

## **IGRC ADVANCE SPECIAL DESCRIPTIONS ALPHA ORDER FOR 2021**

**1) Africa University – IGRC FUND 0073**

The mission of Africa University is to provide quality education within a Pan-African context through which persons can acquire general and professional knowledge and skills, grow in spiritual maturity, develop sound moral values, ethics and leadership qualities. For more information go to their website at [www.africau.edu](http://www.africau.edu).

**2) Agape Community Outreach Mission, Kankakee – IGRC FUND 6647**

Gives tangibles to those in need including food, clothing, furniture, household items, bus tokens, help with utilities, etc. Also, helps people with contacts of other services that are available. This ministry is supported by a-number of UMCs in the area. For more information, please contact Deborah Dodt at [executivedirector@acom-inc.org](mailto:executivedirector@acom-inc.org).

**3) Alain Rocourt Endowment Fund – IGRC FUND 6700**

Exists to support Methodist schools in Haiti, training and pay for teachers, funding for children's tuition and feeding students who would otherwise go hungry. For more information, please contact Jame Hahs at [jamehahs@gmail.com](mailto:jamehahs@gmail.com).

**4) Alton Memorial Hospital Chaplaincy Program – IGRC FUND 0040**

Ministry provides for hospital staff, patients and families mercy, compassion, and advocacy in times of need. For more information contact Chaplain Sara Dierker at [sara.dierker@bjc.org](mailto:sara.dierker@bjc.org).

**5) Asbury's Children's Supper Hour, Springfield – IGRC FUND 6460**

Services children with nutritious meals, distributes clothes & shoes, distributes school supplies, assists with homework, and provides a safe environment in the midst of the neighborhood violence. Most importantly, teaches the children about God's transforming love. For more information contact Connie Doolin at [Connie.doolin494@gmail.com](mailto:Connie.doolin494@gmail.com) or [info@asburycsh.org](mailto:info@asburycsh.org).

**6) Austin's Place Emergency Overnight Shelter for Women, Champaign – IGRC FUND 6161**

Austin's Place is the only emergency shelter for single women in Champaign County. It operates only on volunteer effort – from volunteers who stay overnight, transport guests, do laundry, make phone calls, advertise, collect donations, etc. Austin's Place is a ministry of Champaign First UMC. For more information go to their website at [www.shelter-austinsplace.weebly.com](http://www.shelter-austinsplace.weebly.com) or email [AustinsPlace@champaignfumc.org](mailto:AustinsPlace@champaignfumc.org).

**7) Beulah Camp Program/Improvement – IGRC FUND 6810**

Supports the Beulah camping program and the continued improvement of the physical site and facilities of Beulah Holiness Camp in El Dorado, IL. To learn more visit [www.beulahholinesscamp.org](http://www.beulahholinesscamp.org) or contact Board President Bob Souders at [revsouders57@gmail.com](mailto:revsouders57@gmail.com)

**8) Bridges East St. Louis – IGRC FUND 6515**

Provides lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays and supports a food pantry. Also, provides door-to-door lunch delivery to elderly who need assistance. This is a ministry of Trinity UMC. For more information contact Elizabeth Tolson at [owluvya@aol.com](mailto:owluvya@aol.com).

**9) Building Materials IGRC Mission Liberia Teams/Projects/New Hope – IGRC FUND 6660**

Provides building materials (roofing, timber, windows, doors, etc.) for designated churches and schools in Liberia. For more information contact Gene Turner at [pastorgene@sjumchurch.org](mailto:pastorgene@sjumchurch.org).

**10) CASA of Franklin County, Benton – IGRC FUND 6053**

CASA advocates focus on the best interest of foster children to ensure educational, medical, spiritual, emotional, basic and safety needs. Advocates serve as liaison, voice and overall advocate of child in and out of court while in transition of foster care. United Methodists in this area serve as advocates, board members and support CASA financially. For more information go to their website at [www.casafranklincounty.org](http://www.casafranklincounty.org) or contact Mariah Hayes at [mariah@casafranklincounty.org](mailto:mariah@casafranklincounty.org).

**11) CASA of Macon County – IGRC FUND 6055**

Supports and promotes court-appointed advocates for abused or neglected children in order to provide children with a safe and healthy environment in permanent homes. Relies on community volunteers to act as a voice in court for abused and neglected children to safeguard the children's best interests and ensure that they are placed in safe homes as quickly as possible. For more information go to the website at [www.maconcountycasa.org](http://www.maconcountycasa.org) or contact Julia Roundtree Livingston at [jlivingston@maconcountycasa.org](mailto:jlivingston@maconcountycasa.org).

**12) CASA of Southwestern Illinois, Belleville – IGRC FUND 6045**

Advocates for abused and neglected children through collaboration with various community agencies, public and private funds, local business and judicial officials in order to end systemic cycles of abuse for the future generation. This agency is supported by O'Fallon First UMC. For more information go their website at [www.casaofswil.org](http://www.casaofswil.org) or contact Mechiko White at [Mechiko.casa@gmail.org](mailto:Mechiko.casa@gmail.org).

