



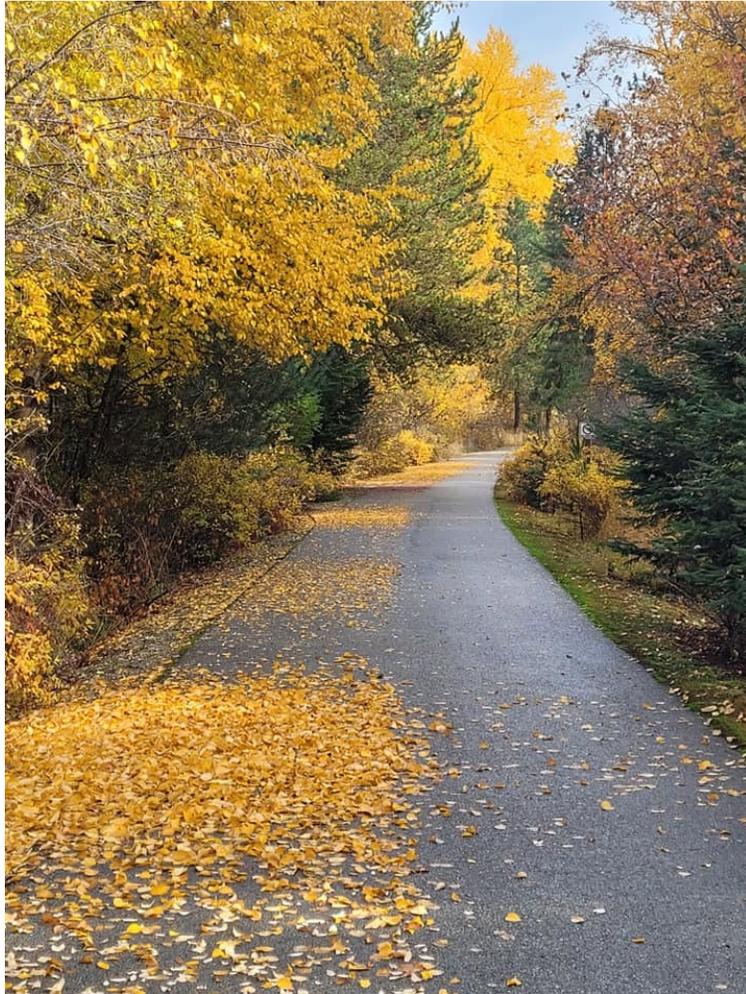
United Methodist Volunteers in Mission - Western Jurisdiction

Equipping Volunteers, Empowering Partnerships



November 30, 2021

All UMVIM teams are reminded to contact their hosts prior to international and domestic travel during the COVID-19 Pandemic



Gratitude

November has been named the month to celebrate **Gratitude**. Thanksgiving Day helps to see God's Gifts all around us. When I look at this picture, I feel peace and happiness and thank God for his wonderful creation. I feel **Gratitude** to those who have taken care of the trees and bushes found along the road. What picture do you have in your mind that creates that feeling of **Gratitude**?

This road has many stories to tell. To me it represents the road that we all have been on these past 2 years. Some of the road surface has been covered up with leaves dying, disappearing as they decompose or blow away. Each of us have had our own stories of loss, grief, stress and confusion. With loss, something new will come and grow out of this pandemic. I am **Grateful** for the new creations that have come out of the past.

We, as UMVIM WJ, have our own stories of loss and confusion. How can we

continue a program of Christian service during a lockdown and then travel bans? It is with **Gratitude** that we thank all of those who were part of these new programs like Virtual Mission Journeys and Mission Academies. We will be forever **Grateful**. It is with the grace of God that we worked through the loss and found opportunities to be a *Mission Focused Community in the WJ*. The depth of our **Gratitude** may never be able to be fully expressed.

Showing Gratitude through Giving Gifts

There are many ways we can show **Gratitude**. We can send thank you notes, keep a Gratitude Journal, or slow down and notice God's hands in our lives. Gifts are a great way to show others our **Gratitude**. These gifts show how much we appreciate them and thank them for their care and kindness.

November 30, 2021 is Giving Tuesday. Your gifts can be prayers, your service, or a monetary gift.

Consider giving a gift to:

- [UMVIM Sites](#) you have served at,
- Programs such as Food Banks, Homeless Programs, etc in your community,
- A [GBGM Missionary](#). (Consider establishing a covenant with that missionary)
- Disaster Ministry in your Conference (see below),
- Long Term Recovery Sites in your Conference.
- [Global Ministry programs](#) such as UMCOR, Global Health, Creation Care, etc.
- [United Methodist Women](#) project or regional missionary
- UMM building projects (such as ramps or a tiny house check with your Annual Conference
- [UMVIM WJ Programs Advance #901463](#)



Thank you for supporting Giving Tuesday

A promotional graphic for the UMVIM Christmas Box. It features a blue background with white text. At the top right, it says "SHIRTS, COFFEE, JOURNALS, AND MORE!". Below that is the URL "umvim.org/box" in a large, white, sans-serif font. On the left side, it says "BUILD YOUR OWN UMVIM CHRISTMAS BOX" in white, all-caps, sans-serif font. Below that, in a smaller white font, it says "Customize your own UMVIM Christmas Box with some great UMVIM products!". On the right side, there is a red square containing a photograph of two hands holding a small, wrapped gift with a red and white striped ribbon. Below the gift, the UMVIM logo is visible in white.

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UMVIM Christmas boxes

This year, the 5 UMVIM Jurisdictional offices are coming together to offer a UMVIM Christmas Box. Help friends and family celebrate with UMVIM! Shirts, coffee, journals, patches, luggage tags, and more are available for your holiday gift-giving! Check it out at umvim.org/box

Disaster Ministry in the Western Jurisdiction

Giving Tuesday: Your dollars provide relief and recovery through Disaster Response Ministry

November 30th is Giving Tuesday, a day set aside to encourage folks fresh off the shopping trifecta of Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday to give back to their community and pay it forward by donating to non profit organizations that help bridge the gap between need and enough.

When you give to Conference Disaster Ministry Funds on Giving Tuesday your dollars will support our Conferences' Disaster Response Ministry which provides relief and recovery assistance for those affected by wildfires and other natural disasters.

Giving Tuesday dollars will help Disaster Response Ministry continue to provide hope and prepare for the future.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the **Cal/Nev Conference Disaster Program**

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Text 'GIVE' to 916-238-6854

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Cal/Nev and Pacific Northwest (PNW) Conferences are in need of Long Term Recovery UMVIM Teams

[Contact Steve Elliott](#) for Cal/Nev Sites

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Your UMVIM WJ Conference Coordinators are there to assist and support you as you answer your call to serve as a short-term mission volunteer. If you are already scheduled to serve on a mission journey, let us know about it, so that we can share your story. Please feel free to contact them for information or connection to other VIM Resources.



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