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Expressions of faith by the people of The United Methodist Church, its conferences, and a host of church institutions are deeply rooted in your traditions of ministry to the poor, the sick, and the underprivileged. Partnerships between the sacred and the secular have proven effective in confronting these injustices the world over. Consider, for example, the pivotal role the United Methodist faith community has played in the success of “Nothing But Nets,” a grassroots campaign to save lives by preventing malaria, a leading killer of children in Africa. Alone, your members have only limited capacity to save a family; perhaps their congregations could mobilize to save a small village; but together, your members, their congregations and a host of partner organizations can save entire continents.

The United Nations Foundation is pleased to be among these partners. We bring to the table considerable expertise in navigating the challenging landscape that is global health. Since 2001, the United Nations Foundation has been working with the UN on malaria prevention, building innovative partnerships with multinational corporations, church bodies, international agencies and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and malaria, among others, including the people of The United Methodist Church.

Together, the United Nations Foundation and the United Methodist Church are uniting partners in bold new undertakings like “Nothing But Nets” that leverage the church’s health and service initiatives around the globe. And we firmly believe we are building the capacity to not simply enhance these initiatives, but are in fact positioning United Methodists to lead in the coalescence of the global action necessary to reduce malaria if not eradicate it altogether.

Thank you for demonstrating your faith in this way and for partnering with us for the benefit of all those in need.