

Christmas Offering 2020

Covenant Mission Partner: Katherine Parker

Katherine T. Parker is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving as a Health and Community Transformation Advisor with the United Mission to Nepal (UMN). The ecumenical ministry of UMN has a vision of a “fullness of life for all in a transformed Nepali society.” United Methodists have been involved with UMN since it was founded in 1954. More information on its work is available on the UMN website, Global Ministries - Parker, Katherine (umcmmission.org)

Katherine’s work in Nepal is focused in three areas: 1) Adolescent empowerment, including sexual reproductive health and rights and menstrual hygiene; 2) Maternal and child health; and 3) Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). The United Mission to Nepal works in five areas for community transformation: education, health, hospitals, peacebuilding, and sustainable livelihoods.

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The UndocuFund for Disaster Relief in Sonoma County, was founded in October 2017, in response to the Tubbs wildfire. It was launched by a coalition of immigrant service providers and advocates to provide direct assistance to undocumented victims of the Northern California fires. The fund ceased operations December 31, 2018; it was re-activated in October 26, 2019 in response to the Kincade Fire.

The fund was re-activated again in March of 2020 seeking to support undocumented children, families, and communities in Sonoma County affected by the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. Founding organizations: North Bay Organizing Project, North Bay Jobs with Justice, Graton Day Labor Center.

The Living Room

The Living Room offers drop-in day services Monday through Friday to women and children who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. Participants do not need a special referral or permission to come to The Living Room and may come and go as needed.

The women and children who come to The Living Room are diverse in experience, age, race, ethnicity, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, education and socioeconomic background. TLR participants may have varying degrees of physical and mental health challenges, may struggle with substance abuse and may have complex trauma histories.

The Living Room aims to create a welcoming safe environment where participants can rest, rejuvenate and work towards stability. The staff and volunteers are deeply dedicated to treating every woman and child who comes to The Living Room with kindness, dignity and compassion.