

# Make the Connection!

Your Missouri Conference Mission, Service and Justice Team is a vital link between Missouri United Methodists and a world in need.

Volunteer time, goods, services and dollars from United Methodists across Missouri are currently helping:

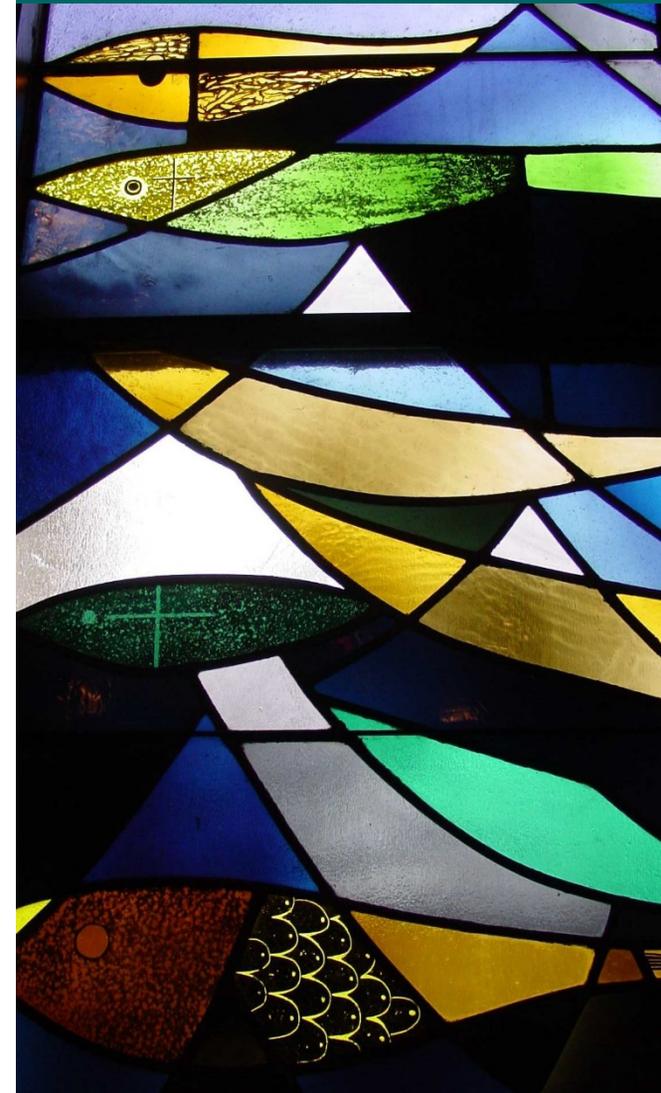
- Missouri children and families through LifeWise STL
- Every United Methodist Church in Mozambique through the Covenant Partnership Program
- Community outreach regarding physical and mental wellbeing
- Those in recovery or without a home
- Education efforts through after-school programs and school-church partnerships
- Ministries to help homeless people/youth
- And the list goes on and on...



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# The Costner-Fulton Fund for Missions

A Grant Program of the Mission,  
Service and Justice Team



## Tom and Laverne



Tom and LaVerne Fulton shared a passion for social work in their professional lives. Their activism was a calling, rooted in faith and given further expression through the outreach ministries of the United Methodist Church.

It is not surprising that this dedicated couple created an estate plan that would continue to reach out to a world in need. With a bequest of \$338,000, the Fultons created a permanent endowment benefiting missions through the Global Connections Team of the Missouri Conference. (A smaller portion of the endowment income benefits the historic Coldwater United Methodist Church Cemetery.)

The Fulton's fund is in memory of Tom's grandparents, Albert and Angeline Costner, founders and sustainers of the Coldwater Methodist Church and his parents, Frederick and Minnie Fulton.

Tom and LaVerne met and married when both were social workers in Washington, D.C. in 1947. They moved to Columbia, Missouri in 1964 when Tom accepted a faculty position at the University of Missouri. Tom died in 1996. LaVerne died in 2002. They left an ongoing legacy of faith in God and passion for outreach that continues to this day.

## About the grant program

### Grant Program

The Mission, Service and Justice Team offers grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 to launch (non- construction) mission programs.

### Eligibility

All United Methodist Churches and related ministries in Missouri are eligible to apply for grant assistance.

### Application

The application must clearly describe the new mission initiative. The application must include (a) the name and address of the group responsible for implementing the proposal and the name and address of its contact person, (b) a copy of the total budget for the proposal, including the amount requested with this application and the amounts expected from other sources, and (c) a plan for evaluating the effectiveness of this proposal after six months and after twelve months. Please submit only two pages. Submit a one-page application plus the budget.

### Application Deadline: October 1

Send one electronic copy or one hard copy of the grant application by October 1. Applications must be received in the Conference office by October 1.

### Send application materials to:

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Consideration will be given to proposals which enable congregations to lead people to actively follow Jesus Christ, including but not limited to:

- a) community mission outreach, especially literacy-focused endeavors
- b) disaster response,
- c) health, wholeness and welfare ministries, and
- d) ecumenical and interreligious concerns.

For 2019, priority will be given to literacy focused endeavors. The program is intended for special one- time funding needs. However, under certain provisions, funding on a decreasing scale may be available for the first three years of a project.

This fund is administered by:

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