

Global and Regional Opportunities

California Nevada Conference Disaster Response Fund:

The American Red Cross defines a disaster as: “An emergency that causes injury or loss of life and property damage, and a disruption in which survivors cannot manage without spiritual, monetary, or physical assistance.” Disaster preparedness and response must be a vital part of our church mission. One of the ways we can show the love and act as the hands, feet and face of Jesus is through the efforts we make in the community and around the world. Contributions to this fund will help in the disaster relief efforts with the Northern California wildfires of 2017. Statewide 8,700 structures were destroyed, 100,000 people were displaced and 42 have been confirmed dead with the recent fires. This fund helps the Conference to respond quickly to immediate needs and to partner with UMCOR for both emergency and long term recovery.

www.cnumc.org

Abundant Health:

Abundant Health – Our Promise to Children is the initiative led by the Global Health unit of UMC’s General Board of Global Ministries. The initiative’s goal is to reach 1 million children with lifesaving and health promoting measures by 2020. As the people of The United Methodist Church we will live up to our promise for children by

imagining abundant health for every child in every place by:

Ensuring Safe Births,
Addressing Nutritional Challenges and
Promoting Breastfeeding,
Advancing Prevention and Treatment of
Childhood Diseases and
Promote Children’s Health and Wholeness
www.umcabundanthealth.org

One Dollar for Life, The Girls’ Equity Project:

Girls in the developing world miss school one week a month once they start their period. After about a year they drop out of school because they are so far behind. They are forever second-class citizens. The problem affects 50 million girls a year. ODFL’s Girls’ Equality Project is working to change this situation by providing washable sanitary supplies to girls in 5 of the poorest countries in the world. Kits cost \$9 each and last for 3 years--usually long enough for the girls to finish school. Donations help the poorest girls in the world be able to have the same educational opportunities as boys. www.odfl.org



JOY OF GIVING

2017

The Joy of Giving is a Christmas tradition at First Palo Alto United Methodist Church. It is a natural expression of our faith in Christ and our commitment to caring for people in our local community, our region, and the world. Through the Joy of Giving, you can indicate to which listed organization(s) your financial gift should be given. Consider giving a gift in honor of someone on your Christmas list.