



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

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It is an honor to take this opportunity to introduce you to several corporate sponsors for the 2016 General Conference. Our goal is the same as yours – to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. These programs provide opportunities for churches to focus on disciple making and transforming the world by increasing funds for ministry. One way we can do that is to enter into covenant agreements with reputable, vetted organizations that can provide services we are all seeking in our day-to-day operations in the church where we serve. GCFA is dedicated to finding ways we can impact our ministries by reducing administrative costs at all levels of The United Methodist Church.

Information on three organizations is presented to you in this package: Vanco Services, LLC, UMCMarket, and Cost Stewardship

Vanco Services, LLC is the payment processor vetted by GCFA in 2002. The initial service provided automatic drafting from the accounts of church members to help regularly fund the ministries of the local church. Vanco and GCFA have recently developed a giving app, Easy2Give, which will provide an opportunity for members and visitors to donate to local churches that are using the Vanco services for bank drafts. The app is currently available at Easy2Give.net for Android mobile devices. The iOS system will be available at the end of the year. Churches benefit when donors are able to automatically and regularly give even when they are not there.

UMCmarket is the uniquely designed portal that allows persons who already shop online to generate a donation to their local church (and other United Methodist groups – like Wesley Foundations, the Advance, Africa University and others). By shopping any time in the year, United Methodists generate a donation given by the vendor/store to their local church and at the same time increasing funding for ministry.

Through Cost Stewardship, churches have the opportunity to receive refunds on healthcare fees that have been paid. Cost Stewardship will do the research and work to discover any unknown refunds or abandoned funds that may be due back to the church. Churches benefit when the funds are recouped—providing additional monies for ministry programs.

We hope that you will take an opportunity to explore these ways of increasing funding to your individual ministries through cost savings and generating donations. If you have additional questions, contact information for each program is included in the enclosed flyers.

Thank you for your work in the ministries of your local church.

Together in ministry,

A. Moses Rathan Kumar

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Find Your Church



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Shop online at your favorite stores and a percentage will be given to your ministry.

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BROTHERS.**

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**1-800
flowers.com**

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Belly**

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Center**

DaySpring

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grocery

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expect great things

KAY
JEWELERS

GROUPON

LOWE'S

JCPenney

JARED
The Galleria Of Jewelry

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Columbia

CALENDARS
COM

BARNES & NOBLE

Melissa & Doug

FOSSIL
EST. USA

Brookstone

and hundreds more...

Donation Program Benefits the Church!

UMCmarket, a tremendously rewarding opportunity to earn money for your church, makes it possible to receive donations from your favorite retailers every time someone within the congregation makes an online purchase. The best thing is that the shopping United Methodists were already doing online can now benefit the church as well.



How it Works

Every store at UMCmarket is happy to pay a percentage of the purchased amount as a donation to your church. There is no additional cost or charge for either the church or the shopper. The stores send UMCmarket their contributions within 30-90 days. Once your church reaches \$100 in total donations, a check will be mailed.

Signing Up is Free!

Most churches are already listed at UMCmarket. You and your members can easily sign up for free. When you go to UMCmarket.org, you will click on the **"Get Started"** button. You will simply sign up with your email or through Facebook, find your church, and start shopping and donating. Giving couldn't be easier!

"UMCmarket is an easy way to provide your church with a solution to help achieve your revenue goals and support your ministries."

Moses Kumar, General Secretary of The UMC's General Council on Finance and Administration

"We love it and use it all the time. Even order most of our paper products by the case, shipped free to our door and less expensive than any local store plus earn money for our local Methodist church!"

Sue, Pennsylvania

"Super way to financially help your church. I use it anytime I shop online." *Cheryl, Missouri*

UMCmarket.org