**13) Central Illinois Foodbank, Inc., Springfield – IGRC FUND 6370**

Central Illinois Foodbank gives food assistance throughout central and southern Illinois. Each year the foodbank and partner agencies serve nearly 100,000 individuals including over 30,000 children. Several United Methodist churches financially support this ministry. For more information go to their website at [www.centralilfoodbank.org](http://www.centralilfoodbank.org) or Pam Molitoris at [pmolitoris@centralilfoodbank.org](mailto:pmolitoris@centralilfoodbank.org).

**14) Chaddock, Quincy – IGRC FUND 0043**

Chaddock is a leader in the treatment of children suffering from the psychological, emotional, and spiritual effects of significant abuse, neglect and trauma. Our full range of preventative, educational and treatment services to children from birth to age 21 and their families include community-based services, a special education school, in-home intensive programs and residential treatment. For more information go to their website at [www.chaddock.org](http://www.chaddock.org).

**15) Choisser Kitchen, Eldorado – IGRC FUND 6455**

Ministry feeds hungry adults and children of Eldorado and the county. Without this ministry several members of the community would not have a hot meal three days a week. Several United Methodist Churches in the area help by volunteering and with finances. For more information contact Chris Wise at [cwisestl@gmail.com](mailto:cwisestl@gmail.com).

**16) Churches United of the Quad Cities – IGRC FUND 6120**

The mission is to serve the community, revitalize the Church and celebrate Christian unity. Ministry is the largest provider of free food in the bi-county area. It provides emergency financial assistance

to households and has an emergency shelter for women. For more information go their website at [www.cugca.org](http://www.cugca.org).

**17) Common Place Family Learning Center, Peoria – IGRC FUND 6210**

Human service literacy organization with a mission to embrace diversity and improve lives through education and family support. Literacy programs for all ages plus provision of basic needs, strengthening the well-being of individuals, families and community. Several UMC churches provide financial and volunteer assistance to this organization. For more information, please contact Pamela Rumba at [Pamela.rumba@commonplacepeoria.org](mailto:Pamela.rumba@commonplacepeoria.org).

**18) Community Resource & Learning Center, Moline – IGRC FUND 6280**

Provides English lessons, Adult Basic Education and GED opportunities to immigrants and those in need. Offers free children's classes while the parent is attending classes. For more information contact Rev. Michael Swartz at [michael@fccmoline.org](mailto:michael@fccmoline.org).

**19) Community Table, Sandoval—IGRC FUND 6133**

The primary purpose of this ministry is to reach out to the community in God's Love and to feed all that attend a hot meal once a week. The Village of Sandoval has 1/3 of its population living below the Federal poverty level. Ministry is an outreach of the Sandoval UMC. For more information contact Alli/Carole Jourdan at [Jour1961@frontiernet.net](mailto:Jour1961@frontiernet.net).

**20) Compass for Kids, Springfield – IGRC FUND 6500**

Serves low-income kids from Dubois Elementary with a high-quality program where the kids receive love, mentoring, social-emotional and academic support, healthy meals and find a place where they belong. Founded as a ministry of Douglas Avenue UMC and has now grown to be an independent not-for-profit organization, Compass for Kids. For more information go to the website at [www.compass4kids.org](http://www.compass4kids.org) or contact Molly Berendt at [molly@compass4kids.org](mailto:molly@compass4kids.org).

**21) Conference Camps – IGRC FUND 6805**

Supports the Illinois Great Rivers Conference Camping and Retreat Ministries fulfill their mission to connect people, nature, and Christ for the transformation of the world. All funds utilized for special projects are approved by the Commission on Camping and Retreat Ministries. To learn more, visit [www.igrcamps.com](http://www.igrcamps.com) or email the camping office at [camping@igrc.org](mailto:camping@igrc.org).

**22) Conference Disaster Response Assistance –IGRC FUND 6800**

The Disaster Response Ministry aims to provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of a natural or human-caused disaster. This fund gives us resources to meet the community's short-term needs and work with local partners towards recovery and reconstruction for long-term needs. For more information contact Curt Franklin at [cfranklin@igrc.org](mailto:cfranklin@igrc.org).

**23) Cunningham Children's Home, Urbana – IGRC FUND 6030**

Serves the need of children with emotional, behavioral and special educational needs. Providing comprehensive services including residential treatment, special education and community-based services, Cunningham transforms lives by helping youth and families reach their potential. Cunningham is supported by numerous UMC's throughout the conference. For more information go to their website at [www.cunninghamhome.org](http://www.cunninghamhome.org) or contact Marlin Livingston at [mlivingston@cunninghamhome.org](mailto:mlivingston@cunninghamhome.org).

