

Dear Pastor: To help you plan out your Giving calendar for 2018, this letter provides a list of dates for both the United Methodist Appeals and the Conference Appeals. Thanks for your support!!

Date	Appeal	Information
1/14/18	Human Relations Day	This Appeal supports the UMC's Community Developers Program, Voluntary Services Program, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. www.umcgiving.org
3/11/18	UMCOR Sunday (formerly called One Great Hour of Sharing)	When a catastrophe occurs, your offerings enable the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to reach out and ease the pain and suffering by providing humanitarian aid of food, shelter, health and peace. www.umcgiving.org
3/18/18	PLRCA	Partners of Leadership Resources for Churches in Africa. Contact Rev. Labala at jsei@dimdigital.com
4/15/18	Native American Ministries	Funds support urban missions with Native Americans and fund scholarships for Native American seminarians. 50% of the Appeal is used for these programs within our Annual Conference. www.umcgiving.org
5/20/18	Peace With Justice	Poverty and violence need not be a reality in the world today. This Appeal aims to witness to God's hope for a faithful, loving world. 50% of the Appeal is used for these programs within our Annual Conference. www.umcgiving.org
5/6/18	AC Appeal Sunday	Receive offering for AC Appeal if not already provided for,
5/31/18-6/02/18	Annual Conference Appeal https://shop.umc.org/product/3143/2018-special-sunday-envelopes-and-posters-kit = free resources for Human Relations Day, UMCOR Sunday, Native American Ministries, Peace With Justice, World Communion, Student Day	Churches are encouraged to raise funds in advance and bring them to AC meeting. This year's appeal will support, BOOM Scholarships, the Central Congo Partnership, and Global Migration Offering. <i>There are 65 million displaced persons in the world. This is more than any time since WWII. These millions of migrants include children and their families escaping violence, economic hardship, and other dangerous situations. They seek safety and opportunity in a new land, but are probably unfamiliar with the customs, do not know the language, and may feel unwelcome. The Bible charges God's people with caring for brothers and sisters just like these. In Exodus 22, God commands, "Don't mistreat or oppress an immigrant, because you were once immigrants in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 22:21).</i> https://umcmigration.org/
7/15/18	Deaf Awareness Sunday	Provides our churches a Sunday to uplift those with deafness or other hearing problems. Offerings will support the Deaf Ministries within the Annual Conference.
8/12/18	Camp Pecometh Sunday	This appeal provides fund for programs at and scholarships to Camp Pecometh. www.pecometh.org
9/9/18	PD Student Scholarship Sunday	This appeal directly benefits Pen-Del students attending college by providing scholarship funds. www.pen-del.org
10/7/18	World Communion	Provides funds for racial & ethnic undergrad scholarships and advance-degree work related to the mission of the UMC. www.umcgiving.org
10/14/18	Disaster/VIM Sunday	Funds raised are used for disaster response within the AC and for VIM Team scholarships.
11/4/18	Africa University Sunday	Raising costs and a growing student body means every year more scholarships are needed at AU. Your gifts help grow the endowment fund that provides this assistance. A bulletin insert will be provided. www.africau.edu
11/25/18	Student Day	Provides loans and scholarships to students attending a UM Church affiliated college. Some of the funds are returned to the Annual Conference to award. www.umcgiving.org

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