

four areas OF FOCUS

4 AREAS OF FOCUS +
NEARLY 14 MILLION MEMBERS =
1 TRANSFORMED WORLD FOR JESUS CHRIST



Throughout our connection a movement has been set in motion to reinvigorate The United Methodist Church. It started as a conversation, led by the Council of Bishops, and spread to the Table of General Secretaries, the Connectional Table, annual conferences and local congregations. It has become a movement to sharpen our mission and direct all critical aspects of our ministry together as a church rooted in the Wesleyan tradition.



The movement has led to the creation of four “areas of focus.”



The Council of Bishops, the Connectional Table, the Table of General Secretaries and the general agencies, and the 2008 General Conference are calling for the church to apply churchwide resources to bring these areas of focus to life in a wide range of ministries—not just for the present quadrennium and beyond, for the sake of the Gospel.



Countless ministries related to the four areas of focus take place every day in the local church and the annual conference and through such channels as Volunteers in Mission, the Youth Service Fund, loans and scholarships, UMCOR, the Upper Room, The United Methodist Publishing House, and the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits.

These four areas of focus areas provide unprecedented opportunities for us to work in partnership and to benefit from our individual strengths and areas of expertise. Indeed, this transformation will go beyond the next four years!



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