Relentlessly leading our churches to become outwardly focused and spiritually centered Christ followers.
Leadership Excellence
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Partners in Leadership Excellence Ministries
Board of Ordained Ministry members: 55
Coaches: 39
Mentors:
   47 for Residents in Ministry
   125 for Local Pastors
   46 for Candidates
Licensing School Faculty: 16
Conference Lay Ministry Team: 4
District Lay Leaders: 15
Certified Lay Ministers: 21
Lay Servant Ministry Course Leaders: 20
Right Start Leaders & Coaches: 19
dCOM members: 172
Part-Time Ministerial Leaders (PML) COS Faculty: 9

Total: 588

Participants in Leadership Excellence Ministries
Residents in Ministry: 22
Candidates for Ministry: 56
Candidacy Summit participants: 38
Lay Servant Ministry Course students: 238
Lay Servant participants: 403
PML students: 30
RE participants: 34
Right Start participants: 50
Seminary Scholarships: 14
Preaching Academy: 22
2019-2020 Missouri Leadership Excellence Fellows*: 2
2019 Crossroads (College-aged) Interns*: 8

Total: 917

* Supported by Congregational Excellence, Leadership Excellence and the Missouri United Methodist Foundation

Call to Ministry Events
thecalltoministry.org

MO EXPLO (for 17-70-year-olds): November 7, 2020
Candidacy Summits: July 30-August 1, 2020 & January 14-16, 2021

New Persons in Leadership Capacity in local congregations
3,605
Congregational Excellence

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NEW INITIATIVES

- 2020 Planting Academy: 22 participants
- Congregational Excellence Prayer Team: 1,033 people praying each day
- New multi-sites to start in Fall 2020: 2 churches
- Planter Assessment process: 11 participants
- 27 “How to Connect New People to Christ” workshops with over 1,500 leaders in attendance
- Multiplying Kingdom Impact (MKI) – A Consultation Process for Congregations: 7 churches participating in 2020
- Emotionally Healthy Spirituality for pastors: 7 small groups
- Mosaix Multi-ethnic Cohort: 5 churches
- Learn + Lead Podcasts (new episodes monthly): www.moumethodist.org/learnleadpodcast

NEW PLACES FOR NEW PEOPLE CREATED IN 2019

- NEW CHURCH & MULTI-SITE: 1
- NEW WORSHIP: 51
- MISSIONAL COMMUNITY: 124
- RECOVERY MINISTRY: 77
- SMALL GROUPS: 608

CONGREGATIONAL EXCELLENCE GRANTS

- MISSIONAL COMMUNITY: 6
- NEW WORSHIP: 3
- RECOVERY MINISTRY: 4
- NEW CHURCH & MULTI-SITE: 6
- SMALL GROUPS: 5

- MISSIONAL COMMUNITY: $24,500
- NEW WORSHIP: $37,500
- RECOVERY MINISTRY: $12,000
- NEW CHURCH & MULTI-SITE: $95,000
- SMALL GROUPS: $9,750

TRAINING EVENTS

- 12 participants in intensive coach training to become Multiplying Kingdom Impact coaches
- Planting Academy:
  - New Room Conference in Sept. 2019: 23 participants
  - Exponential Conference in March 2020: 19 participants
- 2021 Planting Academy begins February 2021
  - Inspire Discernment Retreat + Candidacy Summit: January 2021
  - Academy runs February-November 2021
Consulted with 18 local congregations on issues related to communications and marketing strategy, social media, media relations, Safe Sanctuaries and Boundaries.

**The Missouri Methodists**  
Monthly readership: 24,000  
Email subscriptions: 1,475  
Print readership: 5,500

**Net News**  
Subscribers: 1,508

**Social Media (page likes or followers)**  
Missouri Annual Conference: 2,963 followers  
Mozambique Initiative: 1,418 followers  
Festival of Sharing: 837 followers  
UMC Disaster Response: 832 followers  
Next Generation Ministries: 1,304 followers  
Missouri Annual Conference Lay Leader: 179 followers

**Safe Sanctuaries + Safe Gatherings**  
Safe Sanctuaries-certified lay volunteers: 2,837  
Safe Gathering-certified lay volunteers: 564  
Safe Sanctuaries or Safe Gatherings Certified pastors under appointment/assignment: 760  
Churches with approved local Church Associate (LCA) or Safe Gatherings Administrators (SGA): 642

**Nominations Process**  
Conference leadership spots available through Boards, Commissions, Committees, Councils and Teams: 220  
*Including Board of Ordained Ministry*