**24) Dayspring United Methodist Church, East Peoria – IGRC FUND 6470**

A Christ-following, Bible-believing faith community that embraces Native American traditional practices as an expression of love, relationship, and connection to Creator. For more information go to [www.dayspringnaumc.com](http://www.dayspringnaumc.com).

**25) Disciple Bible Outreach – IGRC FUND 6165**

Develops and strengthens DISCIPLE Bible study ministries in local churches and in outreach settings – especially prisons – which will transform lives, make disciples and empower Christians for outreach ministry. Prison ministry is a long-term need of every prison community. This ministry is supported by local UMC congregations. For more information, please contact Beth Fender at [bfender@igrc.org](mailto:bfender@igrc.org).

**26) Dove Inc., Decatur – IGRC FUND 6290**

Coalition of religious organizations that seeks to coordinate efforts to address unmet human needs and social injustices. Provides clothing, food pantry, domestic violence shelter, homelessness services, prevention programs and neighborhood unity. This ministry is supported by several United Methodist Churches. For more information please check the website at [www.doveinc.org](http://www.doveinc.org) or contact Tamara Wilcox at [twilcox@doveinc.org](mailto:twilcox@doveinc.org).

**27) Eagle House Ministries, Buncombe – IGRC FUND 6020**

Serves the community's, physical, spiritual, and emotional needs throughout the year. Gives help to low-income individuals, families and elderly with services and physical needs. Also provides spiritual needs through the weekly Sold Out Youth Services, weekly Juvenile Detention Ministry, yearly Discipleship Footsteps Conference, Rekindling the Spirit Youth Rallies and Live Nativity at the City Park. For more information go to their website at [www.eaglehouseministries.com](http://www.eaglehouseministries.com) or contact Daniel Money at [daniel@eaglehouseministries.com](mailto:daniel@eaglehouseministries.com).

**28) East Bay Camp Facility & Maintenance – IGRC FUND 6840**

Provides funding for special projects that maintain, update, and repair sites and facilities that are necessary outside of normal operating expenses. Funds in this account are typically utilized for larger planned and unplanned upgrades as approved by the Commission on Camping and Retreat Ministries. To learn more, visit [www.igrcamps.com](http://www.igrcamps.com) or email the camping office at [camping@igrc.org](mailto:camping@igrc.org).

**29) East Bay Camp Equipment – IGRC FUND 6845**

Provides funding for equipment related expenses which could include maintenance, repairs, and replacement that are deemed necessary outside of normal operating expenses. Funds in this account are typically utilized for larger planned and unplanned upgrades as approved by the Commission on Camping and Retreat Ministries. To learn more, visit [www.igrcamps.com](http://www.igrcamps.com) or email the camping office at [camping@igrc.org](mailto:camping@igrc.org).

**30) East Bay Camp Master Plan – IGRC FUND 6855**

Supports the continued work of revitalizing East Bay Camp through funding capital projects that connect with the Camping and Retreat Ministry's master plan. Funds in this account are specific to Master Plan Capital projects as approved by the Commission on Camping and Retreat Ministries. To learn more, visit [www.igrcamps.com](http://www.igrcamps.com) or email the camping office at [camping@igrc.org](mailto:camping@igrc.org).

**31) East Bay/Mom & Me Camp – IGRC FUND 6870**

Mom & Me Camp is a volunteer driven ministry in partnership with East Bay Camp that connects children to their incarcerated mothers. While at camp children participate in a day-camp program at local prisons with their mothers and return to camp each evening to experience a variety of camp activities at East Bay. To learn more contact Lea Schuler at [lschuler@igrc.org](mailto:lschuler@igrc.org).

**32) East Bay Program – IGRC FUND 6835**

Supports the programs of East Bay Camp and provides funding for specialized equipment, program components, training, and materials used to expand program offerings for campers and guests that are deemed necessary, but outside of normal operating expenses. Funds in this account are typically utilized for larger planned and unplanned upgrades as approved by the Commission on Camping and Retreat Ministries. To learn more, visit [www.igrcamps.com](http://www.igrcamps.com) or email the camping office at [camping@igrc.org](mailto:camping@igrc.org).

**33) Eastern Illinois University Wesley Foundation, Charleston – IGRC FUND 0050**

An inclusive community of young adults living out faith together through worship, pray, service, and community from the Eastern Illinois University, Lakeland Community College, and Charleston area. For more information go to the website at <http://eiuwesley.org> or contact Rev. Betzy Elifrits Warren at [betzy@eiu.org](mailto:betzy@eiu.org).

**34) empty tomb, inc., Champaign – IGRC FUND 6160**

This ministry is a Christian service and research organization serves the church providing both a financial discipleship strategy and information about church giving patterns on a national level. Provides opportunities for volunteers to become involved in meeting various needs in Jesus' name. For more information go to their website at [www.emptytomb.org](http://www.emptytomb.org) or contact Shannon Cook at [info@emptytomb.org](mailto:info@emptytomb.org).

