



The Office of Justice and Outreach

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Coalition on Advocacy and Ministry for Children

* Florida Advocacy Days

*Lockmiller Endowments for Ministry with Children

*Partnership to 'End Childhood Hunger

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Day Camp Consultations and Mission Interns

(in partnership with the Office of Camp and Retreat Ministries)

*Providing training to local churches developing Day Camps for their community

*Recruiting, training, and placing Mission Interns in Outreach Ministries, churches and agencies

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Jail and Prison Ministry

*Networking with FL UM churches doing jail/prison ministry to increase our ability to assist ex-offenders to a nurturing church and offer support to families of the incarcerated.

*Educating churches/members on all elements of Jail/Prison Ministry (Inside, Outside, Reentry, and Advocacy)

*Advocating for legislative actions for positive changes in criminal justice actions.

*Resourcing with outside agencies such as Transitional Housing, Programs, Identification and Employment Assistance

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Commission on Religion and Race

*Raising awareness of need for racial and ethnic inclusivity

*Working to eliminate racism in the local church and FL Conference institutions

(Contact: Rev. Geraldine McClellan—GMcclellan@flumc.org)



Creation Care

*Providing a Biblical foundation for creation care

*Providing practical ways to:

*develop greater stewardship of the earth's resources

*reduce our carbon footprints

*reduce our energy bills

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Florida Districts **Outreach Opportunities Ministries**

Challenging and educating churches to live out the gospel they are called to proclaim through acts of love and grace to the least and the lost in their neighborhoods. They are community based and supported by local congregations who pool their human and financial resources to work together for Christ's mission in a hurting world.

North West

United Methodist Cooperative Ministries of Madison County offers a variety of services and resources for small membership churches in the Northwest District. It also operates a Thrift Store, Brown Bag Program for low income seniors, Jail Ministry, Back Packs for kids, Food Voucher Program, Quilts for the Needy, and maintains the NW District Disaster Emergency Relief Depot.

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Gulf Central

United Methodist Cooperative Ministries/Suncoast, Inc. supports local congregations in responding to critical needs in their communities. Immediate assistance is provided for those without food or facing homelessness, while educational services help those who are striving to improve their lives. Programs include the Doug Brown Street Ministry, Children of the World Preschool, Family Support Services, Producing Academically Successful Students, Pack-a-Sack 4 Kids, and Adult ESOL Literacy. www.umcm.info

Contact: Pam Qualls pqualls@umcm.info 727-442-6881

Gulf Central and East Central

Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) is under the auspices of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). It is a faith-driven ministry that welcomes immigrants into our churches and communities by providing free, high-quality legal services, education and advocacy. Monthly immigration legal clinics are held in Orlando and Clearwater.

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East Central

Church and Community Connection supports local churches in developing mission ministries in their neighborhoods and works to network churches for greater mission impact. Priorities include working with children in poverty, new immigrants, hunger ministries and disaster response. www.ecdistrictumc.org/outreach_ministries.html

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Halifax Urban Ministries (HUM) works to prevent homelessness among very low income people with food, financial and in-kind assistance and intervenes with homeless people to provide life-sustaining and supportive services. Operates the STAR Family Shelter, a shelter for homeless families with children. www.halifaxurbanministries.org

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Atlantic Central

Christian Reaching Out to Society, Inc. (C.R.O.S. Ministries) partners with congregations and groups to share God's love through tangible acts and justice ministries. The programs of C.R.O.S. include gleaning of fresh produce for area food programs, six emergency food pantries, multiple summer camps and after-school snack programs for underserved children, and a hot meal program with outreach services for people who are homeless and near-homeless. www.crosministries.org

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South West

Grace Place for Children and Families is a faith-based neighborhood center teaching literacy, language and life skills to at-risk children and impoverished families in the Golden Gate city area of Collier County. In addition, Grace Place has developed one of the largest Food Pantries in SW Florida. Grace Place was founded by the United Methodist Church in 2004 and seeks to involve the ecumenical church community in joining together to serve neighbors in need and address issues of justice in our community. www.graceplacenaples.org

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South East

South Florida Urban Ministries (SFLUM) partners with organizations and congregations to create and expand ministries of compassion and justice in the communities of Southeast Florida. SFLUM empowers people to move from poverty to prosperity by providing holistic services such as child & youth after-school enrichment programs, small business development, financial stability services, emergency assistance and hunger relief. www.sflum.org

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