

Central Texas Conference Center for Mission Support

Mission Backpack:

Energizing and Equipping Local Churches to be in Ministry With the Poor

Did you know that one in five Texas children live in poverty? The numbers are staggering and hunger is a reality for thousands of children in The Central Texas Conference.

The purpose of “Operation Backpack” is to *energize and equip local United Methodist Churches* to be in Ministry with the Poor by reaching out to these children in our neighborhood and community schools. Backpack ministry exists fruitfully in a variety of ways, but in general non-perishable food items are provided to children identified by school personnel to be at-risk for food insecurity each weekend in a non-descript backpack. The food is provided, packaged and delivered to the school each week by church volunteers. On Mondays, the children return the empty backpack to be refilled again the following week. Churches can serve as many children as they believe God is calling them to serve.

Through funds made available through CTC Thanksgiving offerings, the Center for Mission Support is offering a one-time grant to churches who develop a plan to partner or increase their ministry with a local school to meet identified hunger needs in their student population.



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To receive information about how to apply for this one-time partnership grant, please complete the following information:

Name of Church _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____

E-mail Address _____

Each individual church will be required to make a financial commitment and submit a plan for continued ministry past the initial start-up period. Churches are encouraged to partner with other churches or community organizations to meet the goal of alleviating weekend hunger in your local community.