



In “*The Star Thrower*” poet/scientist, Loren Eiseley, tells of an experience which happened to him as he walked along a beach called Costabel. He often arose early and walked along the surf.

Each day at sunrise he found townspeople combing the sand for starfish, which had washed ashore during the night, to kill them for commercial purposes. One morning Eiseley got up unusually early and discovered a solitary figure on the beach—a young man. This man, too, was gathering starfish, but each time he found one alive he would pick it up and throw it as far as he could out beyond the breaking surf, back into the ocean from which it came.

Eiseley inquired of the young man what he thought he was doing explaining that thousands of starfish wash upon mile after mile of beach and certainly the young man couldn’t make a difference. The young man respectfully looked at Eiseley, slowly bent to pick up another starfish, and gently cast it into the ocean replying, “It made a difference to that one!”



This story speaks of how ordinary people participate in God’s enveloping mercy, making a difference one need at a time.

With “*The Star Thrower*” as a model, members of *THE STAR THROWER SOCIETY* hope to give people a new or better chance at life.

Project funding requests may be initiated by anyone from the Kansas East Conference who has special knowledge of project goals and circumstances, such as members of Volunteers-in-Mission teams. The project must be connected with the Conference in some way.

The Board of Global Ministries of the Kansas East Conference will promote projects in mailings or emails to Star Thrower Society members. Decisions will be made in the fall for the winter mailing (January) and in the spring for the summer mailing (July).

## RECIPIENT PROJECTS

- United Methodist Church of Salvation  
Tyumen, Silberia**
- Red Bird Mission and Clinic, Appalachian  
Mountains, Beverly, KY**
- Land purchase for a parsonage/manse,  
LaGonave, Haiti**
- La Ministerio de Amistad y Fe, Topeka, KS**
- Give Ye Them To Eat, Puebla, Mexico**
- Ogden Friendship House Ministry, Ogden,  
Ks**
- GBGM Volunteers Rev. Shirley & Joe  
Edgerton, LaGonave, Haiti**
- Wesley House Summer Lunch Program for  
Children, Pittsburg, KS**
- Bangladesh Missioner Tony Ikenberry**
- McCurdy School’s Pilling-Robinson  
Retreat Center Building Project**
- Bio-Intensive Agricultural Training Centre,  
Kenya**
- Common Ground Disaster Response  
Assistance for Small Kansas Churches  
and Families**
- Methodist Church of Haiti Hot Lunch  
Program**
- Grace Hispanic Ministry, Olathe, KS**
- Ministerio Camino de Esperanza (Way of  
Hope Ministry), Kansas City, KS**
- Ogden Friendship House After School  
Program, Ogden, KS**
- Methodist Church of Poland (projects at  
50 mission churches and sites)**
- KEC United Methodist Women’s Ministry  
to Incarcerated Families**
- GREAT Camp (a summer experience for  
Kansas City, KS children)**



## PROJECTS

Projects may be connected with the Kansas East Conference Advance Specials, with the General Board of Global Ministries Advance Special program, or with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

## MEMBERSHIP IS...

- Open to anyone, but especially members of The United Methodist Church of the Kansas East Conference.
- Initiated by signing the membership application. The Conference office will receive the application and add the person to the mailing list maintained by that office.
- Privileged by giving opportunities two times each year (January and July) to provide monetary support. These mailings will request a \$10 donation to a specific project named and described. Give any amount as God leads.
- Solicited by the Conference Board of Global Ministries at Annual Conference Sessions, through mailings, and in other appropriate ways.
- Given reports of each call status.



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# *The Star Thrower Society*



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## ***Star Thrower Society Membership Application***

I would like to become a member of the *Star Thrower Society* and provide monetary support to mission projects connected with the Kansas East Conference of The United Methodist Church. I understand that I will receive a request for a \$10 or more donation twice a year (approximately January and July) to a named project.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive e-mail calls: \_\_\_\_\_

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