

# WHY WE GIVE

*Rev. Glenn Martin*, senior pastor at First United Methodist Church in Tifton, Ga., lives by these simple words, "If you go..., they will go." The philosophy is put into action when he joins teams of volunteers from his congregation in one of the church's most successful ministries. During harvest season, First United Methodist averages one gleaning trip a week. Teams as small as five people and as large as 50 gather and process farm produce. The surplus food is distributed to local food kitchens and other assistance programs.

"Our dollars can go efficiently where we cannot go ourselves, but I like opportunities where we can give of ourselves and actually meet people. We don't go in need of strokes or recognition. We go to serve. **WE GO TO MAKE CHRIST REAL TO PEOPLE.** But in a congregation, you have people who cannot go themselves, but who can give financially. They can also offer prayer support for our work. They are a resource for those who can go. Faith becomes real when it's something that you both receive and give. **GIVING IS ITSELF A BLESSING.** Just to have the opportunity to do it is special."

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