

IGRC ADVANCE SPECIAL DESCRIPTIONS ALPHA ORDER FOR 2022

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 or 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 or email 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 or contact Board President Bob Souders at 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.

9) Building Materials/Projects/New Hope, Liberia – 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.

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 or contact Mariah Hayes at 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 or contact Julia Roundtree Livingston at 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 or contact Mechiko White at 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 or Pam Molitoris at 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.

15) 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.

16) Churros and Chocolate Faith Community, Marion – 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

17) 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.

18) 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.

19) 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 or contact Molly Berendt at molly@compass4kids.org.

20) 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.igrc.org/camping or email the camping office at camping@igrc.org.

21) 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.

22) 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 or contact Marlin Livingston at mlivingston@cunninghamhome.org.

23) 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.

24) 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.

25) 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 or contact Tamara Wilcox at twilcox@doveinc.org.

26) 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 or contact Daniel Money at daniel@eaglehouseministries.com.

27) 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 or email the camping office at camping@igrc.org.

28) 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 or email the camping office at camping@igrc.org.

29) 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 or email the camping office at camping@igrc.org.

30) 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.

31) 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 or email the camping office at camping@igrc.org.

32) 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.

33) 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 or contact Shannon Cook at info@emptytomb.org.

34) 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.

35) 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 or contact Karel Volpert at karelvolpert@gmail.com.

36) 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.

37) 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 or contact Margery Howard at stmplady44@gmail.com.

38) 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.

39) 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.

40) 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.

41) Food Pantry, Sandoval – IGRC FUND 6132

The goal of the ministry is to be able to give more food each month to supplement the needed food for those in need in the Sandoval area. The mission is to not only feed bodies but also souls through love and compassion. For more information, contact Adam Steinkamp at jour1961@frontiernet.net.

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.

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.

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 or contact Cindy Jackson at 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 or contact Patty Mullen at 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.

47) 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 or contact Tim Price at tim@troyumc.org.

48) 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 or contact Mary Ann Pullin at mpullin@hshministries.org.

49) 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.

50) 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 or contact Rev. Roxy DeLong at roxy@isumerge.org.

51) 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/>.

52) 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.

53) 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 or contact Shane Hartman at ilcaaap@sbcglobal.net.

54) 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.

55) 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.

56) 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 or contact Jacqueline Withrow at jacque@wstumc.com.

57) 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.

58) 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.

59) 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 or contact Sharon Brown at kumlerumc@hotmail.com.

60) 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 to the website at www.lessiebatesdavis.org.

61) 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 Commission on Camping and Retreat Ministries. To learn more, visit www.igrcamps.com or email the camping office at camping@igrc.org.

62) Little Grassy Camp Facility & Maintenance – IGRC FUND 6820

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 or email the camping office at camping@igrc.org.

63) 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 or email the camping office at camping@igrc.org.

64) Little Grassy Camp Program – IGRC FUND 6815

Supports the programs of Little Grassy 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 or email the camping office at camping@igrc.org.

65) 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 or contact Matt Henson at matt@livingtheadventure.net.

66) 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/>

67) 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 or contact Chantel Corrie at chantel@midwestmission.org.

68) 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 or contact John C. Lee, M.D. at midwestsightfoundationnfp@gmail.com.

69) 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 or contact Jennifer McMillin at jen@miniobeirne.org.

70) 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.

71) 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.

72) 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).

73) 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 for more information.

74) 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.

75) 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.

76) 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 rvsideinfo@mchsi.com.

77) 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.

78) 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.

79) 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.siucwesley.org or contact Sherry Smedshammer at srsmedshammer@gmail.com.

80) 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.

81) 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.

82) 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.

83) 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 or email the camping office at camping@igrc.org.

84) 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.

85) 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.

86) 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.

87) 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 or contact Shara Robinson at shara@thelighthouseshelter.com.

88) 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 or email the camping office at camping@igrc.org.

89) 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

90) 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 or contact Rev. Julie Dowler at jdowler@wesleyui.org.

91) 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 or contact Darlene Jones at Darlene.jones@vpcswi.org.

92) 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.

93) 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.

94) 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 or contact Margaret Ann Jessup at majessup@msn.com.