



**CELEBRATING 38 YEARS of MISSIONAL GIVING**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Ingathering*  
*FAITH United Methodist Church, Richmond*  
*In the*  
*SW District of Texas Annual Conference*  
*Saturday, November 17, 2018*

## United Methodists of the SW District

### Thank you for your support of the 2018 Ingathering

Beginning at Faith UMC in the SW District of the Texas Annual Conference, it is our sincere hope and desire that other churches in other districts and conferences will join this multi-missional event.

We are working together throughout the year to make each Ingathering around the country a success. This year Ingathering is putting down roots in Richmond, Texas! We are supporting at least 5 missions this year... **My Heart's Appeal** (special education in Liberia...worldwide), **Helping Hands** (local), **Kendleton Farms** (Survivors of Human Trafficking), **UMCOR Disaster Relief** (national), and **Fort Bend Hope** (local) in the midst of meager resources in North Rosenberg. Any undesignated funds will be distributed to local food pantries around the SW District.

This year our theme is, “**LEST WE FORGET**”...from the witness of our veterans whose sacrifices we honor. This year, the ravage of hurricane Harvey prompts our long term commitment to those who are still recovering and re-building. **Recovery**, whether from illness or weather disaster, is a long range effort. **Perseverance** maintains our commitments to minister to the sick or re-build with disaster survivors. This year, we are aware that Liberia (My Heart's Appeal) is recovering from 15 years of civil war and 2 years of the Ebola outbreak. School was closed and schooling postponed. In Texas, Helping Hands, Kendleton Farms, Ft. Bend Hope and UMCOR have all been engaged in a number of activities of re-storing and re-building. “**LEST WE FORGET...**” is as good a reminder of our calling to be in ministry as it is of the sacrifices of our veterans. Together with the survivors, let us re-dedicate ourselves to the tasks of recovery that lay before us in these missions.

Invite your church members to come for the Celebrity Auction and support their favorite Mission(s), and enjoy the Craft Fair.

Each host site is just that, a host. They need the cooperation of **all of our churches** to make Saturday, November 17, a success for our neighbors. This year our site at **Faith UMC-Richmond** will need volunteers to help set up, run the auction, take care of the vouchers and funds, pack kits, and load the UMCOR trucks. To help, connect with your site's contact person listed in this booklet.

Let's make 2018 a success with a goal of over \$50,000.

Thanksgiving Ingathering Task Force  
Dr. Arthur W. Richardson, Chair  
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# THANKSGIVING INGATHERING

## A Brief History

It was a young Director of Church Relations at Westmar College (UMC) who first wondered, "How can we bring the campus and local church together in such a way that each would grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ?" MISSION! That was the key. And not just one mission, but missions locally, conference-wide and internationally.

Not long after that, Dr. Arthur Richardson was attending a bell choir concert in Cedar Falls, IA when he spotted Bill Applegate also in attendance. Following the concert Richardson approached Applegate (Representative of Heifer Project, International) and asked what he thought of the idea. Together the two worked to transform the dream into reality.

The first Bishop's Ingathering occurred on the campus of Westmar College, LeMars, Iowa on November 1, 1980. Together with June Goldman, the first Chair of the Ingathering (who served for many years) they watched as cars from arrived from around northwest Iowa bringing kits, blankets, and even animals and corn! UMCOR, Church World Service, Heifer Project, Self-Help Tractor, Iowa Hunger Task Force and Goodwill Industries were the first recipients to receive both cash and gifts-in-kind. Records show that more than 300 clergy and laity attended the event that raised **\$44,882**.

In 1982, the program presented a report to the Program Review for 1982-1984. It was determined that more sites in Iowa to address great distances. A Central Committee was appointed with June Goldman as its Chair. As it was primarily a program of the laity and the Bishop was not always able to attend, it was agreed to link the event to the Board of Laity. At that time the name was then changed to "Thanksgiving Ingathering."

Soon craft items, "Preacher Pies," woodcarvings (high value), and quilts were added to the auction. When 1 quilt sold for \$1,000 at Westmar, it was a record to be broken. In 1999, another exquisite quilt sold at Greenfield for \$3,100!

- Create a synergy in mission support that involves more churches in more missions
- Raise an average of \$20,000 per mission
- Bring missional support into focus on the Local, National and International scenes.
- Involve and train millennials to be meaningfully active in the ministries of a local church.

