



*Message from the Executive Director
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Greetings!

Before I came to the United Methodist Frontier Foundation, I worked for the General Board of Global Ministries for nearly 22 years. It was there that I learned about our connectional church. I had no idea of the global reach of The United Methodist Church and was honored to meet and serve church leaders from all corners of Methodism.

One of the most visible signs of the United Methodist connection is through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). When disasters occur throughout the world, UMCOR is immediately in touch with United Methodist leaders to assess the situation. They are fast to send emergency grants and to work with partners around the world to alleviate suffering.

I find that even in churches that are having financial challenges, when there is a disaster, people give generously. Maybe you have friends or family in the areas affected by Helene or by the summer floods. The pictures on the news have been devastating. I can't imagine what people are going through. Actually, I can imagine because I have friends in Western North Carolina. Even though the news channels have moved on to the next storm that's forming in the Gulf of Mexico, people are still suffering from earlier weather related disasters.

Any donation makes a difference because our donations are added to donations from churches and individuals through connectional giving. Please consider taking offerings in your church and making gifts through your conference. This is how we ensure UMCOR will continue to respond to disasters.

We never know when we will be in the path of a disaster. Through the United Methodist Connection, we are not alone.

The September 2024 Statements are available to be downloaded.

Warm regards,
Ellen