

10,000 Hours of Internship



The Elisha Project is an internship designed to assist young people as they sense God's call in their life. Interns spend one semester of their college or summer working with a local church under the leadership of a clergy mentor. Students receive a stipend of \$3,000.

The goal is to raise \$100,000 to fund 10,000 hours of internship or just over 30 interns. This will help launch the next generation of clergy leaders in the Dakotas Conference.

Over 60 percent of the Dakotas Conference clergy are eligible to retire in the next five years. Currently, 12.3 percent of the United Methodist clergy serving in the Dakotas are under the age of 40.

**Bring your offering envelope to annual conference*



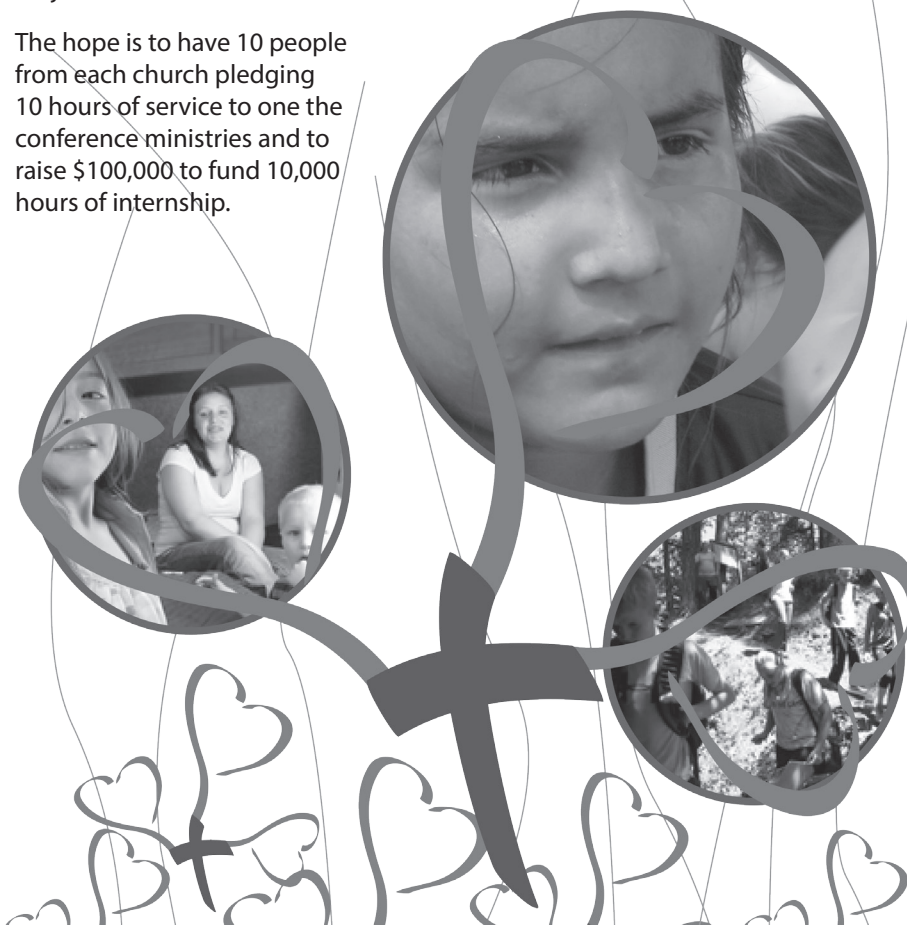
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2016 10,000 Hours Miracle Offering

For the past three year the Dakotas Annual Conference has collected a Miracle Offering during the annual conference session—a gathering of United Methodist clergy and laity from across both states.

The theme of the 2016 Annual Conference session—taking place June 9-11 in Sioux Falls, SD—is “Living Generously: Unleashing God’s Gifts.” This year’s offering, “10,000 Hours Miracle Offering,” has both a hands-on and financial component. We invite you and your congregation to live generously by investing your time to impact lives through our conference ministries. We invite generous giving by investing in opportunities for young adults to explore ministry through our Elisha Project.

The hope is to have 10 people from each church pledging 10 hours of service to one the conference ministries and to raise \$100,000 to fund 10,000 hours of internship.



10,000 Hours of Service

Bakken Oil Rush Ministry—Watford City, ND

Jim and Kathie Konsor— jameskonsor@gmail.com – 605-268-0058

Join Jim and Kathie Konsor in serving the people of the Watford City area. Help is needed with sorting donations and also with some of their feeding events such as spaghetti feeds and picnics. There are also several major clothing giveaways throughout the year. Jim and Kathie do need some time to coordinate dates and places for these events, but should be able to make adjustments to fit schedules.

Out in Faith—Bakken Oil Rush Ministries—Williston, ND

Katie Peterson— ktpete@gmail.com —
906-630-1519, 701-572-7694

Katie Peterson has been serving as our Church and Community worker in Williston for almost three years. Volunteers are invited to come for a Saturday to be a part of the GIFT (God In Faith Tonight) worship service and meal. This includes handing out invitational brochures, preparing and serving the meal, and handing out donated goods.

**Joint projects between Watford City and Williston can be coordinated.



Dakotas Camping Ministries — www.dakcamps.org

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Live Generously by serving at one of our three Dakotas Camps. Wesley Acres Camp—Dazey, ND—Paul & Brenda Lint, Site Directors
Lake Poinsett Camp—Arlington, SD—Christy Heflin, Site Director
Storm Mountain Center—Rapid City, SD—Scott Jensen, Site Director
One of the best ways to serve is as a summer camp counselor. Bring some children or youth from your church and serve in a way that impacts their lives as well as your own. Volunteers are also needed throughout the year to keep our camps beautiful and ready to host people of all ages as they encounter Christ.

Spirit Lake Ministry Center — www.spiritlekeministrycenter.org

Mike and Libby Flowers — childharvest@msn.com — 701-799-1174

Join Mike and Libby Flowers in being the hands and feet of Christ to the people of the Spirit Lake Nation through Service Projects including community meal preparations and worship experience and/or Service Projects geared for Ministry Center needs. As a part of the experience, Mike and Libby can also include Mission/Ministry Orientation and Cultural Awareness Education with the Service Project (at least a two day event). Summer 5-day mission trip opportunities available. All projects will be geared toward the size of the group and teams must be prepared to provide funding for food and project materials. On-site housing available.

Solar Oven Partners — www.solarovenpartnersumc.org

Rick Jost — rjost@brookings.net — 605-695-0783

Led by Rick Jost and a group of dedicated volunteers, Solar Oven Partners Help is needed from individuals or small to mid-sized groups at workshop sites in North and South Dakota to assemble and package oven components as well as general maintenance and upkeep. Volunteers can also serve at the main Volga, SD, office by helping out with mailings and other administrative duties. For a joy-filled, faith-strengthening, mind-expanding experience, join a SOP Volunteer in Mission team to build ovens in the Dominican Republic.

Tree of Life



Linda Garriot — vargaslinda@hotmail.com — 605-828-5078

Located in Mission, SD, on the Rosebud Reservation, Tree of Life serves the Lakota and Dakota people. Serving opportunities can include construction/painting projects, food preparation and distribution, sorting of donated goods, and interacting with the people of the community and surrounding area to bring the love and light of Christ. On-site housing is available.

**Bring your completed pledge cards to annual conference*