



2023 IMPACT REPORT

HIGHLAND PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH





THROUGHOUT 2023, HPUMC EXEMPLIFIED WHAT IT MEANS TO BE PASSIONATELY COMMITTED TO SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS, BOTH LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY. WE PARTNERED WITH OVER 25 ORGANIZATIONS TO LOVE, EDUCATE, HEAL, FEED, AND SHELTER THE UNSEEN AND UNHEARD.

Your involvement through classes, small groups, and multiple ministries embodied our church's long-standing commitment to serve HPUMC's Outreach partners with every collected coat, assembled hygiene pack, served meal, and built home.

Our Impact Ministries' efforts to fight poverty, promote justice, and serve others took on new life in 2023, as the Justice Ministry increased opportunities for education and connection through Cultural Journeys and classes, allowing space to witness the beauty and strength of different cultures and people.

Additionally, our Belong Disability Ministry expanded programming for an increased number of participants, deepening its reach into the disability community, while supporting their peers through experiential learning, the Spotlight Musical, and an award-winning documentary that sheds light on the various experiences of individuals with disabilities.

I am inspired and thankful to have witnessed your transformative generosity, dedication, and love for your neighbors in Dallas and beyond.

God bless,

Rev. Paul Rasmussen
Senior Minister



HPUMC'S IMPACT MINISTRIES BUILD A DEDICATED AND MOBILIZED COMMUNITY, EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, MAKING A SIGNIFICANT, SUSTAINABLE IMPACT IN OUR CHURCH, OUR CITY, AND OUR WORLD.



**FIGHT
POVERTY**



**PROMOTE
JUSTICE**



**SERVE
OTHERS**

The examples that follow are only a sample of the many ways HPUMC is fighting poverty, promoting justice, and serving others in the name of Jesus Christ.

◆ FIGHT POVERTY

\$10M has been invested into **CARPENTERS FOR CHRIST** builds since 1995.

THIRTEEN homes were built in **ZAMBIA** in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity International.



#125 **CARPENTERS FOR CHRIST** completed an historic 125th house with **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**.



THE TABLE, HPUMC's missional church in partnership with **AUSTIN STREET CENTER,** provided worship, fellowship, meals, clothing, and hygiene products, for our neighbors in South Dallas.



14 

college students from five African countries received scholarships and computers to further their education at **AFRICA UNIVERSITY**.

900

students were provided with educational support outside the classroom through our partnerships with **WESLEY-RANKIN**

COMMUNITY CENTER, PROJECT TRANSFORMATION, HEART HOUSE, and TURNER 12.



28 kids and teens were supported at the **METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME OF COSTA RICA** with housing, healthcare, and education. Six students received scholarships for supplementary education programs.

\$72K

was raised and distributed with **CLASSROOM CONNECT** to provide supplies and education materials to seven partners.

142 inner-city kids and youth from Dallas-Fort Worth experienced summer camp through the **CAMP-TO-CAREER MINISTRY**.

More than **20,000** people received the gift of healthcare through our partnerships with the **AGAPE CLINIC, NORTH DALLAS SHARED MINISTRIES, HAITI**, and **COSTA RICA**.

15K

meals were delivered to low-income seniors through **VNA MEALS-ON-WHEELS** by 105 HPUMC volunteers on five routes.

HPUMC Kids Ministry helped collect 100 coats for **CHARLES RICE LEARNING CENTER**, 160 Christmas cards for **VNA MEALS-ON-WHEELS**, and 2,300 diapers and wipes for **HOPE SUPPLY CO.**

170+

HPUMC youth participated in mission trips throughout the United States.

Our United Methodist Women's annual Restore Her Benefit Luncheon raised more than \$7,200 in support of our partnership with **GENESIS WOMEN'S SHELTER**.

Eight partners received \$49,775 through the **CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE**.
























Safe shelter was provided for **2,588** kids, teens, and adults at **PROMISE HOUSE INC., DALLAS HOPE CHARITIES, EXODUS MINISTRIES**, and **AUSTIN STREET CENTER**.



















































OUTREACH PARTNERS

We increase our impact by focusing resources on a strategic group of partners, and by going deeper with those selected. The HPUMC Outreach Committee, Senior Leadership team, and Outreach team have chosen to focus efforts on three specific areas of need that we believe work together to attack the root causes of poverty. While some partnerships fall into a single category, many fall into two, or even all three.

