



**Mission Links help you live out the beatitudes and be a blessing for projects around the block and around the world.**



## 2024 Mission Links Awards

Thank you to the Northern Illinois Conference churches that became 2024 Mission Links churches. These churches have given 100% of their apportionments and supported a project in each of the 7 giving areas (Special Sundays, Global Advance Projects, Missionary Support, UMCOR/Emergency Relief Projects, U.S.-Based Advances, NIC Conference Projects, and NIC District Projects).

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Learn more about our Mission Links program at [umcnic.org/MissionLinks](https://umcnic.org/MissionLinks).

**The Philip Otterbein Award for  
Highest Total Mission Link Giving  
Kingswood UMC in Buffalo Grove and Deerfield: \$21,542**

**The John Wesley Award for  
Highest Mission Link Giving per Member  
Good Shepherd UMC in Oswego: 70%**

**Look  
for a  
new Mission  
Links booklet  
in 2025.**



## A NEW VISION FOR THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Love Boldly  
Serve Joyfully  
Lead Courageously**

Our new vision reflects both who we already are and God's dream for us.

**The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.**

- **Love Boldly:** We passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life. (Matthew 22:37-39 | John 13:34-35)
- **Serve Joyfully:** With the heart of Christ, we journey alongside the most vulnerable among us, offering care and compassion with joy. (Psalm 100:1 | Nehemiah 8:10 | John 13:14-15 | 1 Peter 4:10)
- **Lead Courageously:** Following Jesus' example, we resist and dismantle all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice, and reconciliation. (Joshua 1:9 | Ephesians 6:10)