**35) Evenglow Lodge, Pontiac – IGRC FUND 0044**

Evenglow is a Continuing Care Retirement Community that is located in the heart of downtown Pontiac, IL. Evenglow is a non-profit, faith-based organization that has a mission to "offer a continuum of retirement choices and services in a Christian environment." For more information go their website at [www.evenglowlodge.org](http://www.evenglowlodge.org).

**36) Fair Hope Children's Ministry, Danville – IGRC FUND 6085**

Provides clothing, school supplies, baby needs such as blankets, layettes, Pack-N-Plays, car seats, etc. The ministry has been far reaching and continues to grow as the needs of the Danville community call for the love of God to be manifest in the mercy and compassion shown through the Fair Hope Ministry. For more information go to their website at [www.fairhopedanville.org](http://www.fairhopedanville.org) or contact Karel Volpert at [karelvolpert@gmail.com](mailto:karelvolpert@gmail.com).

**37) Family Life Shelter, Mount Vernon – IGRC FUND 6101**

Ministry operates a warming center from November – March providing a warm place to stay, three meals a day, shower access and clean laundry. Ministry is supported by West Salem Trinity, Epworth and Mount Vernon First UMC. For more information contact Kent Jackson at [thejaxon03@gmail.com](mailto:thejaxon03@gmail.com).

**38) Family Mission Fund, Manito – IGRC FUND 6090**

Financial assistance with housing, utilities, transportation and financial counseling. Family Mission Fund is a ministry of the Manito UMC. For more information go to their website at [www.manitocumc.com](http://www.manitocumc.com) or contact Margery Howard at [stmplady44@gmail.com](mailto:stmplady44@gmail.com).

**39) Feeding God's People, Peoria – IGRC FUND 6050**

Provides food, clothes, limited emergency living assistance and other much needed special projects. Also, provides a place of comfort and care through the ministry of the church. Program operates out of Peoria Bethel UMC. For more information contact Linda John at [Ljohn03@comcast.net](mailto:Ljohn03@comcast.net).

**40) Fellowship of the Way – IGRC FUND 6705**

A new faith community designed to reach the cultural diversity in the community. Rev. James Fielder is the planting pastor. For more information, email [jfielder@highercallingleadership.com](mailto:jfielder@highercallingleadership.com).

**41) Friends of Jesus Food Pantry, Equality – IGRC FUND 6140**

Serves those who need food assistance in the Gallatin/Saline County area. Both counties have a higher-than-average poverty rate. Food pantry is based at the Equality UMC and is supported by Eldorado First, Ridgeway and Wesley Chapel UMC. For more information, please contact Donna Lane at [donna.a.lane@gmail.com](mailto:donna.a.lane@gmail.com).

**42) FROG'n'DAWG, Sumner – IGRC FUND 6195**

Once-a-week program on Thursday evenings that meets physical, social and emotional needs of children in the area. Also, provides breakfast on Sunday mornings. This is a ministry of the Sumner UMC. For more information contact Brad & Jennifer Schilt at [jschilt@cusd10.org](mailto:jschilt@cusd10.org).

**43) Ganta Mission Agriculture Project, Liberia – IGRC FUND 6985**

Project helps to rebuild the once thriving hog and chicken production on Ganta Mission Station. The cost per chicken and hog also provides the buildings, supplies, personnel & security. For more information contact Gene Turner at [pastorgene@sjumchurch.org](mailto:pastorgene@sjumchurch.org).

**44) Good Samaritan Inn, Decatur – IGRC FUND 6170**

Creates opportunities with the support of the community toward improving the lives of the economically disadvantaged neighbors through daily nourishment, life skills education and job training programs. Offers a nutritious noon meal in a safe environment 365 days a year and is an entry point for the job skills training programs. For more information go to their website at [www.goodsamaritaninn.org](http://www.goodsamaritaninn.org) or contact Cindy Jackson at [director@goodsamaritaninn.org](mailto:director@goodsamaritaninn.org).

**45) Good Samaritan Ministries, Carbondale – IGRC FUND 6410**

Provides shelter, food and advocacy for homeless, near homeless and transient individuals and families. Offers an emergency shelter, referral service and counseling, a transitional housing program, a food pantry, a soup kitchen and an emergency assistance program. For more information go their website at [www.goodsamcarbondale.org](http://www.goodsamcarbondale.org) or contact Patty Mullen at [goodsam@mchsi.com](mailto:goodsam@mchsi.com).

**46) Grace UMC Community Ministries, Decatur – IGRC FUND 6190**

Serves children in first through fifth grade and their families in the church & neighborhood. Ministry gives a weekly opportunity to express the love of Jesus to our hurting neighbors. This is a ministry of Decatur Grace UMC. For more information contact Valerie Pries at [valerie@decaturgrace.org](mailto:valerie@decaturgrace.org).

