



WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

# HEALTH & WELFARE MINISTRIES

AN OUTREACH FOR PERSONS IN NEED





## FIFTEEN MINISTRIES: ONE SHARED VISION

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The Wisconsin Health & Welfare Ministries provide invaluable services to their communities. In turn, they need your support. Remember to observe Golden Cross Sunday annually. And, to donate to a specific ministry, send your donation to the Wisconsin Conference UMC Treasurer and designate the Fund Number that you want to support. For more information, visit [www.WisconsinUMC.org](http://www.WisconsinUMC.org) or call 888-240-7328.



## **AN EXPRESSION OF WHAT IT IS TO BE UNITED METHODIST**

Over many years, beginning before the start of the 20th century, the Health and Welfare Ministries were formed by the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church as outreach ministries of the Church for persons in need.

The bedrock of each Ministry is the vision of a better world sought by the founders from within the Church, and the Christian values of serving others. Living out the vision and values are fundamental to being the Church that Jesus Christ called into being. The very basis of the Church originally created by John Wesley is the call for every member to combine a personal journey toward the perfection seen in Jesus, with a life of social holiness by being a blessing to all those whose lives we individually and collectively touch. Both ongoing personal and social transformation are fundamental to being the UMC, and must therefore be integral to the life of every member of the UMC. United Methodists work toward fulfilling both dimensions of this call.

The Health and Welfare Ministries of the Wisconsin Conference are key expressions of the goal of social transformation within the Conference. The Ministries are structured so they offer all UMC members in the Conference the opportunity to serve others through one of the Ministries. And the Conference encourages the expansion of the Ministries and the creation of new Ministries to better respond to the unmet needs of both United Methodists and persons of all faiths. Therefore, all the Ministries have common Christian values of service and a vision of God's Kingdom here on earth.

# FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES



## **The organizations that make up this group include:**

Harbor House Crisis Shelters, Superior

Hillcrest Family Services, Iowa

Northcott Neighborhood House, Milwaukee

United Methodist Children's Services, Milwaukee

## **Services provided, which are predominately for the poor, include:**

- Life-skill training
- Homeless shelters
- Food pantries
- Gang prevention
- Nutrition education
- Parenting training
- Transitional living

## **Services focus on:**

- Crisis intervention
- Rebuilding lives
- Strengthening families

These Ministries are very dependent on contributions from the Conference and congregations since they are used as matching funds to obtain foundation, business and government grants. Contributions through the annual Golden Cross offering are used to offset the cost of uncompensated services.

# Harbor House Crisis Shelters

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Superior, Wisconsin 54880  
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Conference Advance #7788

## History

The parsonage next to Faith UMC in Superior had been used as a shelter for homeless families from 1996—2000, though it struggled with volunteers, no director, and no connection to the faith community. It reopened as Harbor House Crisis Shelters in 2001 after the Revs. Certa-Werner family moved to Superior the preceding summer.

## Mission

Harbor House's goal is to assist guests in attaining services and housing, and setting an example of Christian love and hospitality through the services it provides.

## Services

Harbor House provides hospitable shelter, transitional living, case management, life skill enhancement, resources and referrals, trauma informed care, as well as other services for homeless women and families. Harbor House meets physical needs of people in crisis, and provides spiritual opportunities for adults and children in connection with the local United Methodist Church.

# Hillcrest Family Services

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Web: [www.hillcrest-fs.org](http://www.hillcrest-fs.org)



Conference Advance #7949

## History

While relatively new to the Wisconsin Conference, Hillcrest has been in ministry since 1896 in Dubuque, Iowa. In 1924, the organization, called The Hillcrest Baby Fold at the time, began a formal relationship with the (then) Upper Iowa Methodist Conference. Over the century, the organization continued to evolve and grow from one focused mostly on mother-child services to include the wide range of educational and community-enriching programs it offers today.

## Mission

Hillcrest Family Services is a faith-connected, nonprofit provider of health and education services for children, families and adults in need.