Around the venue there began to appear a host of educational videos and displays informing attendees of the missional work of the United Methodist Church. Guest speakers included itinerating missionaries, representatives of the various projects and the founder, Dr. Richardson. College-aged youth arrived for an overnight of fellowship and training to lead the packing and truck-loading tasks the following morning.

## EARLY GIVING TOTALS in the IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

YEAR	CASH	GIFTS-in-KIND	TOTAL
1982			\$44,882
2003	\$277,000	\$559,000	\$836,000
2004	\$356,822	\$627,942	\$984,764
2005	\$433,000	\$789,000	\$1,220,000
2006	\$333,089	\$643,058	\$976,147
2011	\$333,966	\$668,628	\$1,002,594
2013	\$360,044	\$670,971	\$1,031,102
2015	\$	\$	\$1,043,995

Now, in retirement in Richmond, TX, Dr. Richardson is expanding the Thanksgiving Ingathering, a multi-missional event, to Faith UMC of the SW District of the Texas Annual Conference. On November 17<sup>th</sup>, the Ingathering will be held on the campus of Faith United Methodist Church in Richmond, TX. Inquiries have been received to establish an Ingathering site in annual conferences in southern Illinois, Baltimore and San Francisco. For more information, visit the Ingathering website.

## 5 MISSION PROJECTS

### My Heart's Appeal, Inc. (Texas)



My Heart's Appeal is an **Advance of the United Methodist Church (#3022086)**. It was founded by Mrs. Lovetie Major in Maryland as a 501.c.3. to meet the special education and training needs for people with intellectual disabilities living in Liberia, West Africa. The organization was inaugurated in 2001 and has defined its target population as the mild, moderate or severe intellectually disabled.

Its Business Plan is to purchase 100 acres near Monrovia on which to create a residential community, and a working orchard and garden in which to teach agricultural skills. The campus will feature 5 centers: Vocational Training, Teacher Training, Residential, Recreational, and Commercial. The following request list will enable the school to equip its first classrooms in the Vocational Training Center, while also creating streams of revenue from the Bakery, the Apple Orchard and the Liberty Garden toward the goal of becoming self-sustaining. The 10-acre Apple Orchard and 3-acre Liberty Garden, which will teach agricultural skills, are the next larger enterprises to be secured. Naming opportunities of classrooms are available to individuals or local churches.

[www.myheartsappeal.org](http://www.myheartsappeal.org)

**The cost per acre for the land (\$3,000) includes the deed, surveying and security fencing.**

**Acre by acre we are reclaiming the promise of these young lives created by God.**

## MHA CLASSROOM EQUIPMENT PRIORITIES:

<u>VOCATIONAL TRAINING</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>				
<u>AGRICULTURE</u>				<u>MUTIPURPOSE ROOM/CAFETERIA</u>			
Green House	1	100	100	Air-conditioner	1	550	550
Apple Orchard	2	3000	6000	White folding chairs	100	8	750
Liberty Vegetable Garden	3	3000	9000	White long tables	15	25	375
			0	Curtains 3 window	3	100	300
<u>BAKERY #1</u>				<u>COMPUTER SKILLS ROOM #6</u>			
Ceiling fan	2	50	100	Dry erase board	1	100	100
Refrigerator	1	450	450	Projector	1	4795	4795
Kitchen (ceiling fan)	1	50	50	Projector Screen	1	514	514
<u>PASTRY CLASS #2</u>				<u>PRIMARY CLASSROOM #7</u>			
Ceiling fan	1	50	50	Ceiling fan	1	50	50
Mixing Tables	2	30	60	Regular chairs	15	18	270
Regular chairs	10	10	100	Tables	5	20	100
Teacher Desk	1	15	15	Teacher Desk	1	20	20
Teacher chair	1	12	12	Teacher chair	1	18	18
Dry erase board	1	125	125	Dry erase board	1	125	125
<u>TAILORING ROOM #3</u>				<u>INTERMEDIATE CLASSROOM #8</u>			
Ceiling fan	1	50	50	Ceiling fan	1	50	50
Cutting table	3	30	90	Regular chairs	15	18	270
Regular chairs	10	10	100	Tables	5	20	100
Teacher table	1	15	15	Teacher Desk	1	18	18
Teacher chair	1	12	12	Teacher chair	1	20	20
Dry erase board	1	125	125	Dry erase board	1	125	125
<u>HANDICRAFT #4</u>				<u>HAND WATER PUMP</u>			
Ceiling fan	1	50	50	Installation			<u>1453</u>
Work Station	2	30	60	TOTAL:			<u>\$ 27,731</u>
Regular chairs	10	10	100				
Teacher Desk	1	15	15				
Teacher chair	1	12	12				
Dry erase board	1	125	125				
<u>WOOD WORKING ROOM #5</u>							
Ceiling fan	1	50	50				
Regular chairs	10	10	100				
Teacher Desk	1	15	15				
Work Station	2	30	60				
Teacher chair	1	12	12				
Dry erase board	1	125	125				