**47) Greater Marion/Hispanic NCS – IGRC FUND 6755**

Led by Rev. Rocio Reyes Williams, this new start offers bilingual ministry to reach Hispanics and Anglos. For more information go to [www.churroschocolate.com](http://www.churroschocolate.com)

**48) Harvest Ministry, Troy – IGRC FUND 6340**

The mission of Harvest is to help the church make disciples by inviting young adults to partner in teams leading worship, concerts, special events, camps & retreats. Ministry is closely connected to Troy UMC. For more information go their website at [www.harvestministryteams.com](http://www.harvestministryteams.com) or contact Tim Price at [tim@troyumc.org](mailto:tim@troyumc.org).

**49) Home Sweet Home Ministries, Inc., Bloomington – IGRC FUND 0098**

Provides case management and other supportive services to the homeless such as shelter, hot meals, access to clothing, toiletries and job training. Helps people find independence, restore their hope and share the love of Jesus Christ with them. Numerous UMCs in the area support this ministry both financially and by volunteering. For more information go to the website at [www.hshministries.org](http://www.hshministries.org) or contact Mary Ann Pullin at [mpullin@hshministries.org](mailto:mpullin@hshministries.org).

**50) Hope Ministries, Geff – IGRC FUND 6425**

Provides the needs of people in the community and surrounding area by providing food, clothing, furniture, toiletries and household items. Gives hope by meeting physical and spiritual needs. For more information contact Richard Brown at [oakvalleyfwb@gmail.com](mailto:oakvalleyfwb@gmail.com).

**51) Illinois State University Wesley Foundation, Normal – IGRC FUND 0048**

Merge at ISU Wesley exists to enable students to experience God and become disciples of Jesus Christ. This is a place for college students to belong, figure out what they believe, and become who God is calling them to become through small groups, worship, prayer, community, and missions. For more information go to the website [isuwesley.org](http://isuwesley.org) or contact Rev. Roxy DeLong at [roxy@isumerge.org](mailto:roxy@isumerge.org).

**52) Illinois Wesleyan University Student Fellowship, Bloomington – IGRC FUND 0052**

Coordinated by the Office of Multifaith Engagement, the Student Fellowship provides a venue for asking meaningful questions about who we are and what we are for. For more information visit <https://www.iwu.edu/multifaith/>.

**53) IGRC Intern Program – IGRC FUND 6950**

Conference ministry that develops a culture of call and develops the leadership skills of those who believe themselves to be called to ministry. Not only impacts the interns but host churches report new energy for ministry and new enthusiasm as-a-result of the leadership provided by IGRC interns. Ministry is supported by both the conference and host churches. For more information, please contact Beth Fender at [bfender@igrc.org](mailto:bfender@igrc.org).

**54) ILCAAAP/Illinois Churches in Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems, Springfield – IGRC FUND 0076**

Programming includes help for prevention, education, training, tools and support for youth through senior citizens to fight addiction. Provides educational materials, resource information and assistance to churches, grassroots groups and individuals who are opposing casinos, video gambling and marijuana business in their communities. Many United Methodist Churches in the conference

support this ministry. For more information go to the website at [www.ilcaaap.org](http://www.ilcaaap.org) or contact Anita Bedell at [ilcaaap@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ilcaaap@sbcglobal.net).

**55) Jesus Es El Senor, Cobden – IGRC FUND 6200**

This ministry originally started to reach migrant farm workers. As the permanent Hispanic population grew, Jesus es el Senor has continued to engage in ministry throughout the southern Illinois region. For more information, contact the church at [jeesumc@gmail.com](mailto:jeesumc@gmail.com).

**56) Jesus Love Korean Ministry, Urbana – IGRC FUND 6630**

This faith community reaches Korean residents and students at the University of Illinois. Each fall they do significant outreach to connect with new students. For more information, contact Rev. Daewook Kim at [daewook486@gmail.com](mailto:daewook486@gmail.com).

**57) Kids Club & Youth Group, Mt. Vernon – IGRC FUND 6155**

Provides a safe environment for children and youth to have a meal, enjoy fellowship and be introduced to a relationship with Jesus Christ. This is a ministry of the West Salem Trinity UMC. For more information go to their website at [www.wstumc.com](http://www.wstumc.com) or contact Jacqueline Withrow at [jacque@wstumc.com](mailto:jacque@wstumc.com).

**58) Kids' Quest, Bluford – IGRC FUND 6205**

Kids' Quest Is the only Christian outreach ministry geared toward the children & youth of the Bluford community. Meets every Thursday after school for Bible lesson, craft, game, and light supper. This is a ministry of Otterbein UMC in Bluford and Mount Vernon First UMC. For more information contact Gina Ellis at [gina@mountvernonfirst.org](mailto:gina@mountvernonfirst.org).

**59) Kofi Asmah UM School, West Point Liberia – IGRC FUND 6990**

John Kofi Asmah UMC School is-located-in the West Point section of Monrovia, Liberia. Funds are used for the building and furnishings of the school. For more information, please contact Gene Turner at [pastorgene@sjumchurch.org](mailto:pastorgene@sjumchurch.org).