## Services

Working collaboratively with local communities, Hillcrest is able to provide a range of quality and innovative services, including:

- Adoption (WI & IA)
- Pregnancy Care, Counseling and Education
- Homeless Outreach and Shelters
- Tobacco Use Prevention
- Professional Health Clinic
- Integrated Health Home (Bridging the Gap Between Mental and Medical Health)
- Residential Services for Adults with Mental Illness
- Outpatient Mental Health Services
  - Seven Iowa Offices
  - Crisis Center
  - Wellness Center
- Anna B. Lawther Academy (On-Campus School and Residences)
- Spiritual and Health Integration Services
- Youth Programs
  - Achieving Maximum Potential (AMP) Group
  - Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention After-School Program
  - Mentor Dubuque Program
  - Young Parents Supporting Each Other (YPSE) Group



# Northcott Neighborhood House

2460 N. 6th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53212  
Phone: 414-372-3770  
Web: [www.northcotthouse.org](http://www.northcotthouse.org)



Conference Advance #7250

## History

Northcott, which celebrated 50 years of service in 2011, was first located in the Hillside Housing Project of Milwaukee and began through the initiative of a few Wisconsin United Methodist Women. It has grown to serve more than 10,000 people per year through its programs.

## Mission

Northcott's mission is to support family stability, provide educational and recreational programs for youth, lessen neighborhood tensions, combat community deterioration, and provide various social services for the residents of Harambee and surrounding neighborhoods.

## Services

Northcott Neighborhood House offers a variety of programs to enrich the community, including:

- **Youth Programs:** After school and summer programs for teens and pre-teens serve approximately 3,000 youth annually on site and at two Community Learning Centers. While emphasizing skill development and community participation, Northcott offers educational enhancement and leadership development options, sports, arts, ATODA and other prevention training, and community involvement activities.
- **Fresh Start/Milwaukee Builds:** Northcott has become a major center of job training for the construction trades with the young adult oriented Fresh Start and the adult Milwaukee Builds programs. These programs provide job training, educational enhancement, and actual construction experience.
- **Neighborhood Development:** Northcott has a long history of work with neighborhood organizations in many joint projects and collaborations, including a Juneteenth Day Celebration and Annual Vigil against Violence.
- **Emergency Services:** These services include a food pantry, a commodities program, a clothing bank, and information/referral services. Northcott also sponsors health fairs that provide residents with health information and screenings.

# United Methodist Children's Services

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Milwaukee, WI 53208  
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Conference Advance #7265

## History

United Methodist Children's Services was organized in 1962 and has been serving women, children, and families for 50 years.

## Mission

Based upon its fundamental belief in God's love, United Methodist Children's Services values the dignity, potential, and worth of each individual, and creates a nurturing environment and sense of community in which miracles happen.

## Services

Located in the Washington Park area of Milwaukee, United Methodist Children's Services (UMCS) serves women, children, and families with low-income and affordable housing, childcare, food, household items, and neighborhood organizing

- The Growing Tree Children's Center serves children in the UMCS housing program, as well as those in the surrounding community. Many children are from families who participate in the W-2 Welfare to Work Program.
- The Family Resource Center is the largest emergency food pantry site in Milwaukee County based on the number of people it serves. Through this invaluable resource, United Methodist Children's Services is able to distribute emergency food resources and clothing to low-income families.
- Seventy units of low-income and affordable housing provide safe, quality residences for families, who also receive additional support services to ensure their needs are met.
- A sustainable community initiative works within the Washington Park Neighborhood to ensure it's a safe place for residents to live, work and play.



# SENIOR AND DISABILITY SERVICES



## The organizations that make up this group include:

Cedar Crest, Janesville  
Christian Community Home, Hudson  
Evergreen, Oshkosh  
Hmong House of Good News, Milwaukee  
Morrow Home Community, Sparta  
Schmitt Woodland Hills, Richland Center  
Sheboygan Senior Community, Sheboygan  
Village at Manor Park, West Allis

## Services include:

- Skilled nursing care
- Assisted living
- Hospice care
- Home care
- Home delivered meals
- Transportation
- Therapy services
- Rehabilitation services
- Senior center
- Fitness and aquatic facilities
- Spiritual services
- Independent living services

These Ministries serve persons who are unable to pay the full cost of services provided, as well as persons with sufficient financial resources. Contributions through the annual Golden Cross offering are used to offset the cost of uncompensated services.

## Cedar Crest, Inc.

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Janesville, WI, 53546  
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Conference Advance #7860

### History

Cedar Crest was founded in 1961 as an independent living facility for senior women, and the (then) East Wisconsin Conference of the Methodist Church assumed operation of Cedar Crest in 1965. Over the years, Cedar Crest has continued to expand and grow its facilities in order to provide optimal care for its residents.

