

## Central TEXAS Conference

# Mission CONNECTION



The Central Texas Conference collects a special offering each November designated to help energize and equip people, ministries and emergency relief efforts in both our local and global communities. The offering is traditionally split 90/10, with the majority percentage of the funds rotating each year between local and global ministries. However, this year, the funds received will go to assist UMCOR's response to the devastation left in the wake of Hurricanes Florence and Matthew.

The special offering (Remittance Fund #3968) can be sent to the CTC [online](#) or by mailing a check. To download remittance forms, visit [ctcumc.org/cmgbreakdown](http://ctcumc.org/cmgbreakdown).



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to take place while addressing root causes of social injustices with other young people from around the world. Learn more about the Program [HERE](#)

The Global Mission Fellows Program is a 2 year mission opportunity for young adults ages 20-30 to work in social justice ministries. Young adults are invited to engage with the local communities, connect the church in mission, and grow in personal and social holiness. This program allows for transformation and leadership development

# Connectional Giving



## Missional Storytelling: Creating a Culture of Generosity

Did you know The United Methodist Church offers a free online Connectional Giving course? The course provides church leaders a holistic and biblical view of generosity and empowers participants to become missional storytellers who can inspire others to give generously by sharing inspiring, compelling stories.

By the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Explain the biblical and theological basis for giving
- Understand more about how The United Methodist Church is a connectional church
- Use "missional storytelling" to create a culture of generosity
- Set a plan "to make the ask" in your congregation for the giving of gifts, time, talents, prayers, etc.

You will find the free course available [HERE](#).

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## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Is your church's youth group ready to make plans to attend 2019 Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission? CTCYM Group Registration is going strong! Please visit [www.ctcym.org](http://www.ctcym.org) to register your church's youth group. It is important to note that Group Registration closes Dec. 14, 2018, which is two weeks sooner than in past seasons. Individual Registration will open in January 2019. Applications for Living Center Leadership are also available on the "[For Leadership](#)" page of [www.ctcym.org](http://www.ctcym.org). This is a required step for adults wishing to serve in leadership roles.



## Youth Service Fund Grant

Youth Service Fund (YSF) is a mission fund exclusively of United Methodist Youth. YSF is money raised by youth,





## Youth Service Fund Grant Application

and spent by youth to benefit youth. Funds that remain in the Central Texas Conference are used for CTC Youth Ministry grants. Our Youth Service Fund Task Force, made up of representatives from each District, shall

determine how YSF monies from this Conference are spent, upon the approval of the CCYM Executive Team. To read more about the YSF Grant, and to access the application, please visit [www.ctcumc.org/youthservicefundgrant](http://www.ctcumc.org/youthservicefundgrant).

### Would you like more information?

Feel free to contact [Claire Condrey](#) or [MaDora Ratliff](#) with any questions. You may read more about all the Youth Ministry events and ongoing ministries in the Central Texas Conference by visiting [www.ctcumc.org/youthministries](http://www.ctcumc.org/youthministries).



[www.umciving.org/UMSD](http://www.umciving.org/UMSD)

## UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY IS NOVEMBER 25, 2018

### What is United Methodist Student Day?

United Methodist Student Day calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. The special offering provides scholarships for qualified United Methodist applicants. Find out more about United Methodist Student Day [HERE](#).