PARTNER	 EDUCATION	 HOUSING	 HEALTH
HPUMC OUTREACH MINISTRIES			
Camp-to-Career			
The Table			
Carpenters for Christ			
Haiti Partnership			
GLOBAL PARTNERS			
Africa University			
Habitat for Humanity International			
HELPS International (Guatemala)			
Methodist Children's Home (Costa Rica)			
Wesley Clinic (Costa Rica)			
Missionary Support (Costa Rica)			

PARTNER	 EDUCATION	 HOUSING	 HEALTH
LOCAL PARTNERS			
Agape Clinic			
Austin Street Center			
Christ's Foundry United Methodist Mission			
CitySquare			
Community Partners of Dallas			
Dallas Hope Charities			
Dickinson Place			
Exodus Ministries			
Genesis Women's Shelter			
Habitat for Humanity			
Literacy Achieves			
Love Ministries			
North Dallas Shared Ministries			
Project Transformation			
St. Philip's School and Community Center			
Turner 12			
United to Learn			
VNA Meals-on-Wheels			
Wesley-Rankin Community Center			
Wilkinson Center			

◆ PROMOTE JUSTICE

HPUMC's **JUSTICE MINISTRY** fosters understanding through Cultural Journeys, classes, events, Small Groups, Pilgrimages, and strategic partnerships. We bring communities together, regardless of background or differences, to build bridges of empathy. As a church community, we listen, learn, and act to cultivate a spirit of love.

500+

congregants took a deeper dive into their own personal journeys through programming opportunities totaling more than 157 hours.

150

Participants attended a **TOGETHER WE DINE** event in partnership with **ST. LUKE "COMMUNITY" UMC** and **PROJECT UNITY**, helping to open up lines of communications on race relations.

42



people participated in the Civil Rights Pilgrimages to Little Rock, AR, and Tulsa, OK.





Afro-Atlantic Histories

Afro-Atlantic Histories takes us to Latin America, the Caribbean, the United States, and Europe, but at its heart is Africa. Displaying works from the 18th century to the present, the exhibition explores the diverse visual cultures of the Afro-Atlantic—places marked by the transatlantic slave trade and its brutal, forced movement of African peoples across the Atlantic Ocean. Also called the Black Atlantic, it is named after historian Paul Gilroy, who is a geography of the world, where African experiences migrate to and merge with other cultures.

The word *Atlantic*, in the plural form, offers a contrast to traditional history that presents a grand narrative from a singular perspective. Rooted in the Portuguese language, the title here suggests the complex, interconnectedness of the world. Through artists' messages, we learn about the experiences of individuals and communities across the Atlantic.

Sections—Africa, the Caribbean, and the Americas—offer an overview of the historical and cultural context of the Afro-Atlantic. The exhibition also features a section on the contemporary Afro-Atlantic, which explores the ongoing legacy of the transatlantic slave trade and its impact on the world today.

Historias afroatlánticas

Historias afroatlánticas nos lleva por América Latina, el Caribe, Estados Unidos y Europa, pero en su centro está África. Con obras que datan desde el siglo XVIII hasta la actualidad, esta exposición explora las diversas culturas visuales del Afroatlántico, lugares marcados por la trata transatlántica de esclavos y el desplazamiento forzado y brutal de los pueblos africanos a través del océano Atlántico. También llamada el Atlántico Negro, término acuñado por el historiador Paul Gilroy, se trata de una geografía que carece de fronteras exactas, donde las experiencias africanas migran y se fusionan con otras culturas.

La palabra *atlántico*, en plural, ofrece un contraste con la historia tradicional que presenta una narrativa grandiosa desde una única perspectiva. Enraizada en el portugués, la palabra sugiere la complejidad y la interconexión del mundo. A través de las obras de los artistas, aprendemos sobre las experiencias de individuos y comunidades a lo largo del Atlántico.

Las secciones—África, el Caribe y América—ofrecen una visión general del contexto histórico y cultural del Afroatlántico. La exposición también incluye una sección sobre el Afroatlántico contemporáneo, que explora el legado continuo de la trata transatlántica de esclavos y su impacto en el mundo actual.





◆ **SERVE OTHERS**

82,400

individuals in
Dallas were
provided access
to food through
our partnerships

with **NORTH DALLAS SHARED MINISTRIES, ST. PHILIP'S
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CENTER, THE WILKINSON
CENTER, and CROSSROADS COMMUNITY SERVICES.**

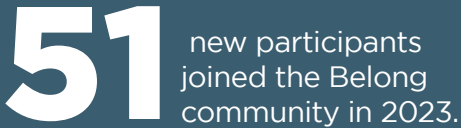
DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS provided emergency shelter,
food, and supplies to **FOUR** local partners benefiting
hundreds of neighbors during extreme weather conditions.