Project Contact: Dr. Arthur W. Richardson (405) 317-6909 [ibmi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ibmi@sbcglobal.net)



## HELPING HANDS

**Rosenberg-Richmond Helping Hands** was founded in 1985 by churches in the West Fort Bend County area, as a non-profit organization that helps people in crisis by providing basic needs on a short-term basis. They strive to provide assistance until the individual or family becomes self-sufficient. They have a very close relationship with partnering churches in West Fort Bend County. Covenant churches sign a pledge promising financial support and agree to hold at least two yearly food and/or clothing drives.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to feed and clothe people in need in West Fort Bend County. Rosenberg-Richmond Helping Hands assists households with emergency food and clothing on a short-term basis. We supply a safe place for people to receive the help they need and we give our community the opportunity to reach out and serve their neighbors.

We believe it is a part of our Christian calling to minister to those in need. Some churches and organizations in our area have their own programs with successful histories of providing similar services. By coordinating all of the resources of our supporters, we are able to provide more efficient services. We do not receive state or federal funding. We are supported by food, clothing and monetary donations. The donations come from churches, private individuals, civic organizations, private foundations and corporations. We are a member of the Houston Food Bank, Feeding America, the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce and the Central Fort Bend Chamber.

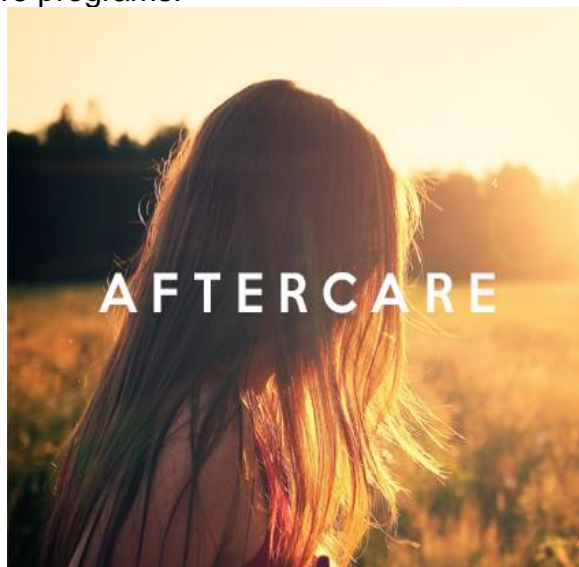
Project Contact: Duane Haines [www.helpinghands.org](http://www.helpinghands.org)

## KENDLETON FARMS

Kendleton Farms is a journey of innovation which will result in a multifaceted social enterprise community on 84 acres in Kendleton, Texas. The facility will provide for at least 40 women and eventually their children, who have survived sex trafficking or sexual exploitation. Here survivors will live, heal, work and re-enter society with work history, viable job skills, and start-up savings.



Our property outside of Houston, Texas, once housed a small Christian college. It provides buildings ideal for housing survivors of the commercial sex industry in a serene, therapeutic environment. Kendleton Farms also will house for-profit business ventures to provide skill training, jobs, and the dignity of marketable work experience that have long been missing among existing aftercare programs.





There are many ways to help support new and existing residents, to sign up or for more information on any of these please email us at [Kendleton@elijahrising.org](mailto:Kendleton@elijahrising.org).

**Donations or Gift Cards** Accepted for:

- Doctor/Dental Visits
- Outings for Survivors: Museums, Theme Parks, Movies, Restaurants, Spa/Makeover Day, etc.
- Therapy Sessions
- Survivor Welcome Packets: Small nice toiletry items, Small snacks, Welcome note, Feminine Products, Bible, Journal, etc.
- Grocery Stores (Kroger and HEB)
- Clothing Stores
- Phone/Calling Cards
- Hair and Nails Services
- Bus or Uber Transportation
- Amazon (for books and misc. items)
- Burner/Temp phones
- Family-Friendly DVDs in new condition

Adopt a **Renovation/Construction Project** for the Safe Home:

- New Windows: (14) 36"x48" vertical - Cost: \$2284 (Badly needed)
- Monthly Pest Control: \$95/month
- Exterior Paint for 2,400 sq. ft. of brick - Slate/Charcoal Grey Color
- Landscaping
- Outdoor Kitchen Area: Sink, Grill, Countertop, and deck
- New Kitchen and Bathroom Fixtures:
  - 2 Kitchen sinks and faucets
  - 3 Bathroom sinks and faucets (ORB or Nickel)
  - 3 Shower faucets, knobs, and heads (ORB or Nickel)
- Central AC/Heat Installation: using window units currently
- Monthly Security System Costs

## Ft. BEND HOPE



THIS IS WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO  
BUILD COMMUNITY. STRENGTHEN SCHOOLS. EQUIP NEIGHBORS.

