

Talking Cents

“Serving Christ through our United Methodist Connectional Giving”

The World Service Fund is one of seven apportionments of the United Methodist Church. It is a ministry to the global community and the heart of our denomination, providing basic support for most of the general agencies of the United Methodist Church. Without the World Service Fund, anti-hunger projects, global advocacy for women and children, leadership training, Christian education and so much more could not be possible. A gift to the World Service Fund represents the heart, hands and hope of Jesus Christ.



It's All in The Mind

By Lovett H. Weems, Jr

Most people know that it was Roger Bannister who first ran the mile in less than four minutes. It was on May 6, 1954, in Oxford, England, that Bannister achieved what was, at the time, the unbelievable feat of running the mile in 3:59.4 minutes.

Prior to Bannister's achievement, it was assumed by many people that the four-minute barrier would never be broken. In fact, there had been many books written contending that it was physiologically impossible for the human body to move at such a speed. One could certainly understand why such contentions were believable. Since no one had ever broken the four-minute mile, perhaps it was impossible to do such a thing.

However, once Bannister performed the feat, notice what a short time it was before someone else did it also. In fact, while it had taken until May 6, 1954, for the first person to break four minutes, it took less than two months for the second person to do so. It was on June 21, 1954 in Turku, Finland, that John M. Landy ran the mile in 3:58.0 minutes.

What we *think* we can do truly does make a difference in what we are *able* to do.

Mission Income Figures through June 30, 2007

Buck-A-Month Contributions:

CIC	\$1,896
CAR	\$2,369
Heifer	\$2,763
House of Grace	\$2,820
Habitat for Humanity	\$2,682
Help One Child	\$1,667

General Benevolence Contributions:

Outreach	\$225
Contact/ Bill Wilson Center	\$75
Scouting Sunday	\$20

Fifth Sunday Offerings:

UMW Africa Student Fnd	\$38,346
Peace with Justice	\$3,609

UMCOR Contributions:

General	\$723
Domestic Disaster Relief (wildfires, floods, tornadoes)	\$565
China Earthquake	\$325
Myanmar Cyclone	\$190

In addition to the figures above, 2% of total gifts to the Operating Fund automatically go toward our Outreach benevolences and 10% go toward conference and global church ministries.

Although she is not “new” to the team, we must give a warm congratulations to our very own Pat Stout, who was commissioned in June as a Deacon at our Annual Conference Session in Sacramento! After years of juggling her studies with full-time work at the church, we are thrilled to have “Reverend Pat” as our fearless leader, overseeing the church administration as well as many new responsibilities.

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With gratitude and heartfelt wishes for a happy summer; the LAUMC Finance Team:
Nicole, Linda and “Reverend Pat”