**60) Kumler UMC Outreach Ministries, Springfield – IGRC FUND 6270**

Ministry includes food pantry, clothing closet, weekly community meal and prescription assistance. Resource that connects people with other services/programs in the community. This is a ministry of Kumler UMC and is supported by several churches throughout the area. For more information go to the website at [www.kumlerministries.net](http://www.kumlerministries.net) or contact Sharon Brown at [kumlerumc@hotmail.com](mailto:kumlerumc@hotmail.com).

**61) Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House Inc. – IGRC FUND 6150**

Multi-purpose, faith-based community center in relationship with the United Methodist Church. Our mission is to empower individuals and families to move out of poverty and achieve self-sufficiency. We aim to assure that a new generation of children has the support needed to be successful in school and in life. For more information go the website at [www.lessiebatesdavis.org](http://www.lessiebatesdavis.org).

**62) Little Grassy Camp Equipment – IGRC FUND 6825**

Provides funding for equipment related expenses which could include maintenance, repairs, and replacement that are deemed necessary outside of normal operating expenses. Funds in this account are typically utilized for larger planned and unplanned upgrades as approved by the



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**63) Little Grassy Camp Facility & Maintenance – IGRC FUND 6820**

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**64) Little Grassy Camp Master Plan – IGRC FUND 6865**

Supports the continued work of revitalizing Little Grassy Camp through funding capital projects that connect with the Camping and Retreat Ministry's master plan. Funds in this account are specific to Master Plan Capital projects as approved by the Commission on Camping and Retreat Ministries. To learn more, visit [www.igrcamps.com](http://www.igrcamps.com) or email the camping office at [camping@igrc.org](mailto:camping@igrc.org).

**65) Little Grassy Camp Program – IGRC FUND 6815**

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**66) Living the Adventure Ministry, Albion – IGRC FUND 6365**

Works for the transformation of the world through the awakening of the Church, evangelistic preaching and Christian people putting their faith into action through mission experiences around the world. Ministries include mission trips, revivals, retreats, camps, conferences and youth events. This ministry is supported by several United Methodist Churches throughout the conference. For more information go to their website [www.livingtheadventure.net](http://www.livingtheadventure.net) or contact Matt Henson at [matt@livingtheadventure.net](mailto:matt@livingtheadventure.net).

**67) McKendree University Student Ministry, Lebanon – IGRC FUND 0059**

A diverse learning community that seeks to provide a safe, supportive space for growth and development through religious, spiritual, ethical and character development within the McKendree community. For more information visit <https://www.mckendree.edu/student-life/involvement/campus-ministries/>

**68) Midwest Mission Distribution Center, Pawnee – IGRC FUND 6620**

Shows Gods love in practical ways through the distribution of education, health, micro-business and disaster relief supplies meeting basic human needs around the world and around the corner. A "hands-on" mission experience is provided to those who serve at Midwest Mission which brings hope to those receiving supplies. This ministry is supported by numerous United Methodist Churches throughout the conference. For more information go to their website at [www.midwestmission.org](http://www.midwestmission.org) or contact Chantel Corrie at [chantel@midwestmission.org](mailto:chantel@midwestmission.org).

**69) Midwest Sight Foundation, NFP, Decatur – IGRC FUND 6540**

Mission is to educate and screen the public to determine those at risk for glaucoma and other potentially blinding diseases. Reaches out to community members that do not seek eye care in order to educate and screen glaucoma. Ministry takes place at Decatur First UMC. For more information go to the website at [www.midwestsightfoundationnfp.org](http://www.midwestsightfoundationnfp.org) or contact John C. Lee, M.D. at [midwestsightfoundationnfp@gmail.com](mailto:midwestsightfoundationnfp@gmail.com).

**70) Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery, Springfield – IGRC FUND 6080**

Mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing emergency, temporary care, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Provides emergency child-care, crisis counseling, developmental & medical screenings, advocacy, follow up home visits and much more. Ministry is supported by several United Methodist Churches of the area. For more information go to the website at [www.miniobeirne.org](http://www.miniobeirne.org) or contact Jennifer McMillin at [jen@miniobeirne.org](mailto:jen@miniobeirne.org).

**71) New Directions Warming & Cooling Center, Jacksonville – IGRC FUND 6570**

Assists displaced homeless persons in Jacksonville and the surrounding area with their emergency shelter related needs so they can become stable, functioning members of society. This is a ministry of Jacksonville Grace UMC. For more information contact Sarah Robinson at [Newdirections62650@gmail.com](mailto:Newdirections62650@gmail.com).

**72) NOW (Nutrition on Wheels) Program, Robinson – IGRC FUND 6025**

Serves students in the Robinson School District and preschool students in Head Start through the food ministry. Plans are set to expand the summer lunch program to also include the communities of Hutsonville and Oblong. For more information contact Kirbie Ackman at [firstumcrob@gmail.com](mailto:firstumcrob@gmail.com).