### **BUILDING COMMUNITY**

We are called to love our neighbors. This means knowing their names, and their stories. It means radical, selfless, sacrificial works. It means showing up for one another.



## **STRENGTHENING SCHOOLS**

Healthy schools produce capable young people who graduate with opportunities in front of them.



We partner with school administrators, teachers, students, and parents to raise the bar for the education system in Fort Bend County.

## **EQUIPPING NEIGHBORS**

In the early Fall of 2013, members of Faith United Methodist Church sat down as a church and asked each other, "What is going to be different because Faith United Methodist Church is on the map?"

We looked at the neighborhoods that surround us that were hurting, and concluded we couldn't ignore the area we call North Rosenberg. North Rosenberg is a culturally diverse, historically under-served area just seven miles from our church. We partnered with families and a local school, Jackson Elementary, and began year- round programs to empower neighbors to seek transformation for themselves, their families, and their streets.

Ft. Bend Hope serves an area of extended poverty. Teacher turnover is at a higher rate than most schools because of the conditions. As a local mission of Faith UMC in Richmond, TX, students receive backpacks, school supplies and weekend lunches to take home. Special attention is also given to the teachers by providing supplies, snacks in their break room and other expressions of appreciation.

This local mission not only offers school supplies, but also take-home lunches for the weekend, and classroom supplies for teachers.

❖ Tablet or laptop for checking books out/in	\$100
❖ Barcode scanner for book check-out/in	\$230
❖ Reading resources for Spanish-speaking parents	\$300
❖ Books in Spanish K-2nd grade	\$300

**SCHOOL KITS** provide tools for education, which changes lives.

3 Notebooks, approx. 8x11" (total 210-250 sheets)	1-2" or more eraser
1 – 30 cm metric ruler	1 blunt-end scissors (metal blades)
1 hand pencil sharpener (1" or more)	1 box of 24 crayons (ONLY 24)
6 unsharpened pencils with eraser	

All items are placed in a **STURDY CLOTH BAG**, 14" wide X 16" long (finished size) with 1" X 19" finished-size handles. See [www.UMCOR.org/reliefsupplies](http://www.UMCOR.org/reliefsupplies) for updated instructions. Turn school items sideways and slide into cloth bag. Fold over top of bag so loose items do not fall out. **DO NOT** put items in zip-lock bags.

**VALUE \$11 plus \$2 shipping**

**Ft. Bend Hope Representative to the Ingathering:**

Ms. Ruth McPhail-Ubaldo, Director  
 Faith UMC, Richmond  
 281-341-8200

# **United Methodist Committee of Relief**

## **Disaster Relief in the U.S.A.**



### **THE UMCOR DEPOT A PLACE of MISSION for UNITED METHODISTS**

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the not-for-profit global humanitarian aid organization of the United Methodist Church. Our mission is to alleviate human suffering whether caused by war, conflict, or natural disaster with open minds and heart to all people. Our workers are known all over the world for their compassion, leadership, expertise, and guidance in recovery efforts.

UMCOR Supply kits help to care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. They also help to sustain everyday life by providing basic necessities to people who lack ready access to essential supplies. These kits provide vital support for the work UMCOR does throughout the world. By donating kit supplies or financial gifts to purchase the supplies, you make a direct and tangible difference in sustaining people's lives.

Because of the often sensitive cultural and political contexts that surround the people we assist we cannot allow any patriotic-or even religious-symbols to be used in the UMCOR relief kits. Well-intentioned though these are, including them in the kits can create an obstacle that keeps this valuable relief aid from reaching the people we seek to help. Our priority must be to get aid to the most vulnerable populations.

**Center for Missional Excellence in Conroe, TX** is a facility that serves to store relief supplies for Disaster Relief in the U.S. A.