**Local Church Resources**  
Available at moumethodist.org/resources

**2019 Annual Conference**  
Conference attendees: 1,500  
Members of Annual Conference 2019: 1,271  
Workshops: 7  
Keynote Learning Times: 2

**Offerings**  
Mozambique Initiative: $20,836.58  
Pathway out of Poverty: $13,365.49  
Puerto Rico Disaster Response: $21,739.10

**NEW PLACES FOR NEW PEOPLE SERMON SERIES**

**MENTORING TOOLKITS**

**MENTAL HEALTH BINGO & GRAPHICS**

**GET YOUR CHURCH ONLINE WEB SERIES**
Mission, Service and Justice Ministries

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Puerto Rico/Hurricane Maria Disaster Response
- Nearly $200,000 raised
- Missouri 2018-2019 Response (Teams by District)

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Volunteer Impact: 18,116 hours of volunteer labor*
*Assuming 7 hours of work a day for 4 days

From 2018-2020 Missouri has comprised 20% of all teams and volunteers in response to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico (Source: UMCOR).

- $88,000 donated to One Joplin from remaining donations from the tornado response toward affordable housing in Joplin.
- Over 40 people ERT trained and certified.
- Distributed hundreds of flood kits
- Donated N95 face masks to nursing homes
- Donated critical cleaning products and protective supplies to ministries that serve our marginalized and under resourced brothers and sisters.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE DISASTER RESPONSE

- 41 wells completed in 2019 serving 124,140 people
- $70,000 raised toward construction of a UMC school in Cabo Delgado (2020 campaign goal: $110,000)

IT COSTS $2.04 TO BRING CLEAN WATER TO ONE PERSON

MOZAMBIQUE INITIATIVE
mzinitiative.com

TOTAL GIVING: $713,955.46
(Up $113,000 from 2018)

- 41 wells completed in 2019 serving 124,140 people
- $70,000 raised toward construction of a UMC school in Cabo Delgado (2020 campaign goal: $110,000)

A mobile clinic purchased on February 5, 2020 will extend medical treatment in the Morrumbene and Massinga districts.

Mabumbuza district mobile health clinic:
- 2,138 people participated in health education sessions
- 1,905 patients were screened
- 229 children under five evaluated
- 37 children under five vaccinated
- 23 first pre-natal consultations and 43 family planning consultations
Festival Of Sharing Facts
• Over 400 volunteers served at the 7 Sharefests (Cameron, Ferguson, Dexter, Macon, Tipton, Kansas City, Republic)
• 115 family food boxes in Macon and 130 in Tipton with the help of Prenger Foods in Macon and G2M Supermarket in Stover
• Over 60,000 Missourians were impacted
• Kits distributed to 113 Missouri agencies
• 400 pieces of fleece collected at Annual Conference 2019
• $18,879.15 was raised for Church World Service at the annual quilt auction.

Rural Missouri Connection
• 4 regional and 25 individual conversations with 45 pastors, 5 district office representatives, 4 lay members and 20 community organizations to gather and discuss ways rural churches can connect and respond to the needs of their community.
• Common topics of concern include transportation, mental health/substance use, broadband access and workforce/economic development.
• An advisory group of pastors and lay members has been assembled to provide experience and guidance for developing resources and connections aimed at outward ministry in rural communities. Their first project is to create template examples of resource guides for churches to build connections in their communities.
• Connected with community organizations: MU Extension, Missouri Community Betterment Association, Rural Compassion-Convoy of Hope, Randolph County Community Cares, Stone and Taney County Cares and citizen ride-along with the Randolph County Sheriff’s Department.

Justice Work
• LaTasha Morrison, author and founder of Be The Bridge, an organization that raises racial literacy and reconciliation, lead Diversity Leadership Training for Cabinet and Conference Staff.
• THRIVE 2020: Gathered over 70 leaders in and champions of the historical Black Church to learn from Rev. Dr. Joe Daniels on connecting the church with the community. This affinity group provides community, learning and opportunities to collaborate for those who serve and/or celebrate the Historical Black Church.
• Journey Journey 4 Justice - rescheduled due to COVID19

Mission Summit
• 2-day gathering of mission practitioners on innovative and collaborative approaches to mission and justice ministries.
• Presenters included, Rev. Eugene Cho, Founder of One Day’s Wages and President of Bread For the World, Megan Hunlingzer-Herrara, Executive Director of Rainbow Network, Rev. Vickie Coons, founder of Community Hug and Rev. Clayton Childers, Global Board of Church & Society.

