

GUIDELINES FOR DISTRIBUTING FUNDS  
FROM  
**THE T .J. SIVLEY CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST**  
NEW MEXICO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Description of the Fund:**

The terms of the T. J. Sivley Charitable Lead Trust (Hereafter called "the Trust") provide for income from the trust to be paid to New Mexico Annual Conference UMCOR. Payments will be made quarterly for the next ten years. The first payment of \$8000 was paid in December 1995 to cover the period from May 1995 to the end of the year. Payments will be approximately \$12,000 per year. The Conference Board of Global Ministries has the fiduciary responsibility for administering this trust.

**Theological Perspective:**

The United Methodist Church, adhering to biblical witness and to the Wesleyan heritage, responds with a voice of conscience to the cries of human needs as they are heard within a dynamic world. Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the New Mexico Annual Conference searches for opportunities to offer relief, to provide rehabilitation, and to address refugee needs as a partner in God's mission. .

UMCOR, therefore, reaffirms the reign of God by reclaiming, redeeming, restoring, and renewing life proclaiming that mission is god's mission as revealed in the Gospel. Thus, the work of UMCOR is designed to eliminate injustice, to enhance human dignity, and to liberate people from suffering.

**UMCOR Program Emphases:**

(Note: Most of these UMCOR activities are intended as initiatives for the total church through the General Board of Global Ministries)

World Hunger/Poverty: The World Hunger/Poverty Mission emphasis is designed to relieve the millions of people suffering from chronic malnutrition through emergency assistance and long term development. This area can encompass the following type of programs:

1. Food for work, expansion of water resources, alternative crops, housing, rehabilitation of disaster areas, and assistance to refugees.
2. Mobilization and development of leadership, community awareness, and comprehensive services in the areas of health, community organization, education, agriculture, and appropriate technology.
3. New and expanded food programs for the poor and the isolated elderly, children, and the unemployed; support of action programs to change poorly conceived goals and services; and constituency education and utilization of existing programs and personnel.

Relief: Working through local United Methodist churches, or cooperative ecumenical partners of Church World Service and the World Council of Churches, UMCOR helps to assist persons whose lives have been disrupted by disaster. This area can encompass the following types of programs:

- 1 Immediate post-disaster ministry to ease the pain of those suffering physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.
- 2 Provide funds for those most vulnerable and least able to recover from such tragedy
- 3 Provide personnel, including volunteers and trained disaster response specialists to work with local community church leaders.

- 4 Hold pre-disaster workshops to help mitigate the effects of disaster.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation is the next logical step after relief efforts. Restoring and in many cases improving life situations of persons affected by disaster constitutes a long term commitment. This area can encompass the following types of programs:

- Housing projects and the creation and maintenance of community health, sanitary, potable water, and organizational systems.

Refugee Ministries: Eighteen million refugees worldwide- that is how many people have become refugees, uprooted by war and politics, famine and flood, cruelty, oppression and neglect. They flee for their lives across borders, and are found by the millions on every continent. This area can encompass the following types of programs:

1. Provide food and training in health and survival skills for refugees who cannot return home.
2. For those who can return home, provide training, tools, and other technical support to ensure a successful new start.
3. Support programs for refugees, including housing assistance, food, clothing, and furnishings.
4. Provide funds to help newcomers apply for asylum status.

#### **Application Procedure:**

If you think your project would fulfill one or more of the program emphases of UMCOR within the New Mexico Annual Conference, you may submit an application to:

Rev. Michael Stahl  
Conference Secretary Board of Global Ministries  
P.O. Box 410  
Fort Sumner, NM 88119  
Phone: 575-355-7280 or Email: [pastormikestahl@aol.com](mailto:pastormikestahl@aol.com)

Application deadline will be March 15.

#### **Method of Awarding Grants:**

Grant applications will be reviewed by the Conference Board of Global Ministries at their winter meeting. Maximum grants shall not exceed \$2000 per project. All grants awarded, except awards for disaster response, will be allocated on 50/50 local matching basis. The requirement for matching funds is designed to enhance dignity among all recipients.

The following criteria will be applied by the Conference Board of Global Ministries in review of applications for grant awards:

1. All requested items including required signatures must be submitted before a grant will be reviewed.
2. The applicant (project) must be located within the New Mexico Annual Conference.
3. A signed letter of endorsement from the chairman of the administrative Board and/or the pastor of the local United Methodist Church connected with the project must be included.
4. Grants awarded must be used within one year of approval of the grant request.
5. Any organization is welcome to request a grant for up to three years. If there is money still remaining after the initial awards are made, an additional call will be issued for others to apply at that time.