These relief supplies are used around the United States. The supplies are donated by churches and individuals from across the U.S. and are shipped to disaster areas at the request of a United Methodist Bishop or UMCOR Representative in the area of the disaster.

Health, Sewing, School, and Disaster kits as well as components of the kits are sent to the Center where they are assembled for distribution by volunteers. The kits offer love and hope to people made vulnerable by the disaster that surrounds them.

You can help by providing kits and items for the kits or by volunteering at the Center for Missional Excellence, Conroe TX.

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**HEALTH KITS** help disaster victims reclaim their dignity and self-respect and are used as teaching tools with children. When people can maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves. Add \$1 per kit for toothpaste to be purchased by the UMCOR Depot.

- 1 new hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x27")    1 new washcloth
- 1 bath sized bar of soap in wrapper (3 oz. or larger);    **No Ivory or Jergens**
- 1 large, sturdy comb (not-pocket-sized)
- 1 new toothbrush in original sealed wrapper, not child-sized        6 band aids (3/4"-1")
- 1 nail file or fingernail clipper (no emery boards or toenail clippers)

Lay out hand towel and lay washcloth flat in center. Place rest of items on top of washcloth. Fold sides of towel to cover items. Fold one end of towel so it covers all items. Grasp bundles of items and roll over rest of towel tightly. Place rolled bundle in zip-lock bag.

**VALUE \$12 plus \$2 shipping**

## LIVE AUCTION INFO

**MAKE COPIES of THIS FORM and BRING COMPLETED FORM WITH EACH AUCTION PIECE to THE INGATHERING SITE NOVEMBER 17, 2018.**

Item number (assigned at site) \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address (including town) \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Quilt or Woodcraft \_\_\_\_\_

Is top hand or machine pieced? \_\_\_\_\_ Is quilt hand or machine quilted? \_\_\_\_\_

Fair Market Value (appraised) \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

The greater the value of the auction item, the greater the participation and the amount for a designated mission. Suggested items might include quilts, hand carved decoys, grandfather clock, weekend accommodation at the lake, tickets to sporting or theater events, autographed memorabilia, etc.

Both quilts and woodcraft items will be featured at our Ingathering auctions. Your creativity and long hours of work will be the highlight of the show! Auction items will be displayed and then sold during the auction.

The quilt/woodcraft auction cashier will have available an "**Acknowledgement of Donation**" form for the buyer when they pay the cashier after the auction. This donation form MAY be needed by the buyer of any large item depending on the purchase price, because the donation form is necessary for tax purposes if the buyer has paid **more than \$250 ABOVE** the Fair Market Value (appraised value) for the item. The form attached to the auction item may be used as the "Acknowledgement of Donation" form, when signed by the auction cashier and the site chair.

The Fair Market Value (appraised value) should be determined by the donating church group for each of their donated items and written on the above form before the quilt or woodcraft item is brought to the Thanksgiving Ingathering auction site.

For most tied comforters, baby quilts, wall hangings, or other small projects, it would be very rare for them to bring the \$250 above the appraised value that would require the "Acknowledgement of Donation" form required for tax purposes.

The tax deduction may be taken for any price paid above the appraised or fair market value as a donation to the Thanksgiving Ingathering.

A good way to promote quilts is to display them in the donating church and take reserve bids. Usually, highest bids for a given item come from a local church member or person in the community.

**YOUR REMITTANCE FORM for 2018 is OPPOSITE THIS PAGE  
GUIDELINES for REMITTANCE FORM, SHIPPING, and REPORTING**

**NOTE:** This Remittance Form should be used for Thanksgiving Ingathering reporting by your church Ingathering team and church treasurer. This will be the form used for 2018.

1. Please copy this form and bring your original to the site you attend on Thanksgiving Ingathering day. Be sure to keep a copy for your church's records.
2. All UMCOR kits are to be packaged by type in separate boxes or bags but not sealed. They will be repacked in uniform boxes at the site. Do NOT mix kit types. Please note on the outside of each box the number and type of kit enclosed. Pack only complete kits.
3. All cash/checks should be turned in with the remittance form. **No cash or checks should be put in the boxes or kits.** We encourage churches to send \$2 per kit to defray shipping expenses. Include the amount on your Remittance Form. It is **strongly preferred that one check** be written to Faith UMC (Memo: "Thanksgiving Ingathering") and accompany the Remittance Form that will be delivered to the Site Treasurer, Ms. Jan Gort.
4. Include only those gifts on your Remittance Form that are brought to the Ingathering. Be sure any money intended for the Thanksgiving Ingathering is submitted directly to the Treasurer of Faith UMC, Ms. Jan Gort, and is identified as a **Thanksgiving Ingathering gift.**
5. Cash sent or brought to Faith UMC Treasurer should be clearly identified for Thanksgiving Ingathering.
6. Credit for in-kind donations may be requested from Executive Director, Dr. Arthur W. Richardson.
7. In-kind donations to the Ingathering will be delivered locally or, in the case of UMCOR and My Heart's Appeal, will be shipped. Please consider sending support for the cost of shipping.
8. Each auction item must be tagged with the church name and suggested price. Auctioned quilts and woodcraft items require the QUILT/WOODCRAFT FORM found in this booklet to be completed and attached to each item.
9. Please call any Site Chair if you have any questions concerning the Remittance Form or other procedures, or call Arthur Richardson at (405) 317-6909.

