

World Service Fund Bulletin Insert

From Your Church To The World

“Act on what you hear! Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like.”

— James 1:22b-24, *The Message*

To which channel do you tune? We have more ways than ever to communicate. However, do we take the time to share the most important message of all – the good news?

Through the *World Service Fund*, congregations reach far beyond their sanctuary walls to invite others to *rethink* church: to let go of preconceived notions and give church—and God—a chance.

This doesn't relieve us of individual responsibility. It enhances our personal ability to affect the world for good. As people re-enter the church, we can prove with our lives what the advertising says – that “church is not where we go but what we do.” When your local church fully supports the World Service Fund, you not only empower a multitude of ministries that illustrate that statement, but you also give us the voice to share that message with the world.

The sound of God's grace is sweet. When you embrace the World Service Fund and Rethink Church, you give others the opportunity to “tune in” to this channel for the first time!

Action Steps:

Based on the mission statement “Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”:

1. Use social media (i.e., Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and e-mail) to share examples of God's love coming through the church. Find examples at umc.org.
2. Invite non-churchgoers to participate in a mission or outreach program of your local church.