



Calendar of Connection-Wide Resources and Opportunities

September and October 2021

Webinar: "Cultivate the Craft of Asking," Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m. (ET)

Join Rev. Ken Sloane, the United Methodist Church's director of stewardship and generosity, as he converses with Bonnie Marden, founder and president of MYTE Ministries, on how to grow generosity in local churches. Bonnie has pioneered a successful teaching curriculum, "Cultivating the Craft of Asking," which has increased confidence in church leaders to "boldly ask" for financial gifts to empower their church's ministry. Learn more [here](#).

Church Communications Leader Guide

United Methodist Communications offers their free downloadable, recently updated *Church Leader Guide: Helping You Communicate All the Good You Can*, with marketing and outreach tools and listings of online training courses, digital ministry ideas, giving resources, and information sources. Download from this [site](#).

Hurricane Ida Relief

Join other United Methodists in expressing God's love by supporting United Methodist Committee on Relief's U.S. Disaster Response and Recovery Advance. One hundred percent of your donation benefits on-the-ground relief ministry. [Learn more](#).

Humanitarian Relief in Afghanistan

United Methodist Global Ministries and Committee on Relief are collaborating with their long-standing partners in Afghanistan to offer humanitarian relief. You can assist these groups in ensuring that resources reach the people by giving to UMCOR Advance Project 982450. One hundred percent of your donation supports the ministry. Donate online [here](#).

Understanding Critical Race Theory

Many people are talking about this phrase. But what does it mean? The United Methodist Commission Religion and Race has a downloadable infographic that explains the meaning of the phrase and addresses some common concerns about it. Find some background information to help your church converse about this idea by visiting [this page](#).