Next Generation Ministries
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NextGen Academy Missional leaders are intentionally growing in Christ in order to serve with vision and hope for the Christian community. Next Generation Ministries created the Academy to be an environment for students and young adults to discover and grow in their faith alongside friends and mentors during quarterly events. Students explore spiritual gifts, leadership development, and service and mission.

September 21, 2019
Leadership Development
Lead by Venture Out:
70 Students & Adult Leaders

February 29, 2020
LEAP 2020 Youth Event held in St. Charles and Platte Woods: 450+ Students & Adult Leaders representing 50 Churches packed 14,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger

April 25, 2020
Wonderfully Made: Finding Body Positivity and Creating Healthy Relationships (Virtual Academy)
300 Students & Adult Leaders representing over 20 Missouri Churches joined thousands of youth for 4 days of discipleship, worship, Bible study, service opportunities and life-changing fun! NextGen provided $12,250 in scholarships.

6 Locations: Rolla, Springfield, Kansas City, St. Louis, Kirksville, Cape Girardeau
Fall 2019: Focus on communication: 110 people
Winter 2020: Focus on college-age ministries: 20 people

One-day networking and learning summit in Springfield in November 2019 for children, youth and college-age leaders.
Over 15 different workshops along with worship and main stage lessons, visit: https://nextgenumc.org/resources-post/summit/
Summer Internship Program: 21 college-aged interns

5,931 Total Campers
nextgencamps.org

496 Participants
8 Unique Camps
5 Locations

NextGen worked with 3 partners for a total of 446 participants from approximately 22 churches serving in different communities across the U.S.

50 Churches
4,709 Campers
452 Adult Volunteers
280 Crew & Youth Volunteers

COLLEGE-AGE MINISTRY GRANTS
11 grants for College-Age Ministries awarded
Launched a conference-funded campus ministry, The Field, in Springfield (Effective July 1, 2019).

Most of my students, like many college students, had fallen or were falling into the “none” and “done” categories. I give God praise for placing me in Springfield, at this time, for these students.”
– Rev. Tracey Wolff, The Field Campus Ministry

We have 30 students participating in chapel leadership, including 4 student preachers.”
– Rev. Kayla Kelly, Central Methodist University

We have put a greater emphasis on connecting through worship on Sundays. This change has led to 40 students consistently on Sundays with around 33 serving in some capacity in the church.”
– Rev. Trey Laveroni, Saint Paul’s (Joplin)
Financial and Administrative Ministries

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Apportionments

A total of 576 churches paid 100% or more. 17 churches paid more than 100% for an 86.66% payout.

Consulted with 11 local congregations on issues related to generosity, finance and administration.

IMPACT BEYOND MISSOURI

- Wespath Benefits & Investments Board Member
- Member of Fiduciary Committee, Wespath Board
- Member of Legislative Committee, Wespath Board
- Guest speaker for Rev it UP!, a Wespath event for young clergy
- Guest speaker at Clergy Benefits Academy, a Wespath event
- Guest speaker for Great Plains Annual Conference and The Louisana Foundation.
- Member of Association of United Methodist Pension and Benefits Officers
- Member of National Association of Annual Conference Treasurers

BISHOP ROBERT FARR

- Related to Discipleship Ministries and South Central Jurisdiction Mission Council.
- Served as president of the College of Bishops, South Central Jurisdiction.
- Served as trustee for Central Methodist University and the Missouri United Methodist Foundation.
- Preached in 16 different congregations around the state including Arrowhead Stadium and the 200th Anniversary Celebration at Old McKendree.
- Participated in the Emancipation Proclamation Worship Celebration at Lane Tabernacle CME Church in St. Louis.
- Brought greetings to the annual Missouri UMW Meeting, the national (LoveWell) youth gathering, and the national Black Methodists for Church Renewal Conference.
- Hosted judicatory leaders for a Global Wesleyan Alliance (GWA) to foster collaboration. The GWA is an inter-denominational partnership of Christian communions who adhere to the teachings of John and Charles Wesley.
- Convened an 18-person Pathways II Commission with the purpose of working on a path forward for the Missouri Conference due to the denomination’s ongoing struggle around contextualized ministry and human sexuality.
- Initiated a Pan-Methodist gathering of judicatory leaders from AME, AME Zion and CME denominations in Missouri.
- Met with SMU Perkins students who have an interest in ministry in Missouri.
- Hosted the first Moto Rally for Mozambique Initiative.
- Led a tour of the Holy Land for Missouri United Methodists and residents in ministry.