

## 2021 Monthly Mission Focus

**January – Wesley Nurse Discretionary** – These funds are made available to our local Wesley Nurse (Daniela Kulyas) to use at her discretion. It allows her to help individuals (WUMC members and non-WUMC members alike) in different ways and to purchase personal hygiene items to give out, also at her discretion.

**February – Africa University** – Africa University educates students to make Africa a better place. Support of Africa's next generation of leaders ensures the influence of our United Methodist values and our commitment to Africa will grow into the future. Gifts to the Africa University Fund support the general operating expenses of the university, including salaries and infrastructure, as well as support for scholarships and endowment funds. Africa University is a United Methodist-Related Institution. \*\*\*\*\*

**March – UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief** – Supporting programs that fight hunger and poverty, assist the displaced and respond to disasters. UMCOR is a Global Advance. \*\*\*\*\*

**April – Project Transformation** - Project Transformation Rio Texas began organizing in early 2014 using the model of a United Methodist-based ministry that has recruited college-age interns to serve urban and rural neighborhoods in and around Dallas, Texas, since 1998. Several leaders from the Rio Grande and Southwest Texas conferences of the United Methodist Church began meeting to learn more about the mission and ministry of Project Transformation. These conversations and visits to Project Transformation in Dallas later that summer led to a vision of establishing this ministry in San Antonio, Austin, and eventually the Lower Rio Grande Valley of South Texas in the coming years. As the two conferences were in the process of becoming a “bold new conference” (Rio Texas Conference), the organizers believed that the work of Project Transformation could be a practical learning application in living out the conference's core vision of uniting peoples, transforming communities, developing leaders, and revitalizing congregations and beginning new faith communities. \*\*\*\*\*

**May - Habitat for Humanity** – Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio is an ecumenical Christian non-profit housing organization working in partnership with God's people in need to build modest, decent, and affordable homes. Habitat is in their 40<sup>th</sup> year of serving families in San Antonio and have built over 972 homes in Bexar County. Habitat for Humanity is a District Advance Project.

**June –Global Missionary – Anna Troy** – Is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church serving as a Church and Community worker as the Director of Open Heart Ministries of Harrison County in Clarksburg, West Virginia. \*\*\*\*\*

**July – UMCOR-Sager Brown Depot** – UMCOR Sager Brown provides opportunities for both short and long-term volunteers to engage in hands-on mission work. Their participation not only meets their personal need to serve God but it also helps those who are less fortunate and are in their greatest hours of need. The purpose of this project is to provide an opportunity for individuals to support the mission of UMCOR Disaster Relief Supplies Network. \*\*\*\*\*

**August – SAMM (San Antonio Metropolitan Ministry)** – SAMMinistries' programs utilize a comprehensive and holistic approach to support individuals and families wrestling with the effects of poverty in San Antonio. SAMMinistries provides assistance through programs that HELP those on the brink of becoming homeless through prevention and rapid re-housing programs; offer HOPE to those currently homeless through wrap-around support services such as employment assistance, educational scholarships, children's programs, and in-kind items; and provide a HOME to those moving away from homelessness through transitional and permanent supportive housing programs. SAMMinistries knows what works to overcome the impact of homelessness on individuals, families, and the community at large.

**September – Lydia Patterson Institute** - Lydia Patterson Institute is a Methodist Christian college-preparatory school located in El Paso, Texas, United States. Founded in 1913 it offers programs for Spanish-speaking children, primarily from Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua to attend high school in the United States and attend a Mexican graduate university. \*\*\*\*\*

**October – Mercy Ships - Mercy Ships** is an international charity. Mercy Ships currently operates the largest non-governmental hospital ship in the world, providing humanitarian aid like free health care, community development projects, community health education, mental health programs, agriculture projects, and palliative care for terminally ill patients. Mercy Ships has operated in more than 57 developing nations and 18 developed nations around the world, with a current focus on the countries of Africa.

**November – The Agape Ministry** - The Agape Ministry was founded over twenty years ago by a member of Windcrest UMC. Its purpose is to serve families in need here in the northeast area of the city. With the support of 24 area churches helps the Agape Ministry meet the needs of people with donations of food and clothing, volunteers, and financial assistance.

**December – Neighbors Helping Neighbors** - Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a ministry started at Windcrest UMC for the people who come to our church almost every day looking for help. We provide emergency assistance to individuals and their families in our community in the form of prayer, food, and a listening ear which is part of the Body of Christ. Every 2nd Thursday of the month WUMC Neighbors Helping Neighbors provides worship, breakfast, and assistance with other needs. Every 3rd Thursday, the food from the San Antonio Food Bank Truck is distributed by Neighbors Helping Neighbors Ministry at Windcrest United Methodist Church volunteers are needed to help break down the large boxes of food as they arrive so they can be more easily be distributed to individuals and families.

\*\*\*\*\* - These mission projects are a part of our 5-Star Church Giving