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

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission - Western Jurisdiction

Equipping Volunteers, Empowering Partnerships

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UMVIM: NEXT STEPS

God has been so good to the UMVIM program. He provided us with so many new opportunities as we continue to serve throughout the world.

- We gave a new collaborative website with all jurisdictions at [www.umvim.org](http://www.umvim.org). The Western Jurisdiction Website at [www.umvimwj.com](http://www.umvimwj.com) will still remain with more local and WJ conference information but is linked for a more extensive list of resources and training and serving opportunities.
• Check out our new Facebook.com/umvim/T
  The Western Jurisdiction has a group Facebook page with more of the Western Jurisdiction specific information Go to https://www.facebook.com/groups/umvimwesternjurisdiction/

• We have just completed our second Virtual Mission (See the story below) and several more are being planned.

• Ronda Cordill, WJ UMVIM Jurisdictional Coordinator, has completed 2 informational webinars is planning another one. If you are interested in learning more about Virtual Missions or would like to join one contact Ronda at umvimwj@gmail.com

• The Northeast Jurisdiction just completed a great Virtual Academy with Team Leader Training completed over Zoom. It was well received. Other jurisdictions will be offering more virtual Team Leader Trainings and we are invited to participate. Watch for more information or contact your Jurisdiction or Annual Conference Coordinator if you are interested.

SO What Are Our NEXT Steps?

• We are continuing to develop and expand our Virtual Missions.

• We are continually offering team leader training but they will have to be virtual.

• We are strengthening our connections with our mission sites and partners.

• We are engaging more with our team leaders, members, and congregations with in the Western Jurisdiction.
• We are looking for new ways to increase the awareness of mission and the work that God has called us to do.

For more information, contact Ronda Cordill your WJ UMVIM Coordinator at umvimwj@gmail.com

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**Western Jurisdiction’s 1st Virtual Mission: Give Ye Them to Eat (GYTTE)**

The Western Jurisdiction’s first Virtual Mission was to GYTTE (Give Ye Them To Eat) headquartered in Puebla, with a Tree of Life Training Center located near Tlancualpican, Mexico, southeast of Mexico City. The team was made up of more than 20 members with team leaders from the Western Jurisdiction, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Zoom brought us together online to learn how GYTTE (pronounced “jitty”) is working with the rural poor in Mexico providing empowering programs so they can improve their lives and their communities.
We concentrating on 3 areas: Community and Family Health, Livestock Development, and Community Development. You can learn more about GYTTE, these programs, and much more at www.gytte.org.

During this time of Covid, if you would like to help GYTTE financially go to the Advance at https://advance.umcmission.org/p-169-give-ye-them-to-eat.aspx or directly to GYTTE at http://www.gytte.org/donations.html.

Any donation amount is very much appreciated. We are asking donors to add 43 cents on to each donation to help celebrate the 43rd anniversary since GYTTE was first started in 1977. Sample donations include $25.43, $100.43, $1,000.43. Muchas Gracias. Thank You.

You are Invited to Participate in a Virtual Mission with GYTTE

This virtual mission requires approximately 10 hours over 5 sessions. There will be two group preparation sessions and 3 mission trip sessions with 2 to 3 hours to read materials and prepare small group materials.

The next virtual mission dates are:

- Team meeting preparations: Friday, July 17th and Wednesday July 22nd
- Virtual Mission will be: Friday, July 24th, Monday, July 27, and Wednesday July 29th.
All meetings will take place at 11 AM EDT, 10 AM Central, 9 AM Mountain, 8 AM PDT.

If you would like to go on the this Virtual Mission to Mexico with GYTTE, please respond to Rev. Marian Hartman (mhartman@usu.org) who will be the group facilitator for this journey. Please encourage others at your church who have never visited GYTTE to be part of this mission.

You can earn more about GYTTE go to their website at https://www.gytte.org/

To Learn more about UMVIM Virtual Missions contact Ronda Cordill at umvimwj@gmail.com

Mission Volunteers Virtual Training, Sept 3-4

Whether you are interested in becoming a Mission Volunteer, want to be an advocate for the Mission Volunteer program, or are just curious to know more about mission opportunities, you are invited to register for the Mission Volunteer virtual training on Sept 3-4. Those interested can register at missionvolunteers.org

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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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