

## Sierra Leone Initiative Follow-Up to Annual Conference

Sierra Leone Initiative goal: 10 new covenant churches. Can your congregation covenant with our brothers and sisters in Sierra Leone?

Since Annual Conference 8 churches indicated interest in joining the Sierra Leone Initiative, 1 became a covenant church. We welcome Maple Lake UMC Scranton/Wilkes-Barre District.

In addition the Holy Spirit moved the Faith Bellefonte UMC family to contribute over \$30,000 to insure the complete payment of all 69 full-time pastors' salaries this year. But our conference owes almost \$50,000 for 2015 and 2016 deficits.

In May individuals and churches donated \$3,650 to help insure pastors' salaries.

Download from the Missional Board's website, [www.susmb.org](http://www.susmb.org), the video of the Sierra Leone Initiative's presentation to Annual Conference. Share it with your mission team, small groups, and Sunday school classes. Join in mission supporting full-time pastors' salaries and partnering with a Sierra Leone congregation. Covenant form available on the site under World Initiatives, Sierra Leone Initiative Brochure. Encourage your congregation to add the Initiative to your 2018 budget.

Next trip to SL, Jan. 30 – February 12, 2018. Join in visiting partner congregations and help celebration Bishop Yambasu's 10 years as SL Bishop. Contact Jeff Fisher at [jfisher@susumc.org](mailto:jfisher@susumc.org). or 717-545-0021.

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