

United Methodists at Work: Changing people's lives with compassion and caring

Consuelo Sandoval, community developer for Western Kansas United Methodist Mexican American Ministries, hasn't always been a United States Citizen.



The youngest of nine children, Sandoval came to the United States with her parents in 1974. Her father had come to the states many times to find work and finally moved the whole family to Garden City. Times weren't always easy for her family, but one organization made the transition to citizenship easier for them—United Methodist Western Kansas Mexican American Ministries.

As an adult, Sandoval and her husband were without insurance when they discovered their first child was on its way. Again, she turned to Mexican American Ministries for help. With the quality prenatal care the clinic provided, she had a healthy baby.



Today, Sandoval works with other immigrants at MAM, helping others as she was helped.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement, believed that works of mercy played a vital part in our efforts to move on toward perfection in Christ. He taught that people must be Christians in word and in deed as expressions of the love of God. Wesley himself lived modestly and gave all he could to help people who were poor.



United Methodists in the Kansas West Conference are actively engaged in mercy ministries through the work of Western Kansas Mexican American Ministries in southwest Kansas and United Methodist Urban Ministry in Wichita. These sites receive funding through your Mission and Ministry commitment to reach out with care and compassion to those who are in need.

Through the work of the General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodists carry on mercy ministries of this type around the globe as well through the generous financial support of local United Methodist churches like yours.

Global Ministries web links:

Health and Welfare Ministries: <http://gbgm-umc.org/health>

Community and Institutional Ministries: http://gbgm-umc.org/who_we_are/cim/

Or visit www.kswestumc.org for more information.