**73) Nueva Esperanza, Caseyville – IGRC FUND 6275**

This ministry partners with Caseyville UMC to reach Spanish-speaking individuals and families in the region. The ministry is led by Evaristo Rodriguez ([nuevaesperanzaumc@gmail.com](mailto:nuevaesperanzaumc@gmail.com)).

**74) Nueva Jerusalem, Momence – IGRC FUND 6490**

This Hispanic faith community is reaching to the first and second Hispanic generations in the City of Momence. In partnership with First UMC Momence they are working together to have a safe place for youth and children's ministries. Please email [pastornuevajerusalem@gmail.com](mailto:pastornuevajerusalem@gmail.com) for more information.

**75) Our Conference Our Kids – IGRC FUND 6960**

The churches and people of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church are raising an endowment fund for the spiritual life and chaplaincy programs at our five children's agencies. For more information, please go to the website at: [www.embraceocok.org](http://www.embraceocok.org).

**76) Philippines Partnership – IGRC FUND 7020**

Funding has been used for construction projects on the Island of Palawan, Island of Leyte and Pampanga. For more information contact Rev. Stephen Granadosin at [sgranadosin@igrc.org](mailto:sgranadosin@igrc.org).

**77) Riverside Hispanic Ministry, Moline – IGRC 6563**

This new, growing Hispanic ministry of Moline Riverside UMC is developing worshipping communities in both Moline and Silvis. Rev. Manuel Morales is the planting pastor. For more information contact [rvrsideinfo@mchsi.com](mailto:rvrsideinfo@mchsi.com).

**78) Salt Creek Resource Center, Farmer City – IGRC FUND 6430**

Enriches the lives of the community through clothes closet, food pantry & back-pack program. Ministry is supported by volunteers and donations from area churches, community organizations and businesses. For more information check out their facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Salt-Creek-Resource-Center-104131641389834>.

**79) Sandoval Shalom Community Summer Lunch Program, Sandoval – IGRC FUND 6130**

Provides summer lunches for the children residing in the school district as well as the parents and non-school aged siblings if they desire. This is a ministry of the Sandoval UMC. For more information contact Adam Steinkamp at [Jour1961@frontiernet.net](mailto:Jour1961@frontiernet.net).

**80) Scholarships for Liberia Students in K-12 Grades – IGRC FUND 6995**

Provides hope to children and youth yearning for an education in Liberia. Provides school fees, uniforms, shoes, school supplies and staff support in Liberia to manage the scholarship program. For more information contact Gene Turner at [pastorgene@sjumchurch.org](mailto:pastorgene@sjumchurch.org).

**81) Southern Illinois University Wesley Foundation, Carbondale – IGRC FUND 0056**

A campus ministry serving the students of Southern Illinois to equip them for life-long Christian service through open space to explore their faith and learn what it means to be in relationship with God and others. For more information visit [www.siuwesley.org](http://www.siuwesley.org) or contact Sherry Smedshammer at [srsmedshammer@gmail.com](mailto:srsmedshammer@gmail.com).

**82) Spero Family Services (United Methodist Children's Home), Mt. Vernon – IGRC FUND 0039**

Offers hope, help, and healing by providing Christ-centered human services to meet the ever-changing needs of individuals, families, and communities. For more information check out their website at: [www.sperofs.org](http://www.sperofs.org).

**83) Springfield Grace Community Ministries, Springfield – IGRC FUND 6240**

Designed to offer charitable, benevolent, educational civic and spiritual enrichment opportunities to all persons. Helps to improve educational outcomes of youth participants by providing them with a forum where they can do their schoolwork and get one-on-one help in subject areas that will lead them one step closer to success. For more information contact Lisa Bozeman at [revlbozeman@gmail.com](mailto:revlbozeman@gmail.com).

**84) SPY (Savior Praising Youth), Patoka – IGRC FUND 6065**

Youth program that reaches out to the entire community. The goals of this ministry are to reach, teach and serve God's love to all. This is a ministry of the Patoka UMC. For more information contact Susan Landreth or Theresa Landreth at [landrethbs@yahoo.com](mailto:landrethbs@yahoo.com).

**85) Summer Camp Scholarships, Conference Wide – IGRC FUND 6910**

Each summer hundreds of IGRC Campers receive financial support to attend all of our camping programs at Epworth Journey On, Little Grassy, Beulah, and East Bay. All funds received go directly to offset the cost of camp for those families with a need. Money should never be a barrier to a young person attending camp and the scholarship fund is a significant and necessary way those barriers are removed. To learn more, visit [www.igrcamps.com](http://www.igrcamps.com) or email the camping office at [camping@igrc.org](mailto:camping@igrc.org).

**86) Sunset Home, Quincy – IGRC FUND 0045**

A community where living continues with the care you need. Offers three levels of care: Skilled Nursing, Intermediate and Intermediate Light. For more information check out the website at [www.sunsethome.org](http://www.sunsethome.org).

