nurturing diversity

The mission of the General Commission on Religion and Race CORR ACTION FUND is to invest in and assist churches, community organizations, conferences, seminars, and ecumenical bodies that nurture programs focused on dismantling racism. GCORR’s CORR ACTION FUND (funded by the Minority Group Self Determination Fund) addresses four priorities which actively support the Four Areas of Focus of The UMC dealing with leadership development, global health, poverty and congregational development.

SPECIALIZED FUNDING

Over the next four years the CORR ACTION FUND will provide a different funding focus annually, specializing in a specific need. The exception will be the five national Racial/Ethnic Caucuses which will continue to receive funding.

STRENGTH IN BALANCE

We provide funds that can make the difference between a project lasting a few months, or a generation.

THE LARGER PICTURE

The CORR ACTION FUND is part of the overall GCORR strategy to provide tools that create the conversation that will move us from racism to relationships. Always ready to Listen, Always ready to Act. Always prepared to Care.

For more information please call 202.547.2271 or visit our website www.gcorr.org
Addressing the needs of churches and communities passionate about moving from racism to relationships

BIG IDEAS BEGIN SMALL When the Detroit, Michigan CORR began asking how it could impact health care in a marginalized racial ethnic community, GCORR’s CORR ACTION FUND helped supply the answer. Now, less than ten years later, a CORR ACTION FUND grant is helping the Joy-Southfield Health Education Center expand to help thousands of uninsured people, using high-tech software solutions and low-tech relationship-building skills. United Methodist Churches in the highly segregated city (Reynolds Farley, Divided Detroit: Race in the 21st Century) have joined to bridge racial barriers and strengthen a health safety net in a city with one of the highest levels of chronic disease in the country.

“EVERY PERSON IS TREATED SPECIAL HERE, AS IF THEY HAD A MILLION DOLLARS’ WORTH OF INSURANCE,” JOY-SOUTHFIELD PATIENT, GAYNELLA GREEN

CORR ACTION FUND FOCUS The 2010 Focus will be on Action and Advocacy. Programs providing action and advocacy efforts related to the sanctuary movement and assuring the rights of racial ethnic immigrants, groups and refugees.

Those invited to apply: nonprofit and local church/action advocacy groups.

The 2011 Focus will be on Training Pastoral Leaders and Seminarians.

Programs training pastoral leaders and seminarians about racism, multiculturalism, and white privilege. Programs equipping congregations, pastors, and all leaders for cross-racial/cross-cultural appointments. Those invited to apply: UMC related seminaries, Bishops and cabinets, Conferences, Commissions on Religion and Race, Boards of Ordained Ministry, Association of Theological Schools.

The 2012 Focus will be on Learning and Raising Awareness around Racism and Inclusiveness.

Projects that encourage learning, raise awareness, enhance discussion, and promote action locally and globally on racism, multiculturalism, white privilege, and immigration. Those invited to apply: local churches, ecumenical and interfaith groups, groups of churches.

For an application and additional information about the funding process visit www.gcorr.org/CORRActionFund/ or call 202.547.2271

“IT has not been easy to get people to care about our little church’s attempts to embrace cultural diversity. We don’t worry about the seeds of racial inclusion we’re planting though. Our job is to plant the seeds - God does the rest.”

Planting seeds of inclusion

The mandate of the church is to be a source of hope, healing, empowerment, justice and reconciliation to the poor, marginalized and broken during these changing times. I believe that by the power of the Holy Spirit and with our perseverance we can conquer the sin of racism and hate that is present and among us;

Erin M. Hawkins, General Secretary, GCORR