Task Force is a mission of Hadwen Park Congregational Church in Worcester, Mass. In recognition of the task force's work, and with the goal of inspiring other churches to undertake similar ministries, United Church of Christ Global H.O.P.E. team has just awarded it a \$10,000 Solidarity Grant.

Disaster Ministries

UCC Global H.O.P.E. has granted \$3,500 for water filters to help residents of Benton Harbor, Mich., get through a water crisis that has gone on for more than three years. Distribution of water filters is by request of the community and is seen as a "ministry of presence" to help lay the groundwork for community support and long-term recovery.

And in Detroit, Mich., UCC Global H.O.P.E. is helping four long-term recovery groups ramp up to help survivors of widespread torrential rain and flooding in June 2021. The Rev. Roslyn Bouier, Pastor of Detroit's Trinity-St. Mark's UCC, is Chair of the Guiding Lights Long-Term Recovery Group, serving Detroit's west side.

Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) enable the Church's support for Sustainable Development. This work is carried out by mission partners who are in relationship with the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through Global Ministries.

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Outdoor Ministries

In partnership with Lutheran Camping Corporation

ADVENT DAY APART

December 4 @The Wittel Farm (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Enter into the Advent spirit by participating in a day of Bible study, worship, and prayerful reflection. For more information & to register, go to: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/advent-day-apart-2021/>

Learn more here: <https://pccucc.org/outdoor-ministry/>

Prayers for Penn Central Conference

Ephesians 6:18 (NLT)

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

This week, we pray for each other as we continue to live into God's calling...

St. Matthew's UCC, Carlisle

Salem Stone UCC, Carlisle

Trinity UCC, Cashtown

Trinity UCC, Centre Hall



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tional Response

The Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB) receives OGHS support for its Comprehensive Poverty Reduction Program. One aspect of this grassroots program connects and resources individuals and families for forming or strengthening small businesses.

Raising chickens or fish, or gardening, all provide a source of income that promotes sustainability and growth. Another implementation empowers rural farmers to explore new ways for overcoming obstacles to their work.

The relationship with CCDB is nurtured by Global Ministries' Southern Asia desk.

Active Global H.O.P.E. funding appeals

UCC Haiti Appeal: The UCC Haiti Appeal seeks to raise \$100,000 for immediate relief and longer-term recovery for thousands of Haitians reeling from the 7.2 earthquake August 14 followed by Tropical Storm Grace.

UCC COVID Relief Appeal: In response to the growing COVID-19 crises facing many poorer countries and communities, UCC is seeking \$150,000 for its COVID Relief Appeal for food, hygiene kits, personal protective equipment and other aid to the most vulnerable to reduce the virus's spread.

UCC 2021 Severe Storms Appeal: Nearly one in three Americans lives in a county hit by a weather disaster in the past three months, the Washington Post reported on September 4. Long-term recovery and rebuilding needs will be enormous. Best way to help? Money.

In October, UCC Global H.O.P.E. approved grants to:

Southwest Association of the UCC's Michigan Conference – \$3,500 – to help residents of Benton Harbor, Mich., get through a water crisis that has gone on for more than three years.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Pottstown, Pa. – \$3,000 – to help the church cover uninsured repair costs for its fellowship hall, flooded in Hurricane Ida in September. The grant will help community programs that use the space, including two Scout troops and an outreach to hungry children, to return more quickly.

St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, Perkasio, Pa. - \$3,000 – to help the most vulnerable survivors of Hurricane Ida in September 2021 with repairs or relocation.

Church World Service Kenya --\$5,000 - .for life-saving assistance to 6,000 households (61,825 people) affected by Kenya's national drought disaster. Specific inputs will include water, food, cash and training in conflict prevention.
Hurricane Dorian Response, Bahamas - \$35,000 – to sup-

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port Church World Service work to strengthen Haitian migrant communities' abilities to plan and undertake disaster preparedness and response actions.

Thank you for your continued support of the work UCC Global H.O.P.E. does!

Address Change!

Please begin mailing any correspondence to our new PO Box:

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Our physical address starting the week of November 15 (Do not mail letters to this address!)

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