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Thank you for your interest in finding ways that your congregation can take steps toward meaningful mission involvement! The United Methodist Church sends out missionaries to countries across the globe as well as to many locations in our own backyard. If your congregation would like to increase its focus on mission and support for our UM missionaries, the Five Star Program or Global Mission Partners Program provide a solid way to begin the process.



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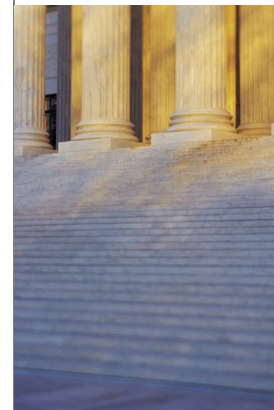
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Steps
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Five Star Program

Step 1: The **Five Star Program** is a Central Texas Conference initiative designed to serve as a starting point for mission involvement by recognizing the churches that accomplish the following requirements in a given calendar year:

- Give 100% of assigned apportionments.
- Have an ongoing program of mission education.
- Serve the local community through outreach.
- Contribute to a conference, national, international or UMCOR Advance Special.
- As a step toward becoming a Global Mission Partner, make a financial contribution of any size to a United Methodist missionary.

Each church must submit documentation of completing the program requirements to the conference office by **April 15th** for recognition at Annual Conference. Recognition at each Annual Conference will be given for the previous calendar year. Please visit www.ctcumc.org/globalmission to download an application.

Covenant Relationship

Step 2: The **Covenant Relationship Program** of the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) enables congregations to establish a mutual relationship with a GBGM-trained United Methodist Missionary. Your congregation will provide financial and prayerful support of missionaries and grow in understanding the context in which these missionaries serve.

- Make a financial commitment of \$2,500 or more per year (or \$5 per church member per year.) Partner churches are encouraged to make a three-year commitment.
- Your congregation will be notified when a visit from the missionary can be considered.



Global Mission Partners

Step 3: The **Global Mission Partners Program** provides an opportunity for congregations to further expand their support of missionaries to include partnerships with missionaries sent out by United Methodist churches in other countries. Through this program, the GBGM recognizes congregations that accomplish the following requirements:

- Give 100% of assigned apportionments.
- Have an ongoing program of mission education.
- Serve the local community through outreach.
- Establish a Covenant Relationship in support of a GBGM-trained missionary with \$2,500 or \$5 per church member per year.
- Pledge support for a Person in Mission sent by a partner church in another country at \$1,000 or more per year (or \$2 per church member per year.)
- Share your experience with two neighboring congregations.

To view a list of active Global Mission Partner positions, please visit <http://gbgm-umc.org/advance/gmp.html>. You may download a Global Mission Partner agreement at www.ctcumc.org/globalmission.