CHANCE'S CAFE, staffed by participants with disabilities, expanded by offering catering services at churchwide and community events. They also made 100 sandwiches per month for **DICKINSON PLACE** and **AUSTIN STREET CENTER** as a part of their Giveback Tuesday program.

1,458

hours of programming were offered at
BELONG DISABILITY MINISTRY.



new participants
joined the Belong
community in 2023.

SPOTLIGHT ACADEMY OF THE ARTS completed its 13th musical production and expanded programming with Spotlight Rock Band.

60+ individuals from the Belong community acquired new skills, met new friends, and challenged themselves at weekly **DAY CLASSES** and more than **35** individuals participated in monthly **EXPLORERS** events.



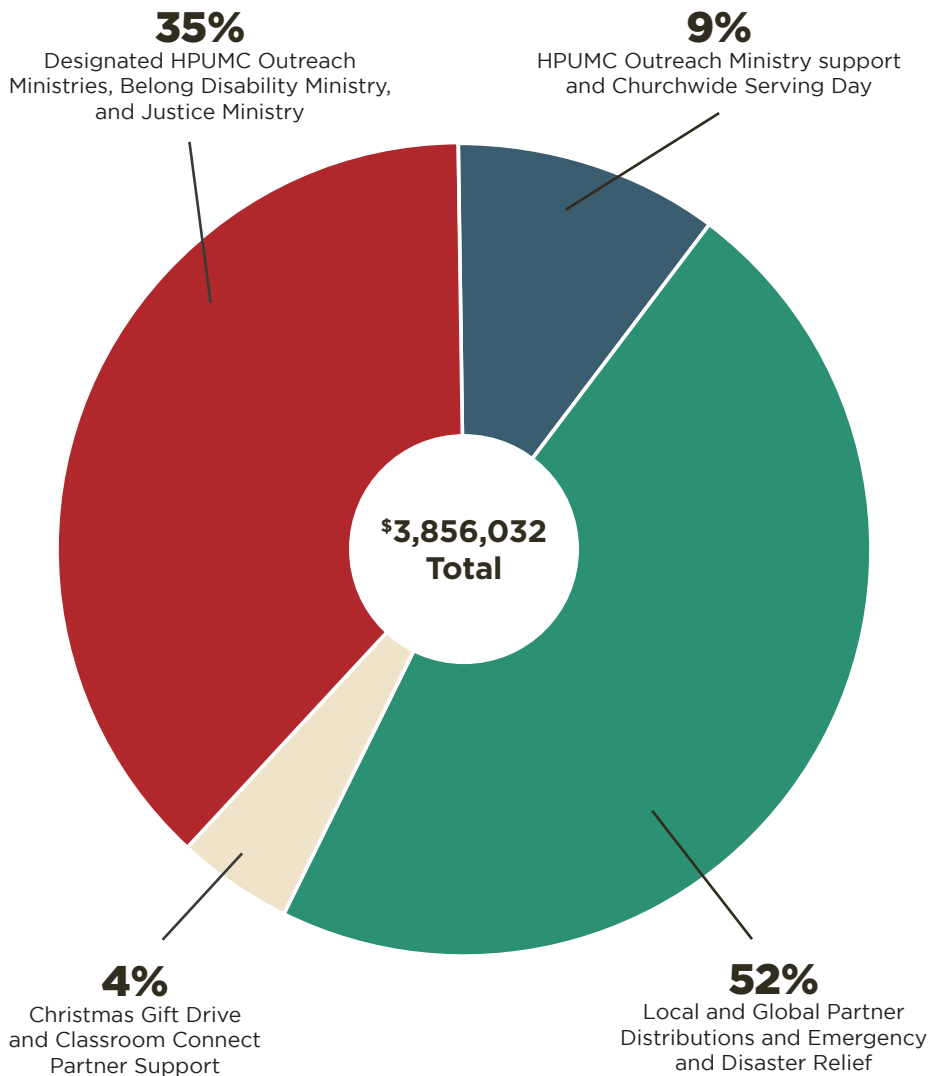


The Music, Arts & Traditional Worship Ministry, **WE SING, WE SERVE** initiative had **135** volunteers assemble thousands of shelf-stable meals for **VNA MEALS-ON-WHEELS** recipients and prepare hundreds of eyeglasses for distribution at the **HAITI EYE CLINIC**.

500

congregants served more than 20 partners throughout Dallas on **CHURCHWIDE SERVING DAY**.

FINANCIAL IMPACT



IMPACT MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP TEAM



MICHELLE COX

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