### Mission

Focused on meeting each individual resident's plans and desires, Cedar Crest strives to enrich the quality of life for senior adults at all levels of independence in a spiritually-based, nonprofit setting that features compassionate care.

### Services

Cedar Crest is Rock County's only community that provides senior adults with such a wide range of living options, including town homes, apartment homes, assisted living studios, and memory care residence. Other services include:

- **Health Care Center:** Cedar Crest's Health Center provides 24-hour skilled nursing care in a spacious and recently remodeled facility. The Health Center is designed and staffed to provide an independent, home-like environment where residents can live with dignity.
- **Short-term Rehabilitation:** Individualized, short-term rehab care and services are offered in a safe, supportive environment for patients to increase their level of mobility and independence. They include physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language therapy.
- **Spiritual Care:** A pastoral team leads devotionals each week, Sunday morning and evening worship services, and Bible study classes, and is also available for private meetings. Cedar Crest's beautiful, interdenominational chapel is also ideal for quiet, personal reflection and organized worship. Religious services for all denominations are held either in the chapel or at nearby congregations.

# Christian Community Homes and Services

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Conference Advance #7530

## History

Christian Community Home of Hudson first began its operation in 1981, and expanded to provide independent senior apartments, assisted living, memory care and most recently added our “Health Hotel” for our short-term transitional care guests. In 2011, our second campus was built in Osceola, which is connected to the Osceola Medical Center. We take pride in our community’s legacy of care toward its seniors. Creating a place of comfort for those who carry such wisdom and strength is our opportunity to care for those who cared for us.

## Mission

Christian Community Homes & Services is a nonprofit, faith-based organization offering senior living communities dedicated to serving individuals in ways that reflect the importance of each unique life.

## Services

We are dedicated to showing residents that they are truly special and deserving of our utmost attention and assistance. Our continuum of care campus includes:

- **Senior Apartments** - WinterGreen offers independent living with assisted living services available when needed.
- **Assisted Living** – Pine Ridge offers individual efficiency apartments for seniors requiring assistance with activities of daily living.
- **Memory Care** – Pine Ridge Gardens provides the highest quality of life with a secure environment for those with dementia/Alzheimer’s disease.
- **Skilled Nursing** – Christian Community Home is a caring environment providing 24-hour skilled nursing care for those needing long-term living.
- **Rehabilitation & Fitness** – The Red Oak Center accommodates short-term and transitional care needs and can provide fitness and wellness programs for all ages.

## Evergreen

1130 North Westfield Street  
Oshkosh, WI 54902  
Phone: 920-233-2340  
Web: [www.EvergreenOshkosh.com](http://www.EvergreenOshkosh.com)



Conference Advance #7110

### History

Evergreen was founded in 1965 as a Health and Welfare Ministry of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church. Open to people of any faith, Evergreen Manor was dedicated in November 1967.

### Mission

Guided by Christian values, Evergreen is an industry leader in providing a continuum of possibilities for individuals 55 years and older.

### Services

Evergreen is a vibrant community that offers rich life experiences through programs, a wide variety of services, and nurturing environments to over 500 people annually. Evergreen offers several independent living options, assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing and short-term rehabilitation on its current, 35-acre campus. In-home services are provided by Evergreen at Home, and through a private partnership, services are provided to residents in an affordable housing project. With life enrichment opportunities that promote wellness in all aspects of healthy living, Evergreen encourages individuals to choose a positive lifestyle that balances the health and well-being of mind, body and spirit. Innovative and unique amenities, activities and services guarantee that at Evergreen, possibilities await!

# Hmong House of Good News

639 N. 25th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53233  
Phone: 414-342-4380  
Web: [www.hmonghouse.org](http://www.hmonghouse.org)



Conference Advance #7809

## History

The ministry at Hmong House was started in 2008 by the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women and recently entered a Covenant of Affiliation with Wisconsin Conference Health and Welfare Ministries.

## Mission

Many Hmong elders who immigrated to the United States during the Vietnam War now find themselves isolated due to language and cultural barriers, lack of transportation, and feeling left behind by their children. Hmong House provides Hmong elders in the greater Milwaukee area with a community to belong to and in turn, a more active life, independent living, and personal growth.

