

Mission and Service Ministry

Urban Ministries—Reaching Our Community

Web Addresses

<http://www.skylineurbanministry.org>

<http://www.nso-mi.org/index.php>

<http://www.restorehope.org>

As United Methodists, we are committed to working cooperatively with other denominations in many endeavors, believing that Christ's mission in the world is thereby made stronger and more effective.

Neighborhood Services Organization

While the [Neighborhood Services Organization](#) (NSO) of Oklahoma City was birthed in the Methodist Church, it is not exclusively a United Methodist agency. Its forerunner was the Bethlehem Center/Wesley Community House, serving the central part of the city, and supported mostly by the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries.

The organization has broadened its base of participation and support and has thereby expanded its ministry to those in need. Some of the newest programs include Martha's House, a transitional housing program for homeless families; Gatewood House, a short-term residential program for young, single, homeless, expectant mothers; Douglas House, a transitional housing program for homeless young men, ages 18-24; and Palo Duro, a 22-unit apartment complex for individuals who are homeless and mentally ill. We are doing together what none of us could do separately.

Skyline Urban Ministries and Restore Hope Ministries

In addition, two Urban Ministries receive support. [Skyline Urban Ministries](#) in Oklahoma City and Restore Hope Ministries in Tulsa seek ways to meet physical, spiritual and social needs of thousands of people and families each year. They do it in the name of Jesus, the Christ, and on behalf of the United Methodists of Oklahoma.

These two ministries provide spiritual counsel, prayer and worship experiences regularly. Tulsa's [Restore Hope](#) ministers to more than 8,000 each year through its Chapel Ministries program. Every Saturday evening,

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approximately 100 low-income and homeless people go to Skyline Ministries' Eighth Street sanctuary to worship and stay for dinner.

Many local churches collect and contribute both non-perishable foods and good used clothing to these Urban Ministries. This helps provide emergency food to more than 12,000 families each year, and clothing for approximately 50,000 families yearly.

The apportionment for Urban Ministries is divided between the two ministries in an unusual manner. All apportionment dollars received from churches in the Tulsa District go to Restore Hope Ministries. Those received from churches in the North and South Oklahoma City Districts go to Skyline Urban Ministries. Receipts from the other nine districts of the Conference are divided equally between the two ministries.

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