

2024 Annual Conference Offerings

Members and guests attending the 2024 Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Session will have the opportunity to support three ministries during, before or after our time together. While offerings will be received in person during the Memorial, Retirement and Commissioning/Ordination Services, online contributions can be offered at any time.

MARTHA'S CUPBOARD

Local Offering - Opening Worship

Martha's Cupboard, an outreach ministry of Central Church, has been serving the Tri-Cities community since 2002. In 2023, Martha's Cupboard assisted over 13,400 individuals. Its mission is to provide essential household goods, personal hygiene items, and infant care products to those in need. Partnering with over 35 local social agencies, it helps struggling individuals, refugees, students and their families, the unhoused, and those in drug and alcohol rehabilitation facilities.

Martha's Cupboard is an all-volunteer, nonprofit charity. Central Church covers all overhead expenses, ensuring 100% of donations go towards purchasing products for distribution in the Tri-Cities area. The volunteer team aims to provide a "hand up," offering encouragement and hope to the most vulnerable populations.

The items distributed through agency partners are not available from food banks or government assistance programs. This collaboration allows Martha's Cupboard to reach a diverse population in need of community support services.

While financial gifts will be received for Martha's Cupboard during the Memorial Service, annual conference members are also invited to bring the listed items which can be made in Care Bags and Kits for those without housing.



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Fulfilling basic needs for people in times of crisis

Martha's Cupboard Supply Drive

Conference members attending Annual Conference in person are encouraged to bring some of the following items with them. They will be received at check-in.

Care Bags – Household and Personal Hygiene Products

- Dish Soap (12 - 14 oz.)
- Toilet Paper (4 roll packages)
- All Purpose Cleaner (12 - 14 oz.)
- Paper Towels (single packages)
- Laundry Soap (liquid)
- Tissue
- Bar Soap (wrapped individually)
- Body Lotion (20-24 oz.)
- Shampoo (20-24 oz.)
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush (adult and child)
- Deodorant (male and female)
- Tampons or Menstrual Pads (Small Packages)

Kits for persons w/o housing - Personal Hygiene Products (Travel Size Items)

- Bar soap
- Body lotion
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Lip Balm
- Comb
- Razor
- Wipes
- Tissue
- Waterproof ponchos
- Socks

RIVERTON PARK UMC MIGRANT ARRIVAL SUPPORT

Regional Offering - Retiree Celebration

For well over a year, Riverton Park United Methodist Church in Tukwila, Washington, has been offering God's love and extravagant hospitality to migrants arriving in the Seattle area. They have welcomed and served more than 2000 people in the last 18 months and currently shelter and provide services to 400 people every day (including 1/3 who are children). They have provided shelter, food, and community support to those who require it, including 15 new babies born to migrant mothers after they arrived. As more asylum-seekers and refugees have come to our region, they have expanded their services to serve their new neighbors better.



The church offers various Migrant Support Services to assist migrants in need, including legal aid for immigration issues, translation services, and access to basic necessities such as food, clothing, and shelter. Through this program, Riverton Park UMC aims to provide a safe and welcoming environment for migrants and help them integrate into the local community. However, without funding for this initiative, meeting the growing demand is challenging.

Due to the high number of asylum-seekers they are currently assisting, resources are stretched beyond capacity. The church continues to invite government, community leaders, non-profit partners, and generous donors for assistance.



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MARY JOHNSTON HOSPITAL - FAITH THAT WORKS

International Offering - Service of Commissioning and Ordination

Founded in faith, forged with hope and a future of hope, Mary Johnston Hospital began at the turn of the century in 1906. An intrepid Dr. Rebecca Parrish, ahead of her time, assigned from the Methodist Episcopal Church's Indiana Conference, became its first physician. From a one-bed birthing home to a mother and child hospital at the outset, primary health care was its mission.



Mary Johnston Hospital is the only Methodist hospital in the whole of the Philippines and has been serving for 118 years in Tondo, where most of the patients are poor.

Mary Johnston Hospital's health and healing ministry has greatly benefited from this discernment from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit moves through known and unnamed, anonymous people that God touches to make faith and

purpose happen. I do not know you, but the Holy Spirit does. We then have this connection and this relation that makes us all part of this purpose. This moment becomes an opportunity for healing as God designed it to be.

In 2016, the same Holy Spirit led us to this tagline "healing together," where we continue to be in a relationship that redeems, restores, and renews.



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