[www.thanksgivingingathering.org/](http://www.thanksgivingingathering.org/)

**NOTE: Please send late checks (after 11-22-18) to Faith UMC Treasurer, Ms. Jan Gort  
(Memo: "Ingathering")**



## **CRAFT FAIR INFORMATION**

The **THANKSGIVING INGATHERING** is sponsoring a Craft Fair this fall, which includes both hand-made and commercial items for home, gifts, holidays and decor. The proceeds from the booth and table rentals, support local missions. Your participation in our Ingathering Craft Fair will greatly aid in this effort.

**Craft Fair Dates & Times:** The **INGATHERING CRAFT FAIR** is held on the second Saturday of each November, starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m.

**Registration & Deadlines:** Contact Dr. Arthur Richardson (405)-317-6909 to participate as a vendor. The cost of booth rental is \$65.00, table rental is \$10.00 per table. (Availability of tables is limited. Ask Arthur Richardson prior to ordering to be sure you will be able to rent any.) Please download and complete the Registration Form. Please make out your check to "Faith UMC" and note on the memo line, "Ingathering," and mail your check to Financial Office, Faith United Methodist Church, 4600 FM 359, Richmond, TX 77406. If you have a tax I.D., please make sure it is on the Registration Form.

**Cancellation:** If for some reason you are unable to participate in the current Fair, you must advise Executive Director, Arthur Richardson, at least two weeks prior to the market in order to receive a refund. If you wish to retain your specific booth space for next year, the fee for the booth will not be refunded in order to hold your space, and the fee for the ensuing market will be required as well. (Exceptions are at the discretion of Ingathering Task Force.)

**Advertising:** The Ingathering advertises in several newspapers, as well as over radio and on the internet. We also provide flyers for your convenience available the first of October. Because our proceeds go to missions, we ask that you take only a few flyers and make copies. We have found that "word of mouth" is excellent advertising!

**Set-up Time Friday:** Friday prior to the Market, vendors may come between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. There will be a form to sign releasing Faith United Methodist Church, et. al., from liability. You may not arrive earlier than the specified time without checking with Dr. Richardson (405) 317-6909. Be prepared to leave at 5:00 p.m. as the Church will be locked for the night. Any items left overnight must be covered and/or out of sight. We hope this added convenience will help you.

**Set-up Time Saturday:** The doors will open at 7:00 a.m. for vendors to begin arranging their displays in the Gym. Please remember to move your vehicle from the loading area when you finish as a courtesy to other vendors. We all appreciate your usual consideration.

**Food:** A lunch will be served in Community Hall at a nominal price at the Fair. Please remember, no food or drink is allowed outside the Community Hall or in the Craft Fair areas. Coffee is free in Community Hall to vendors until 9:00 a.m., and donuts are available at a small price.

**Contact:** Dr. Arthur Richardson will contact you by phone a week or two prior to each Fair. Please feel free to contact him at (405) 317-6909 any time should you have any comments or questions. Your message will be returned as quickly as possible.

The Task Force of the Thanksgiving Ingathering extends its thanks to you for your patronage of the Craft Fair, as well as your professionalism and courtesy. It is because of you that our event may come to be respected and enjoyed. We try in every way to make this a supportive experience for you, and we welcome your suggestions to make it better.

All craft items should be of outstanding quality and are to be handmade and new. At sites where allowed, baked goods are also in high demand. Check individual site schedules for any restrictions.

Each craft item must be tagged with the church name and number and price in order for your church to receive credit. (Please pin tags on cloth items).

Churches donating items with no church name or number will not receive credit for these items.

The site committee will donate any unsold items not claimed by the donating church at the end of the day.