## Services

House provides an average of 15 Hmong elders with a noon meal and various activities three days a week. Operating with two part-time staff and a host of volunteers, Hmong House offers adult day care services that are culturally responsive and consist of contextualized activities:

- Creative fellowship
- Arts and crafts
- Daily exercise
- Summer gardening
- English lessons
- Devotions, Bible study and prayer
- Field trips and tours
- Games and movies

# Morrow Home Community

331 S Water Street  
Sparta, WI 54656  
Phone: 608-269-3168  
Web: [www.morrowhome.org](http://www.morrowhome.org)



Conference Advance #7320

## History

In 1917, Miss Mary Morrow established Morrow Memorial Home in memory of her parents, Judge Joseph and Olive Morrow. Initially, Mary Morrow donated a frame home to the then West Wisconsin Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Since first providing care in 1917, the Morrow Community has expanded by adding independent living with services at Parkview Apartments and Homestead Apartments, and assisted living at Homestead, MaryCrest, and BridgePath.

## Mission

The heritage of our Morrow Home Community was founded on Christian love. This love is apparent in the way its staff cares for those they serve. Morrow Home strives to enhance quality of life by preserving the dignity, independence, and uniqueness of each individual while meeting their physical, social, and spiritual needs.

## Services

The Morrow Home Community serves as a tangible expression of God's love through a continuum of long-term care services, including senior apartments, assisted living and dementia care. Mary Morrow's Attic, a thrift store run by volunteers, operates in downtown Sparta. Morrow also provides daycare at the Young at Heart childcare center.



# Schmitt Woodland Hills Retirement Center

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Richland Center, WI 53581  
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Conference Advance #7840

## History

When Wisconsin cheesemaker William Schmitt passed away in 1962, it was found that there was a large sum of money bequeathed for the building of a retirement center. Planning for this new center began almost immediately. Schmitt Woodland Hills (SWH) was incorporated in 1962 as a nonprofit organization and opened its doors in 1964.

## Mission

Schmitt Woodland Hills and its partners offer people a wide range of quality services and facilities through good stewardship and a Christian philosophy. SWH provides care services from a faith-based perspective, as well as an environment that promotes healthy minds and bodies, including physical, emotional and spiritual well being for the Schmitt Woodland Hills family.

## Services

Schmitt Woodland Hills is home to an active group of seniors who share the benefits of a welcoming, secure, and comfortable lifestyle. Services include skilled nursing care, assisted living, independent apartments, personal supportive home services, and non-emergency medical transportation. They also partner with a 19-unit HUD low-income apartment facility, a children's day school, and County Humane Society. They provide services to more than 200 people. Called to create a Christian environment, Schmitt Woodland Hills maintains a pastoral care staff and a designated chapel.

# Sheboygan Senior Community

930 N 6th Street  
Sheboygan, WI 53081  
Phone: 920-458-2137  
Web: [www.retiresheboygan.com](http://www.retiresheboygan.com)



Conference Advance #7270

## History

Since 1962, Sheboygan Senior Community has been serving downtown Sheboygan, maintaining respect, care, friendliness, and an enjoyable living atmosphere to this day.

## Mission

Sheboygan Senior Community strives to provide its residents and their families with an exceptional senior lifestyle, full of purpose and happiness.

## Services

Sheboygan Senior Community serves the social, spiritual, and health-related needs of seniors in downtown Sheboygan through a continuum of living options:

- Landmark Square, an independent living community
- Lighthouse Commons, community assisted living
- Beacon Suites, memory support and special senior care
- Beach Health Care, a skilled nursing facility that houses a distinct short-term rehab unit

## Village at Manor Park

3023 S 84th Street  
West Allis, WI 53227  
Phone: 414- 607-4100  
Web: [www.vmpcares.com](http://www.vmpcares.com)



Conference Advance #7710

### History

Village at Manor Park (VMP) started in 1925 as a home for the aged on 11th and Kilbourn Avenue in Milwaukee. As years passed, the names and location changed, eventually becoming VMP located in two campuses, one on the south side of Milwaukee (VMP Manor Park), and the other on the north side of city (VMP Trinity). Based on Christian values, the tradition continues today.

### Mission

The mission of VMP is to provide a full range of senior healthcare for residents, patients and the community in accordance with Christian values. VMP is dedicated to providing a full range of compassionate care and services for older adults in its care, respecting each individual's personal, physical and spiritual needs. VMP's mission is further enhanced through collaborations with community partners, aimed at improving the care and quality of life of those in the community.

