



The Office of Justice and Outreach

The Florida Conference Justice and Outreach Ministries seeks to engage in legislation and other actions by focusing primarily on:

Coalition on Advocacy and Ministry for Children

* Focusing on children's advocacy issues to 'End Childhood Hunger' culminating at Florida Advocacy Days (FAD) bringing together a unified presence at the state capitol. Yearly administering the Lockmiller Endowment Grants for Ministry with Children. (Contact: Lynette Fields—lfields@stlukes.org)



Day Camp Consultations and Mission Interns

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

*Recruiting, training, and placing Mission Interns in Outreach Ministries, churches and agencies and providing support for outreach ministries, churches, and agencies. (Contact: Rick Bennett—rbennett@flumc.org)



Jail and Prison Ministry

*Seeking to equip local churches ministering to the incarcerated and their families. Our objectives are to be NEAR: Networking, Educating, Advocating, and Resourcing and Re-entry. (Contact: Tammy Fisher—TFisher@flumc.org)



Creation Care

*Providing a Biblical foundation for creation care and developing greater stewardship practices to reduce our carbon footprints and reduce our energy bills. Contact: Martha Pierce- mpierceriverside@yahoo.com)



Commission on Religion and Race

*Raising awareness of the need for racial and ethnic inclusivity to eliminate racism in the local church and FL Conference institutions. (Contact: Rev. Geraldine McClellan—GMcclellan@flumc.org)



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Florida Districts **Outreach Opportunities Ministries**

Challenging and educating churches to live out the gospel through acts of kindness showing love and grace to the least and the lost in their neighborhoods.

Atlantic Central

Christians 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. Programs include gleaning of fresh produce for food pantries, summer camps, after-school programs, and a hot meal program with outreach services for people who are homeless and near-homeless. www.crosministries.org Contact: Pamela Cahoon pcahoon@crosministries.org 561-233-9009

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 and hunger ministries. www.ecdistrictumc.org/outreach_ministries. Contact: TBA

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 Contact: Troy Ray PeopleMatter2God@cfl.rr.com 386-252-0156

East Central, Gulf Central, and South Central

Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) 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, Clearwater, and Lakeland. Speakers are available to discuss immigration issues from a faith perspective.

www.jfonfl.org Contact: Marilyn Beecher marilyrn.beecher@flumc.org 407-897-7046

Gulf Central

United Methodist Cooperative Ministries/Suncoast, Inc. supports congregations responding to critical needs in their communities. Food assistance and educational services are provided for those without food or facing homelessness. 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

North East District

Community Outreach Ministry networks with faith-based ministries serving the poor, hungry, refugees, immigrants, orphans, widows, ex-offenders, unemployed/underemployed, children and families in need through mercy, justice and evangelistic outreaches. www.flumc2.org/pages/detail/2070 Contact: Jim Young com-ne@flumc.org 904-993-2387

North West

United Methodist Cooperative Ministries of Madison County offers a variety of services and resources for small membership churches in the Northwest District. Offers a Thrift Store, Brown Bag Program for low income seniors, Jail Ministry, snack packs for kids, Food Voucher Program, Quilts for the Needy, and maintains the NW District Disaster Emergency Relief Depot. www.madisonfumc.org Contact: Deborah Brown umcooperative@nettally.com 850-929-4938

South Central

Cornerstone Family Ministries is one of two National Missions Institutions of United Methodist Women in FL. Founded in 1982, services offered to children in families living at or below the poverty level. We sponsor 120 child care centers in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk and Manatee Counties providing education and nutritional services and connections with local United Methodist Churches.

www.cornerstonefamilyministries.org Contact: Cathy Stone cstone@cornerstonefm.org 813-253-3853 x101

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. Has one of the largest Food Pantries in SW Florida. Founded in 2004 by the United Methodist Church, seeks to involve the ecumenical church community serving neighbors in need and addressing issues of justice in our community. www.graceplacenaples.org Contact: Rev. Stephanie Munz Campbell stephaniecampbell@graceplacenaples.org 239-455-2707

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 Contact: Brent McLaughlin director@sflum.org 305-442-8306