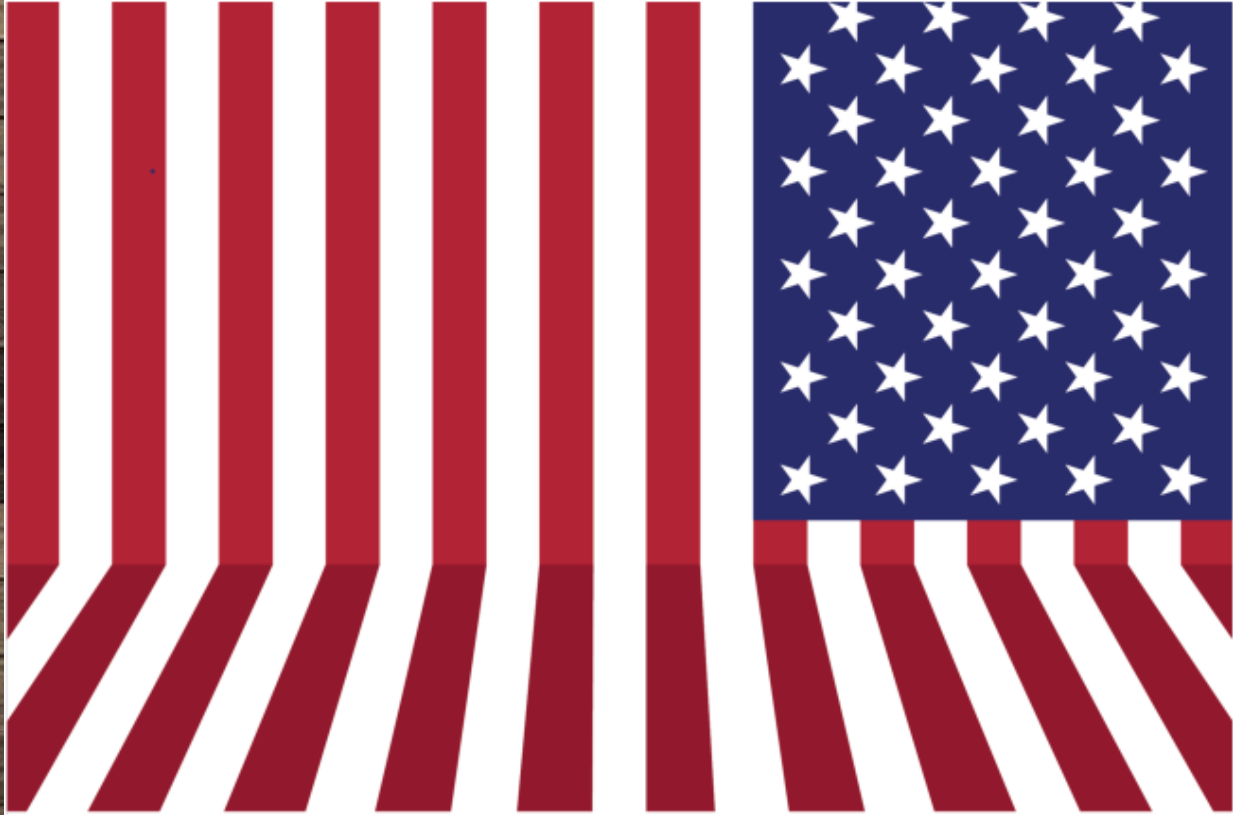
Will you give to United Methodist Student Day?

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**Encounter With Christ in Latin America and the Caribbean** is partnering with our brothers and sisters to help provide crucial evangelism and outreach ministries through financial support, advocacy, and awareness campaigns. Do you have a call to support ministry with our Latin American and Caribbean neighbors? Learn more about Encounter With Christ at [www.umc-encounter.org](http://www.umc-encounter.org). Or, contact Karen Distefano at [missioninterpreter@umc-encounter.org](mailto:missioninterpreter@umc-encounter.org) or (918) 440-9213 for more information or to schedule a visit with her at your church!

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## **Cookies for the Troops Christmas 2018**

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**CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE CHURCHES  
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:**

Every church in the Central Texas Conference is invited to bake cookies for the troops for Christmas. Let's show them we care, love and support them for being willing to put their lives on the line. The cookies will be delivered to Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, TX and Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, TX. Last year, CTC churches baked 7,500 dozen (90,000 cookies)  
P.O.C.- Billy Murphey, 325-647-4679



**2018 Cookies for the Troops [INSTRUCTIONS](#) [HERE](#)**

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## Five Star Mission Award Applications Available NOW

The Five Star Award for Missional Involvement is a Central Texas Conference initiative designed to serve as a starting point for risk-taking mission and service by recognizing United Methodist churches that achieve a foundational level of engagement with the needs of the world during a calendar year. Applications are available [HERE](#). Please email [Katherine Hunter](#) with any questions.

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review the Rio Texas Response and Recovery [page](#) and contact [Katherine Hunter](#) for more information.

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The Rio Texas Conference is continuing the relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. **Your support is needed** through volunteer teams to assist with cleanup and rebuilding. **Our conference has funds available to off-set costs of travel, lodging and meals.** If you are interested in sending a team or participating in the relief efforts, please



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## How can I help you?

Do you need help finding particular resource? Do you have an awesome resource you'd like to share with others? Please reach out with your questions, comments, interests or just to say hello! I am serving as Mission Coordinator in the Central Texas Conference working to connect you with information and resources needed to make you mission successful. Please contact Katherine Hunter with questions or comments at [katherinehunter@ctcumc.org](mailto:katherinehunter@ctcumc.org) or 817-877-5222.

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