

Resources & Ideas



- * Serve at Blessings in a Backpack on most Wednesday afternoons or Tuesday morning once a month
- * Serve at the HOPE Shelter
- * Serve on a Sunday morning at church
- * Learn about ways you can give of your time, talents, and financial gifts
- * Attend a workshop or seminar about the needs of those in our community and/or world
- * Donate food or money for the Food Pantry or Financial Assistance program at CUMC



- * All of the above plus...
- * Read the *Social Principles of The United Methodist Church 2017-2020*
- * Serve at the annual district event
- * Share a story about how serving impacts your life and faith
- * Care for your neighbors
- * Learn about what the UMC says about social issues and how you might respond
- * Participate in UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Sunday
- * Attend Faith Link on Sunday mornings



- * All of the above plus...
- * Read *Choosing the Good* by Dennis P. Hollinger
- * Attend the Keller-Fitz Book Group on Wednesday mornings
- * Learn about the partnership between CUMC and St. Mark's UMC in Kakata, Liberia and how you can help
- * Tutor or read with children at a local elementary school (with proper permission)
- * Write letters to congress to advocate for social justice issues (i.e. Bread for the World)
- * Serve on a church committee or team



- * All of the above plus...
- * Participate in a "Volunteers in Mission" service/mission trip
- * Take someone with you when you serve in the community
- * Invite a friend to attend a workshop to learn about social justice or compassion issues
- * Serve as a coordinator for a mission project or trip
- * Participate in a community peace/justice group
- * Share your story in worship about how giving generously impacts your life and faith

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Changing Our World:

Faith Growth Pathway

As I follow Jesus,
What's the next Step for Me?



Connecting with God
Connecting with Others
Changing Our World with
Christ's Love

Where Are You?

	Planting	Nurturing	Shaping	Sharing
Is this You?	<p>You want to make a difference in the world. You like hearing how the church is meeting the needs of people in the community. You want to get involved but are not sure where to start.</p>	<p>You share your time, talents, and financially gifts regularly. You are looking for ways to show compassion and can share a story about what that means to you. You may voice concern about social issues.</p>	<p>You make a financial commitment and strive to give in proportion to your income. You participate in areas of justice and compassion regularly. You are on a church committee or team.</p>	<p>You share your time, talents, and financial gifts regularly. You invite others to participate in justice and compassion ministries with you. You recruit and equip new leaders.</p>
How to Grow to the Next Level	<p>Learn about how the church is caring for people in the world. Start to consider how you are generous with your time, talents, and financial gifts. Explore Christian ethics and social justice issues. Find someone to serve alongside.</p>	<p>Serve regularly at the church and in the community. Listen to and share stories of how God is at work changing the lives of people around you. Live generously. Begin to give in proportion to your income.</p>	<p>Make an annual financial commitment towards a 10% tithe. Share the ways that you see God at work in yourself and those around you. Advocate for peace and justice for all people. Invite others to serve with you.</p>	<p>Participate in a community peace and justice group. Serve regularly outside the church walls. Build relationships with people who are learning about justice & compassion ministries and serve alongside them.</p>
Things You Can Do to Grow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Be generous in your time, talents, and financial gifts □ Serve in the community (see back) □ Read a Christian ethics book □ Listen to the stories of people who are serving in our church and community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Learn about how the UMC advocates for social justice □ Give generously - work toward proportional giving □ Serve a neighbor or local charity regularly □ Share your story about how serving impacts your life and faith 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Serve regularly - perhaps in a place where you are outside your comfort zone □ Advocate for others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Serve within the church on a committee or Sunday morning ministries □ Work toward tithing □ Invite others to serve with you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Find someone to serve alongside with □ Give regularly and generously <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Invite others to participate in serving ministries □ Participate in a short-term mission trip □ Start a fundraiser to raise money for a justice/compassion issue