### Services

VMP of Milwaukee is a residential and outpatient senior health care community that provides independent, assisted living, and skilled care. VMP also provides rehabilitation and ventilator care. In addition, its Pastoral Care department develops the spiritual and emotional life of residents, families, staff and those in the community-at-large within the context of their faith and values. A new program at the heart of VMP's Pastoral Care is *No One Dies Alone (NODA)*, which trains volunteers from the community to sit vigil with those at the end-of-life. VMP's Chaplains offer the opportunity for residents to attend weekly ecumenical worship services, Bible studies, inspirational gatherings, and one-on-one pastoral visits with Pastoral Care staff.

# HEALTH SERVICES



## **The organizations that make up this group include:**

Bellin Health  
UM Hospitals Ministry  
UM Parish Nurse Ministry

## **Services include:**

- A comprehensive diagnostic, preventative, acute care, and rehabilitation system
- Congregational programs providing parish nursing services to the community
- Chaplaincy services to United Methodists from around Wisconsin who are being cared for in Madison area hospitals.

Contributions through the annual Golden Cross offering are used to offset the cost of uncompensated services.

# Bellin Health Care Systems

744 South Webster Avenue  
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Green Bay, WI 54305  
Phone: 920-433-3500  
Web: [www.bellin.org](http://www.bellin.org)



Conference Advance #7850

## History

Established in 1908, Bellin Health Care Systems has been serving Green Bay and northeastern Wisconsin for more than 100 years. The Bellin Hospital is known as the region's heart center, as it was the first hospital in the area to offer a comprehensive heart program.

## Mission

Bellin exists to serve others through patient care excellence and innovative programs designed to influence health in the region. Steadfast in its commitment to providing compassionate, safe, reliable, and cost-effective services and programs, Bellin is dedicated to a never-ending pursuit of improvement.

## Services

In addition to the main campus hospital, Bellin operates a facility at Oconto, a Cancer Team Center, and numerous Bellin Family Medical Centers and Fast Care Clinics. Bellin Hospital specializes in:

- Emergency Care
- Pediatrics
- Digestive Health
- Pulmonary
- Obstetrics
- Rehabilitation
- Orthopedics
- Surgery, including Robotic Assisted
- Cancer Services
- Heart & Vascular

## United Methodist Hospitals Ministry

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Conference Advance #7630

### History

The United Methodist Hospitals Ministry began in the 1950s when a part-time United Methodist chaplain from Methodist Hospital in Madison visited Methodists in the other Madison hospitals on behalf of the Church. In the late 1960s, when the chaplain became full-time, the ministry was picked up by one or two local congregations who affirmed the need to provide a healing ministry within Madison area hospitals. It has evolved from parish pastors providing care, to a volunteer chaplain, to a paid, part-time chaplain, to what it has become today.

### Mission

The United Methodist Hospitals Ministry is an outreach visitation ministry of healing and connectional support by the United Methodist Church of Wisconsin. Over the years, this ministry has provided spiritual care and comfort to many United Methodists hospitalized in Madison hospitals and has strengthened (sometimes re-established) their connections with local pastors and churches.

### Services

The United Methodist Hospitals Ministry consists of two parts:

- The Chaplain visits United Methodist patients and their families hospitalized in Madison's major hospitals. The chaplain fills in for local clergy when they are not able to visit, and provides a connectional link between the patients and their congregations and pastors. The chaplain also visits Methodists who have no relationships to congregations.
- The Chaplaincy Committee of lay and clergy persons oversees the work of the chaplain, sets goals and compensation, and assists in fundraising.



## United Methodist Parish Nurse Ministry

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Conference Advance #7806

### History

One hundred years ago, leaders in the health field practiced in Christian Churches, which began in answer to Jesus' mandate to care for each other. In 1998, Faith Community Nursing was formally recognized as a specialty practice by the American Nurses Association.

### Mission

Parish Nursing is a unique, specialized practice of professional nursing that focuses on the promotion of holistic health in a faith community, such as a church, synagogue, or mosque. Parish Nursing ministers to the needs of the individual, the family and the community the church serves. The Parish Nurse serves within the context of the values, beliefs and practices of the faith community and in accord with its mission and ministry.

### Services

Parish Nursing integrates education, advocacy and referrals with the gift of healing presence, which is the condition of being consciously and compassionately in the present moment with another. Healing presence affirms an individual's potential for wholeness, regardless of their life circumstances.