

2018 Southeast District Askings

50¢ Iowa Wesleyan University seeks to promote spiritual development as well as intellectual growth in all of its students. The university encourages its students to participate in the worship, study, and fellowship of the religious community of their choice in the area. The Southeast District has a dream for a full-time chaplain to serve the campus in the future.

50¢ The Center is an outreach ministry of St. John's United Methodist Church. Located in a remodeled furniture store just across the street to the north of the church in downtown Davenport, several agencies are housed in the building, along with a food pantry, thrift store, café, homeless ministry, and Skate-church for at-risk teenagers.

Their mission is "seeking Christ-centered actions to alleviate the pain of the oppressed and marginalized." Learn more at www.thecenter-davenport.com.



50¢ Emerging Ministries are being supported by District Askings as we explore new opportunities for outreach. God is always creating in our midst, so funds are available to local churches and affiliated groups that have new ideas they would like to pursue for outreach in their communities. Recently, we have supported ministries like the West Burlington United Methodist Church's community garden, the Eldridge United Methodist Church's GED tutoring program, and Cottonwood United Methodist Church's music ministry.

Proposals are reviewed and funded throughout the year as requests are received. Contact the District Office to learn more.



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District Askings are requested and designated by the District Conferences and approved by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration to enhance our shared ministries together. The Southeast District Connectional Ministries Council (DCMC) continues to support shared mission activities through District Askings.

Local churches are invited to make a mission contribution of \$3.50 per member for 2018 District Askings as follows:

Mobile United Methodist Missionaries	\$0.50
Southeast District Latino Task Force	\$0.50
Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors	\$0.50
San Pablo United Methodist Church	\$0.50
Iowa Wesleyan University Chaplaincy Ministry	\$0.50
The Center, Davenport	\$0.50
Emerging Ministries: New Outreach Initiatives	<u>\$0.50</u>
Total	\$3.50

These seven ministries are described in more detail in this booklet. For more information contact:

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50¢ **Mobile United Methodist Missionaries**, or MUMMs, is a rural ministry in southern Iowa working to spread the Gospel and facilitate the growth of United Methodist churches. Inspired by the Church's response to flooding in 1993, MUMMs launched in 1996, offering both resources to help revitalize rural churches and opportunities to serve — from work team projects to after-school programs and Vacation Bible Schools.



MUMMs Director Cherie Miner (pictured) asks, "What can MUMMs do for you? If you're interested in developing a children's ministry or repairing your church, we can help. Or if you're looking for ways to serve, we offer many. Join us in ministry!"

Visit the MUMMs page at <http://www.iaumc.org/mumms> to learn more or "like" the Mobile United Methodist Missionaries page on Facebook. Contact Cherie by calling 712.370.5068 or email cminer5068@gmail.com for further information.

50¢ The **Southeast District Latino Task Force** helps to coordinate our outreach to Hispanic persons in our midst through ministries responding to the biblical imperative from Jesus to welcome the stranger (Matt. 25:35). This network of persons, churches, and organizations in eastern Iowa collaborates to encourage creative, innovative ministries that reach out to, and advocate for, the fastest-growing ethnic group in the state.

Partner organizations of the Latino Task Force include San Pablo United Methodist Church, Justice for Our Neighbors, the Diversity Service Center of Iowa, the East Central District of the Iowa Conference of The United Methodist Church, and community groups throughout the region.

Contact Mike Biklen, chair of the Task Force, for more information by calling 563.263.1439 or emailing wmbiklen@hotmail.com.



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50¢ **Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors**, or JFON, is a faith-driven ministry, welcoming immigrants into our churches and communities by providing free, high-quality immigration legal services, education, and advocacy.

Established by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in 1999, JFON helps people from all over the world without regard to race, gender, or religion. Many immigrants are eligible for legalized status but need a well-prepared immigration attorney to help them through the complexity of the legal system in the United States.



Attorney and JFON staff member Ann Naffier (pictured) brings a strong commitment to client service from the perspective of both non-profit and faith-based organizations. She can be found once a month working with clients at the clinic hosted by the Columbus Junction United Methodist Church — supported by many volunteers. Learn more at JFON's website, www.iajfon.org.

50¢ **San Pablo United Methodist Church** shares a building with the Musserville United Methodist Church on the south side of Muscatine. Fernando Romero is the pastor at the church.

His ministry is a partnership with his whole family (pictured) as well as the church. "We want to meet you," he wrote on their Facebook page, "and together form a team that testifies to the greatness of our God!"

In this ministry together the congregation will focus on spiritual growth through Christian educational activities, especially with the least fortunate children and youth of their community.

See more stories and pictures on Facebook at San Pablo Ministerio Hispano. Contact them at the church office, 1001 Oregon Street, Muscatine, Iowa 52761, or call 563.263.1661.

