

Document 640.01 Rainbow Covenant Advances

Committee: Conference Board of Global Ministries

Action: The following shall be the list of Rainbow Covenant Advances for 2015-2016 Annual Conference year.

Rationale: Each year, Advances are reviewed by the entire Conference Board of Global Ministries. Ministries submit applications for their review. Applications for new advances must meet minimum criteria established by the CBGM. Those ministries are presented to and adopted by the Annual Conference. Information on New Advances on next page.

Conference Advances (Green Band)

Abounding Ministries	50000122
Arise Chicago	50000142
Agape House Campus Ministry at UIC	50000128
Bethany Methodist's Good Samaritan Fund	50000057
Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America (CRLN)	50000129
ChildServ	50000011
Disaster Preparedness & Response Fund	50000148
DISCIPLE Bible Outreach Ministries	50000149
Facing Forward to End Homelessness	50000007
Greater Chicago Broadcast Ministries (GCBM)	50000097
Illinois Churches in Action in Alcohol and Addiction Prevention (ILCAAAP)	50000030
Justice For Our Neighbors	50000140
Korean-American Campus Ministry	50000076
Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC)	50000150
MYSI	50000107
Native American Ministry of Presence	50000125
North Central College Center for Church Leadership	50000136
Outdoor and Retreat Ministries (ORM)	50000036
Prisoner Release Ministry (PRM), Inc.	50000010
Rainbow Ridge	50000072
Reconciling Ministries Network	50000111
Refugee One	50000133
Reynoldswood Camp	50000090
Rosecrance Kinley Patient Assistance Fund	50000132
Sam Mool House	50000146
South Sudan Hope	50000147
Support for Volunteers in Mission (VIM)	50000074
United Methodist Homes and Services	50000121
University Christian Ministry at Northwestern Univ.	50000101
Northern Illinois University Campus Ministry	50000135
Wesley Willows Good Samaritan Program	50000144
Wesley Woods Camp	50000046

District Advances (Blue Band)

Bridge Communities, Glen Ellyn	60000208
Carpenter's Youth Club	60000186
Centennial Saturday Kids Club	60000201
Center for Changing Lives	60000106
C.R.I.K.E.T. (Camp Reynoldswood is Kool...)	60000218
Dignity Diner – Holy Covenant UMC	60000145
Disaster Trailer	60000213
"Easy" Care Youth Program	60000219
Edge Alliance	60000158
Faith Community Homes – Affordable Housing	60000220
Food for Sharing	60000118
Gorham Community Center	60000214
Habitat for Humanity (Lake County)	60000184
Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley	60000018
Hemenway Soup at Six	60000216
Hesed House Center for Ministry	60000017
Interfaith Chaplaincy Services, Inc.	60000168
Jennings-Lyon Day Home, Sheridan, IL	60000119
Journeys The Road Home	60000221
JUST of DuPage	60000101
Lake County United	60000226
Lee County CASA	60000200
Morning Star Mission	60000143
Mujeres a Mujeres (Woman to Woman)	60000222
The Night Ministry	60000223
Ridgewood United Community Ministries, Joliet	60000203
Riverview Center, Inc., Sexual Assault Prevention	60000151
Rockford Urban Ministries	60000129
The Seeds Center Community Development Center	60000225
United Church of Roger's Park Community Feast	60000178
West Suburban PADS	60000180
Youth Lounge at Broadway UMC	60000228
The Zone Youth and Community Center	60000217

Sister Church (White Band)

Community Partners for the Common Good	40000001
The Martin Keagy Fund	40000000
Bolivia Partnership	40000002

Descriptions of Proposed New Conference Advances (Green Band):

Crossroads of Life Prison Ministry

Crossroads of Life Prison Faith Community (COL) is a new United Methodist mission-church plant within a women's correctional facility in Illinois. Our charge is to create and nurture faith in Jesus Christ within incarcerated women. COL replicates the organizational structure of the UMCs outside prison walls and has an 'outside' structure to provide. Outreach programs serve the free-world while inreach serves and nurtures the incarcerated. Sound decision making, planning, executing, accountability and evaluating provide valuable tools for life inside or outside prison. Worship, membership and distinctly Wesleyan Christian Education are open to all inmates, correctional staff, and those living in the free-world community.

Descriptions of Proposed New District Advances (Blue Band – District in parentheses):

DuPage United (Aurora District)

Democracy is not merely voting, but actively engaging in the public arena to solve challenges in our communities. DuPage United has worked specifically on solving issues of unemployment, expanding STEM (science, technology, engineering, & math) and vocational training, and holding Illinois government accountable through partnerships with our sister organizations in Cook and Lake County. Our studies of unemployment and the workforce led to the development of Career Connect Metro West, which is an organization that will recruit, train and place workers into manufacturing jobs in this county. We are currently working on initiatives targeted at mental illness and public transportation.

Fox River Valley Initiative (Elgin District)

The Fox River Valley Initiative (FRVI) is a non-partisan citizens' organization of faith and civic institutions in Kane County, Illinois. We organize to build power and to do justice. Uniting people across lines of race, class, religion, political party and geography we strive to take action on key social and economic issues affecting our communities. We believe that people working together have the power to change their communities. Current issues include: expansion of mental health programs to divert persons with mental illness from jails, hospitals, and homeless shelters and into appropriate settings and affordable supportive housing.

Overflow Ministry (Chicago Southern)

Overflow Ministry is the Multi-Cultural Worship community of the Korean UMC of Flossmoor: South Suburban Chicago. We are devoted to God's redemptive work, on the move to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We "walk with" and instill hope one person, one family at a time in their time of need. Through the establishment of Jacob's Basement and Rebekah's Closet, we deliver and share donated clothing, furniture, and household goods, conveying hope and love of Christ while walking with persons and families as they find stability and security through networking information, prayer, and friendship.

Waukegan To College (Elgin)

Waukegan to College creates brighter futures for students, families and communities by preparing students to enroll in and graduate from college. W2C sends first-generation students to college who, without our intervention, may have dropped out, as one in three Waukegan High School students do. We are creating a college-going culture within an at-risk population with high poverty, low literacy, and low college attainment. With the help of volunteers, staff and the community, W2C is putting families on a path to higher education and out of poverty. Through workshops and one-on-one counseling, tutoring and mentoring, W2C helps students achieve academic success.

Rockford Work Camps (Rockford)

Put your volunteers to work! Rockford Work Camps is the best volunteer and mission site in the Northern Illinois Conference. Mission groups from around the country stay in Rockford at local United Methodist churches and do good work for nonprofits and families in need. Your support purchases materials so that repairs can be made in depressed neighborhoods. Low income families receive a helping hand and maybe a "new porch." Wheel chair ramps are our specialty. To volunteer, call 815/315-3957 or email us at rockfordworkcamps@gmail.com.