There are many nondenominational organizations that vie for our attention during this time of year. While their intentions may be good, East Ohio Missions seeks to develop relationships and partnerships that are healthy and seek justice for the recipients. Giving through the Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) http://www.midwestmission.org/ is an opportunity within our **UMC connection** to give in healthy and appropriate ways. We are encouraging **all East Ohio congregations** to collect items for MMDC, then bring to the drop-off site closest to you the week of Nov. 29-Dec. 6. MMDC will be driving through the Conference on Dec. 7 to pick up the items collected at each site. All items have been requested by the receiving mission sites. The MMDC seeks to advocate and empower their mission partners.

MMDC is also one of our Conference Advances. If you would like to send a financial donation, you can give online and choose Fund 9944 or send a check with "9944 MMDC Christmas" in the memo. The sites will NOT be taking monetary donations. More details on https://www.eocumc.com/donate/index.html

Together, let's reconsider what God's generosity can look like during this Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas season!

LIST OF CHRISTMAS NEEDS (new items only)

- ♦ Jump ropes
- ♦ All types of sports balls (soccer, basketball, softball, baseball)
- ♦ Pump for the deflated balls
- ♦ Simple musical instruments like a recorder, harmonica, or percussion
- → Board games (Jenga, Trouble, Candyland, Connect 4, and other simple games that don't require batteries)

Providing these educational toys and much needed items will give all of us hands on ways to be generous donors. Kids can experience the life lesson of providing games for others in need and communities can come together to create cleaning buckets and hygiene kits for hurricane and flood relief projects.

OTHER MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- ♦ 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent (no spray)
- ♦ 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner (no spray)
- ♦ 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap (no spray)
- ♦ Toothpaste 2.5 oz or larger

ANY OF THE ITEMS ON THIS LIST OF UMCOR RELIEF KITS

https://www.umcmission.org/umcor/serve/relief-supply-network for kit contents

- ♦ Cleaning Kits
- ♦ Hygiene Kits
- ♦ School Kits

OTHER ITEMS THAT THE MMDC COLLECTS AND DISTRIBUTES gently used is ok

- ♦ Folding walkers
- ♦ Wheelchairs
- ♦ Crutches
- ♦ Canes
- ♦ Orthopedic supplies
- ♦ Non-electric tools
- ♦ Treadle sewing machines



General questions can be directed to Melanie at 330.499.3972 x102 or mthomas@eocumc.com

MMDC COLLECTION SITES AROUND THE CONFERENCE

- PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WEAR AN APPROPRIATE FACE MASK
- Contact the site to **confirm** their drop off times and instructions. The most up to date instructions can be found online at https://www.eocumc.com/missions/news.html
- No monetary donations at the drop off sites, please. You can donate to MMDC directly or donate through the conference using Fund 9944 MMDC. Details here https://www.eocumc.com/donate/index.html

CANAL | Montrose Zion UMC | 565 N Cleveland-Massillon Rd, Akron, OH 44333

Drop off: Dec 1-4, 8:30am-2:30pm. Drop off area will be set up outside the church, call office after leaving items.

Jennifer | 330.665.9817 | candlegrl06@gmail.com

FIRELANDS | Trinity UMC Sandusky | 214 E Jefferson St, Sandusky, OH 44870 Drop off: Nov 30-Dec 5, 9:00am-12 noon. Call before coming or drop off during those hours. Sue | 419.625.8669 | sue@trinitysandusky.org

MAHONING VALLEY | Boardman UMC | 6809 Market St, Youngstown, OH 44512 Drop off: Nov 30-Dec 4, 9:00am-2:00pm. Items may be brought to the fellowship hall. Jerry | 330.758.4527 | boardmanmethodist@sbcglobal.net

MID-OHIO | Trinity UMC Mt Gilead | 75 East High St, Mt Gilead, OH 43338 Drop off: Nov 29-Dec 4, 8:00am-11:30am & 1:00pm-3:00pm Denise | 419.947.6040 | trinityumcmtailead@gmail.com

NORTH COAST | Strongsville UMC | 13500 Royalton Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136 Drop off: Nov 30-Dec 4, 9:00am-4:00pm. Bring to the pavilion on the north side of the property and call after you drop off.

Felicia | 440.238.6135 | FeliciaW@StrongsvilleUMC.org

OHIO VALLEY | First UMC Carrollton | 253 S Lisbon St, Carrollton, OH 44615 Drop off: Nov 29-Dec 4, 8:00am-4:00pm. Bring to enclosed vestibule by parking lot. Cindy | 330.627.7671 | office@yellowbrickchurch.org

SOUTHERN HILLS | Old Washington UMC | 120 Old National Rd, Washington, OH 43768 Drop off: Nov 29-Dec 6, anytime during the day. Bring to the parsonage garage next to the church. Clayton | 618.267.5226 | revclaytoncoffey@gmail.com

THREE RIVERS | Roscoe UMC | 475 High St, Coshocton, OH 43812 Drop off: Nov 30-Dec 4, 9:00am-1:00pm. Use gym entrance at SW corner of the building. Dale | 740.622.7780 | roscoeumcpastor@outlook.com

TUSCARAWAS | Newcomers Chapel Pigeon Run | 11798 Sarbaugh SW, Massillon, OH 44647 Drop off: contact church Kim | 330.833.9781 | kjvanoster@gmail.com

WESTERN RESERVE | Mentor UMC | 8600 Mentor Ave, Mentor, OH 44060

Drop off: Nov 30-Dec 4, 9:00am-3:00pm. Items may be left at the Preschool Entrance on the west side of the building. This will be a no-contact drop off site. If you need assistance unloading, contact the church office.

Teresa | 440.255.3496 x102 | TSimons@mentorumc.org

If none of the drop off times work for you, contact the site to see if other arrangements can be made.