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The form attached to the auction item may be used to fill out the "Acknowledgement of Donation" form. The donation form can be signed by the auction cashier Treasurer (Faith UMV) and the site chair.

Only the person or church donating an auctioned craft or item may designate it to any of the five Thanksgiving Ingathering projects. This information must be attached to the Remittance Form for proper crediting.

## INGATHERING CRAFT FAIR APPLICATION

I would like to participate in the **INGATHERING CRAFT FAIR** on NOVEMBER 17, 2018.

(Please include check, made out to **THANKSGIVING INGATHERING**)

(Full booth {8' X 10'} = \$65, Half booth {4' X 5'} = \$40) LIMITED table rental (by request only) is \$10 each.

Name: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name/ What do you sell? \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Texas Sales Tax ID (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of booth spaces: \_\_\_\_\_

Tables: \_\_\_\_\_

Electrical outlet: NO YES

Paid by check #: \_\_\_\_\_ By cash: \_\_\_\_\_

You will be contacted when your application has been approved subject to availability of space.

**THANK YOU!**

# CALENDAR

## ORGANIZING the INGATHERING TASK FORCE

### MISSION:

Our mission is to create partnerships of churches with missions that address local, regional and worldwide issues of hunger, poverty, education and disaster recovery.

### TASK

### DATE

#### Name Chair

January 21

Oversees Project selection; Monitors Communication Plan; Reports to DS and AC

#### Recruit Task Force Mbrs.

March 1

**Coordinator** develops list of Participants; Arranges for Trucking, Shipping; Assists Chair

**Site Contacts** Works with main site re: logistics, tables, location of loading trucks; Worship; Lunch

**Project Contacts** inform churches of mission and their priority requests; Provides speaker or video

**Treasurer** receives remittance forms with cash donations, auction proceeds; accounts for "In kind" gifts; Compiles totals

**Youth Retreat Coord.** recruits youth; Designs evening program of fellowship; Trains and Directs packing and loading

**Observers** are invitees from surrounding districts and conferences; also local school and food pantry representatives

**Conference Starr and Members at Large** e.g. Mission Commissions, Bd. of Laity

### 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING

March 31

#### Agenda

- Set Date
- Choose Location
- Choose 5 Mission Projects (Hunger, Poverty, Education, Disaster Relief: at least 1 Local, at least 1 Country-wide and at least 1 International)
- Website? Newsletters? Video? Social Media?

March – September Recruit local churches to sign up for Mission Projects

Apr – Sept Chair Project Contacts itinerate throughout the District/Ann. Conf.

June Set up Booth at Annual Conference; Chair, Coordinator, Project Contacts

2nd MEETING 1st week in September following Labor Day

Agenda

- Arrangements for trucking and shipping discussed
- Sharing with Observers from other Districts and Conferences
- Updating progress with number of participating churches
- Mid Term evaluation

Social Media Blitz Sept - Oct

Nov. 17 THANKSGIVING INGATHERING

3rd MEETING Nov. 30

Agenda

- Final Evaluation (Policy and Projects; Communication)
- Reports and Goal-Setting for new year
- 2019: Sites and New Task Force member appointments

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## FAQs

- 1. Q: If I want to start a Thanksgiving Ingathering, whom should I contact first?**

**A:** The first step is to contact the Thanksgiving Executive Director, Dr. Arthur Richardson ([ibmi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ibmi@sbcglobal.net)), who will provide you a Guide to organizing such a multi-missional event. The next step is to consider the most appropriate contact person for your District or Annual Conference, e.g. District Superintendent, Chair of the District or Conference Committee on Missions, or your local church's Missions Director. After establishing a link to the district or conference, decide if you are willing to volunteer as Chair and to recruit 5-7 persons to be your Task Force. Subsequent steps are to be found in the Guide. Consider Dr. Richardson (founder) as your personal consultant on the project to answer questions and provide encouragement.
- 2. Q: Who decides which and how many mission projects are to be chosen?**

**A:** The Chair may get the ball rolling, e.g. choosing 1-local, 1-national and 1-international, then ask the newly-formed task force or local church/district/annual conference Mission Commissions to make suggestions to the Task Force. The only guideline is that there should be at least 1-local, 1-national and 1-international. The key is to offer a broad perspective of mission to the church. Five to seven projects seems to be the most efficient number for maximizing the number of participating churches and the greatest return per project.
- 3. Q: How does the Task Force cover its expenses?**

