



HIGHLAND PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# IMPACT REPORT

2021

When 2021 began the world was still in a state of flux due to a global pandemic, and Texas was about to be hit by a devastating winter storm. By Easter, our congregation was able to come back together for the first time in over a year, celebrating the resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ.

Now as we look back on this most recent year, we relish in all we have accomplished for our community, both in Dallas and abroad. We leaned into our mission and accomplished our goals to make an impact by fighting poverty, promoting justice, and serving others.

We also know that none of this would have been possible without your generous support. From the countless hours spent volunteering, to your generous gifts, you made it possible to grow our ministries, expand our partnerships, and give back in tangible ways to our communities in Dallas and around the world.

Thank you for helping us transform our church, community, and the world!

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Rasmussen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rev. Paul Rasmussen  
Senior Minister



# **OUR APPROACH**



**MISSION:** Engage people to fight poverty, promote justice, and serve others.

**VISION:** A dedicated and mobilized community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, making a significant, sustainable impact in our church, in our city, and in our world in the name of Jesus Christ.

# LOCAL OUTREACH:



# GLOBAL OUTREACH:



# IMPACT TEAM

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**OUR  
PARTNERS**

4

**HPUMC  
OUTREACH  
MINISTRIES**

23

**LOCAL  
PARTNERS**

7

**GLOBAL  
PARTNERS**



## **CARPENTERS FOR CHRIST:**

Carpenters for Christ, a ministry of HPUMC since 1995, has made the largest commitment to Habitat for Humanity of any single congregation in the world. Now, in the midst of our 122<sup>nd</sup> local build, we continue to lift families out of poverty by helping to provide decent and affordable housing, while building a community of servant leaders.



## **HAITI PARTNERSHIP:**

As our longest-standing global outreach ministry, the Haiti Partnership has sent over 80 mission teams to the region of Petit-Goâve, where the Siloé Clinic was established. While travel halted in 2020 due to COVID-19, we continue to support the clinic and its staff, mobile medical outreach, feeding programs for the region, disaster assistance, and more.

## **CHURCH AT THE SQUARE:**

Church at the Square (CATS) is a multicultural, spirit-filled service aimed at serving and helping our neighbors living in and around the Cottages at Hickory Crossing; however, it is open to ALL. Each Sunday, we worship, participate in Communion, and share a meal together. CATS is an important part of our work to alleviate spiritual and asset poverty in Dallas, and through this ministry we bring help to meet the physical needs of our neighbors, and hope through faith in Jesus Christ.

## **CAMP-TO-CAREER:**

This program focuses on every stage of a student's progression, while helping them to become deeply rooted in the Christian faith. Starting at age nine, participants attend an annual faith-based summer camp where they develop and grow relationships with faithful leaders and peers. Students and families are then supported throughout the years and offered tools to help with a successful transition into adulthood. Programs include counseling for post high school education, college exploratory trips, application fees and dorm setup, mentoring and an internship program.



## **AFRICA UNIVERSITY:**

This United Methodist University offers a world-class education to 1,400 students from 25 countries. Graduates gain a foundation of self-sufficiency and provide leadership for the church as well as business and government entities throughout the continent.

## **COSTA RICA:**

HPUMC has established deep roots in Costa Rica through our partnership with the Methodist Church of Costa Rica and Missionaries Ray and Lidia Zirkel. The Methodist Children's home serves as a refuge for children in need of a safe, loving, Christian environment to call Home, and we have just dedicated the multipurpose building now serving as a school for the children on campus. The Wesley Medical Clinic in Puerto Viejo provides care to residents who otherwise have no access to physicians, referrals, or pharmaceuticals. HPUMC is also blessed to provide support to projects prioritized by small, rural congregations and construction teams will be returning to some of those churches this year.



# HPUMC PARTNERS BY AREA OF FOCUS

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, and Impact team have chosen to focus efforts on three specific areas of need 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.

