

Menu of Mission Education and Action Ideas

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- O 1. We will pay our Conference Apportionments.
- O 2. We will receive the six special offerings mandated by the Discipline:
 - Human Relations Sunday
 - One Great Hour of Sharing
 - Native American Ministries Sunday
 - Peace with Justice Sunday
 - World Communion Sunday
 - United Methodist Student Day
- O 3. We will contribute to several Advance Specials
 - A District Advance Special: _____
 - A Conference Advance Special: _____
 - A General Church (world-wide) Advance Special: _____
- O 4. We will have a mission interpreter preach one Sunday or come and present a program.
 - Person coming: _____ Date: _____
- O 5. We will use mission bulletin inserts most fourth Sundays.
- O 6. We will have “mission minutes” in Sunday services ten to twelve times a year.
- O 7. We will have an attractive – and kept up-to-date – missions bulletin board.
- O 8. We will encourage members who travel to include a Christian mission in their itinerary.
 - For example: traveling domestically in the Southeast: visit Habitat for Humanity International in Americus, Georgia.
 - For example: traveling in Japan: visit Asian Rural Institute.
- O 9. We will enlist one or more members to participate in a Volunteers In Mission work team, a Global Village work trip with Habitat for Humanity, or the equivalent.
- O 10. We will take confirmation class members on a mission field trip here in California or Nevada.
 - Date: _____ Places to visit: _____
- O 11. We will organize a youth mission work trip (week-long?).
 - Dates: _____ Destination: _____

O 12. We will collect used eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones and take them to the Annual Conference Session.

O 13. We will co-sponsor a “Mission Conference” with a number of other churches in our general area.

O 14. We will become a “Covenant Church,” taking a share of support for “our own” missionary.

O 15. We will be alert for ways to assist various local mission activities such as a rescue mission, a food bank, etc.

O 16. We will be intentional about getting mission education material in our church newsletter.

O 17. [You name it.]