**A:** The options range from support from a Missions Commission (of the local church site where the event is to be held, or of the District or Annual Conference); to using registration fees from the Craft Fair (\$65, and \$10 table rental.) Expenses will come from printing flyers, travel for the event's speaker, lunch on the date of the event, and shipping the kits. The local church site of the event may have utility and custodial costs. Such expenses should follow the model of UMCOR...none should be paid out of the funds raised for missions.
- 4. Q: Do churches just bring items to the Ingathering or is there more to it?**

**A:** The sites all have mission displays and some kind of program/worship service with a speaker from one of the projects supported by the Thanksgiving Ingathering. Sites also have a Craft Fair, some with a bake sale. Some of the sites have a silent auction of small quilts, high quality woodcraft, or other items. In addition most site hold a live quilt and woodcraft auction. Some of the sites also hold a Youth Retreat, which may include a lock-in, entertainment, workshops-and most of all, helping with the Ingathering, unloading and repacking kits and/or assisting with the worship service, as well as other jobs needed at the sites.

**5. Q: Who runs the Thanksgiving Ingathering?**

**A:** The Thanksgiving Ingathering is a program of the Conference Board of Laity in the Iowa Conference. In both Iowa and Texas, there is a Task Force made up of the Thanksgiving Ingathering conference chairperson(s), conference coordinators, site chairpersons, representatives from each district, and representatives from each project, conference staff and at-large members. These people meet two or three times a year to set goals, discuss policy and projects, and to evaluate the Thanksgiving Ingathering event.

**6. Q: How are projects of the Thanksgiving Ingathering selected?**

**A:** The projects are selected by the Task Force and are evaluated each year. The only guidelines are that there be a balance of at least 1 local mission, 1 national mission and 1 worldwide mission. Each of the projects is usually related to education, the alleviation of hunger and poverty and disaster relief.

**7. Q: How do churches know about the Thanksgiving Ingathering?**

**A:** Early each year churches are sent one copy of the Ingathering Guide. This is the only official manual with all the current information. During the year there are articles sent to each district office to be distributed to the churches in that district. The very latest information is also sent out by the Conference Communications Office via email to those on the Conference news mail list. You may request to be on this list by contacting the Communications Office at the Conference Center. Also, the district representatives may contact churches in their district with information during the year.

**8. Q: What if my church didn't receive a Guide?**

**A:** Check with the person who gets the mail in your church and ask for the booklet. If you can't locate it, contact your conference coordinator or your district office for the name of the district representative. They will make sure you receive a booklet. The booklet is also found at [www.Thanksgivingingathering.org](http://www.Thanksgivingingathering.org).

**9. Q: What site do I have to attend?**

**A:** You may attend any site you want. Most churches attend the site nearest them.

**10. Q: What if I have questions not answered in this book?**

**A:** Feel free to contact the Thanksgiving Ingathering Coordinators or Chairpersons, or any of the Site Coordinators, listed on the Site Schedule pages. Each district also has at least one Thanksgiving Ingathering representative. Those names and contact information are listed on the back cover of this book.

**11. Q: How do participants pay for their auction purchases and/or submit cash, check or gift-in-kind contributions?**

**A:** Checks should be made out to "Faith UMC" with a note on the MEMO line "Ingathering." You will receive a ticket from the auctioneer noting the item # you have purchased. Gift-in-kind contributions should be submitted to the Treasurer at the Registration Table with a note of estimated value you have determined.



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**SITE SCHEDULE**

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Coordinator

Site Chairs

Site Treasurer

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday Nov. 16**

beginning at 7pm to Saturday 2 pm

**Saturday Nov. 17**

7:30 to 10:30am  
8:30 to 10:00am

Check-in kits, quilts, crafts, and bake sale items  
Fellowship time with coffee and rolls      VOUCHER room open  
Loading of trucks      Mission Displays in Welcome Area

9:00 to 9:30 am  
9:45 to 2:00pm  
10:45 to 12:00pm  
12:00 to 1:00pm  
12:00 to 2:00pm

Worship with Ms. Lovetie Major, CEO My Heart's Appeal  
Craft Fair in Gym  
Live Auction-large & baby quilts, wall hangings, table runners  
woodcrafts, vacations, tickets to sporting events, art  
LUNCH

**Craft Fair concludes at 2:00pm**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTION for UMCOR:**

All kits must be turned in by 10:30. The trucks leave promptly at 11:00.

***Make checks payable to "Faith UMC" with a note on the  
MEMO line: "INGATHERING "***

***NO cash, NO checks, No Remittance forms in the UMCOR  
kit boxes***