**87) The Baby Fold, Bloomington – IGRC FUND 0042**

Embodies Christian principles to help families and children develop the hope, courage, and love they need to become whole and healthy. For more information go to their website at [www.thebabyfold.org](http://www.thebabyfold.org).

**88) The Connection Faith Community, Edwardsville – IGRC FUND 6795**

This Connection launched weekly worship in September 2019. Everything surrounds one of three things: connecting with God, each other, or the world around us. Rev. Mike Whitaker is the planting pastor. For more information go to [www.theconnectionfc.com](http://www.theconnectionfc.com).

**89) The Lighthouse Shelter, Marion – IGRC FUND 6525**

Provides a referral facility for local pastors to aid homeless persons where they receive not only food and shelter but also case management services with a focus on permanent housing. A weekly Bible study is held at the shelter and pastoral counseling is provided as well. For more information go to [www.thelighthouseshelter.com](http://www.thelighthouseshelter.com) or contact Shara Robinson at [shara@thelighthouseshelter.com](mailto:shara@thelighthouseshelter.com).

**90) The United Methodist Village, Lawrenceville – IGRC FUND 0047**

Caring for seniors with a Christian touch for over 100 years. Offers different levels of care to meet the needs of every individual. Please check the website for more information: [www.umvillage.com](http://www.umvillage.com).

**91) Trip Camp Equipment – IGRC FUND 6880**

Provides funding for equipment related expenses for our Trip Camp programs. These include maintenance, repairs, and replacement that are deemed necessary and that require funds beyond normal operating expenses. To learn more, visit [www.igrcamps.com](http://www.igrcamps.com) or email the camping office at [camping@igrc.org](mailto:camping@igrc.org).

**92) Unity Point Chaplaincy Program, Peoria – IGRC FUND 0041**

Chaplaincy program for Unity Point Hospital. Provides a listening and caring presence and living reminder of God's presence and activity among His people are all brought to the patients served through each year. For more information contact Patric Andresen at [Patrick.Andresen@unitypoint.org](mailto:Patrick.Andresen@unitypoint.org)

**93) University of Illinois Wesley Foundation, Urbana – IGRC FUND 0051**

A theologically progressive, inclusive, and affirming campus ministry offering space for students to meet new people, explore faith, and engage in social justice to transform lives, the community, and the world. For more information go to the website [uiucwesley.org](http://uiucwesley.org) or contact Rev. Julie Dowler at [jdowler@wesleyui.org](mailto:jdowler@wesleyui.org).

**94) Vermilion Teaching Ministry, Pontiac – IGRC FUND 6295**

Focused on helping churches attain the goal of making disciples for Jesus Christ. Focused on teaching and equipping UMC's to be missional in their communities, to engage in evangelism, to

create opportunities for vibrant worship and discipleship and to grow as the Body of Christ. For more information, please email [Vermilionriver@igrc.org](mailto:Vermilionriver@igrc.org).

**95) Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois, Belleville – IGRC FUND 6043**

Offers shelter, advocacy, and counseling for those who have experienced domestic violence. These services can change the future of the survivor and their children. For more information go to their website at [www.vpcswi.org](http://www.vpcswi.org) or contact Darlene Jones at [Darlene.jones@vpcswi.org](mailto:Darlene.jones@vpcswi.org).

**96) Wesley Village, Macomb – IGRC FUND 0046**

Full-service retirement community providing Independent Living Duplex Homes, Independent Living Apartments, Wesley at Home Nursing and Homemaker Services, Home Health, Long Term Care Households, Inpatient and Outpatient Rehab Services and Memory care. For more information, please check out their website at [www.wesleyvillagemacomb.com](http://www.wesleyvillagemacomb.com).

**97) Western Illinois University, Macomb – IGRC FUND 0047**

A faith community that provides students a home away from home to make lifelong friends, to make a difference through service and to grow in faith. For more information visit [www.wesleyfoundationwiu.org](http://www.wesleyfoundationwiu.org).

**98) Winnies Place Domestic Violence Shelter: A Ministry of Churches United of the Quad-Cities Area – IGRC FUND 6122**

Provides safe and secure temporary housing for women and children who are fleeing domestic violence. Assists women and children find empowerment through this ministry. The ministry is supported by UMC churches in the area. For more information go to their website at [www.cugca.org](http://www.cugca.org).

**99) Wooden It Be Lovely, Springfield – IGRC FUND 6245**

Offers hope and employment to women healing from lives of poverty, addiction and abuse; providing transitional employment, mentoring, recovery tools, education, community networking, childcare and a safe community. Women are employed to refurbish and sell donated wooden furniture alongside community volunteers while their young children are cared for onsite. This is a ministry of Douglas Avenue. UMC. For more information go to the website at [www.woodenitbelovelydaumc.com](http://www.woodenitbelovelydaumc.com) or contact Margaret Ann Jessup at [majessup@msn.com](mailto:majessup@msn.com).