*\*The health category includes programs that provide medical care or address food insecurity to enhance nutrition.*

<b>PARTNER</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>HOUSING</b>	<b>HEALTH</b>
<b>HPUMC OUTREACH MINISTRIES</b>			
Camp-to-Career			
Church At The Square			
Carpenters for Christ			
Haiti Partnership			
<b>GLOBAL PARTNERS</b>			
Africa University			
Arise Africa			
Food for the Poor			
Habitat for Humanity International			
Heart to Heart International			
Lydia Patterson Institute			
Methodist Children's Home (Costa Rica)			
Wesley Clinic (Costa Rica)			
Missionary Support (Costa Rica)			

<b>PARTNER</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>HOUSING</b>	<b>HEALTH</b>
<b>LOCAL PARTNERS</b>			
Agape Clinic			
Austin Street Center			
Christ's Foundry Mission			
CitySquare			
Community Partners of Dallas			
Crossroads Community Services			
Dickinson Place			
Exodus Ministries			
Genesis Women's Shelter & Support			
Grace Road: New Life Family Charity			
Heart House			
Love Ministries			
North Dallas Shared Ministries			
One Man's Treasure			
Open Door Preschool			
Project Transformation			
Promise House			
St. Philip's School			
Turner 12			
United to Learn			
VNA/Meals on Wheels			
Wesley-Rankin Community Center			
Wilkinson Center			



**OUR  
IMPACT**

# OUR RESPONSE

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## COVID-19:



Organizations HPUMC collaborated with during pandemic.

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Meals provided to local organizations.

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Responded to COVID related learning loss through our partnership with United to Learn.

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Equipped the Siloé Clinic to continue providing care to our neighbors in Haiti.

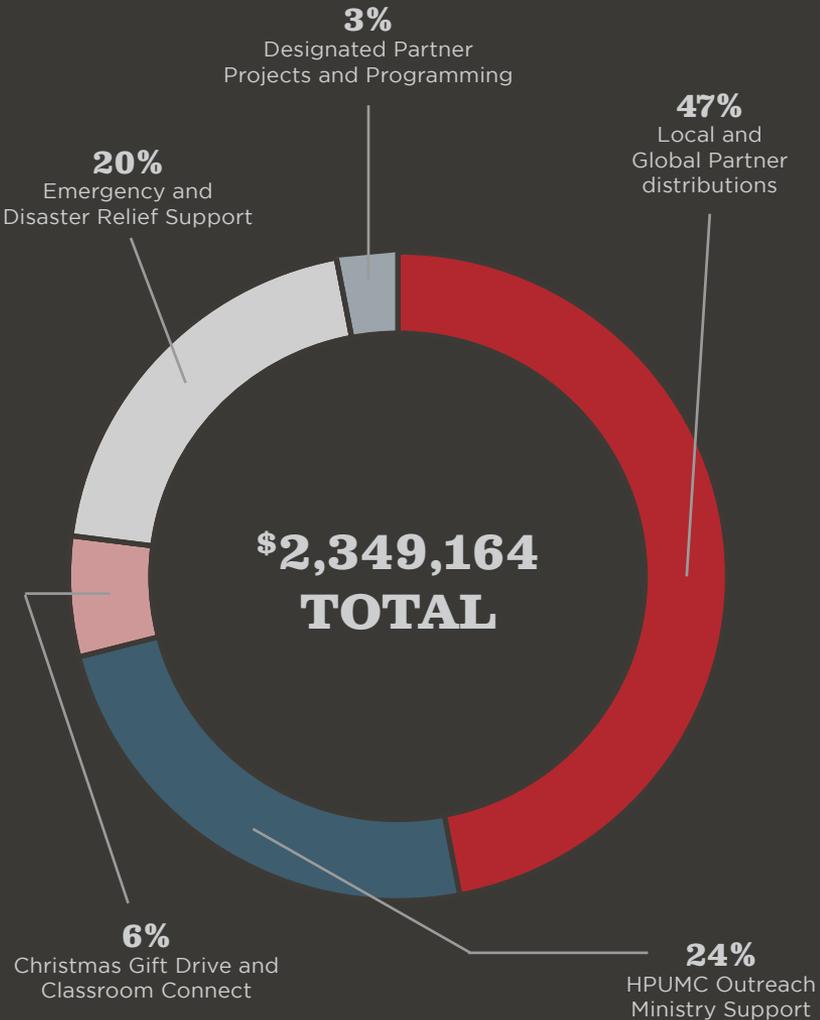
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## EMERGENCY & DISASTER RESPONSE:

In addition to continuing COVID-19 relief efforts, HPUMC responded to other urgent needs throughout the year.

- Winter Storm Uri
- Earthquake in Southern Haiti
- Tornadoes in Kentucky and Tennessee

# FINANCIAL IMPACT:



# OUR GOALS

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Fighting poverty is one of HPUMC's core priorities, and we truly believe the local church can make a significant impact by working strategically through our own ministries and partnerships. The goals and 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!

1

**INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PROVIDE EMERGENCY SHELTER, ASSIST TRANSITION TO PERMANENT HOUSING.**



## CARPENTERS FOR CHRIST

**121**

Number of homes built since program commenced in 1995.

**\$9M**

Total investment into builds since 1995.

**13**

Homes built in Zambia in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity in 2021.



Contributed to the development of sustainable rapid and emergency housing for Dallas homeless communities through Austin Street Center.

2

**REDUCE BARRIERS TO EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS.**

**960**

Students at KB Polk and Charles Rice elementary schools received enhanced educational and developmental services through Classroom Connect.

**\$10K**

Contributed to the expansion of Pocketwise Prep – a Habitat for Humanity program teaching financial literacy to students of all ages.

**\$66K**

Contributed to scholarships allowing student at Lydia Patterson Institute (El Paso, TX) and Africa University (Zimbabwe), to access education that would otherwise be out of their reach.

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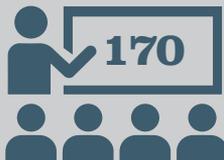
**ENCOURAGE UNITY AND STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS WITH PARTNERS PROMOTING RACIAL JUSTICE.**

**116**

Congregants took a deeper dive into their own personal cultural journey through classes and small groups.

**105**

Participants attended the Together We Dine – a partnership between HPUMC, St. Luke “Community” UMC, and Project Unity to help open up lines of communication on race relations.



Number of staff receiving racial diversity, equity, and inclusion training to deepen their understanding and help educate our community.

4

**PROVIDE ACCESS TO QUALITY,  
AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE AND  
NUTRITIOUS FOODS.**

**17,000**

Patient visits provided without restrictions or fees at the Agape Clinic.

**12M**

Pounds of food distributed to neighbors in need through Crossroads Community Services.

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**CONNECT HPUMC CONGREGANTS WITH  
OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE AND  
SERVE THE COMMUNITY.**



**192**

Hours congregants volunteered tutoring local youth at Rice & Polk Elementary Schools.



**3,000**

Meals provided annually to 250 homeless neighbors at Austin Street Center.



**350+**

Volunteers mobilized to serve across Dallas during HPUMC's annual Churchwide Serving Day.



**125**

Volunteers connecting in-person and virtually with homebound seniors through the Meals on Wheels program.



## **IMPACT COMMITTEE:**

### **MEMBERS**

John Croft  
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Cheri Whitten  
Kevin Bowen  
Mike Dombrowski  
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Amy Pratt  
Duncan Fulton  
Caroline Nowlin  
Mary Martha Pickens  
Carter Thomas — Chair Elect  
Frank Lloyd  
Dan Mulford  
Sarah Puckett  
Karen Rogers

### **REPRESENTATIVES**

Kevin Bowen — Past Chair  
Ed Wilson — Carpenters for Christ  
Susan Brooks — Haiti Partnership

## **HELP MAKE AN IMPACT!**

Whether it's giving of your time or making a donation, you can make an impact in Dallas and around the world with your generosity.



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# IMPACT

● FIGHT POVERTY ● PROMOTE JUSTICE ● SERVE OTHERS

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