

IMAGINE NO MALARIA

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Giving the Gift of Life

In Advent, we celebrate that God gave us the greatest gift of all in sending Jesus Christ to be our Savior - to teach us to love one another and to care for those less fortunate.

This Advent, your church can give the gift of life by hosting an Alternative Gifts Market. Members of your community can “shop” for loved ones, purchasing gifts that will never get dusty or go unused. An alternative gifts market can be held as a one-day bazaar, or can be an on-going opportunity for church members.



Objective:

To raise awareness about the many ways The United Methodist Church is fighting malaria in Africa, and raise funds to support the Imagine No Malaria ministry.

Items Needed:

- Cost list for items that will help in the effort to eliminate deaths from malaria in Africa
- Card inserts that detail the various items needed to help fight malaria
 - Inserts detail the items identified on the cost list
 - Inserts are available as downloadable files at www.epaumc.org/imagine-no-malaria
- Decorative items
 - Tulle or a hunting/camping bed net to symbolize the insecticide-treated bed nets
 - Photos of various items on sale in the gift market (photos available on the INM website).
 - Small gifts for sale (M&M's wrapped in netting, candy canes, bracelets, bookmarks, etc)
- OPTIONAL – Greeting cards with details about Imagine No Malaria
 - Cards are available as downloadable files at www.epaumc.org/imagine-no-malaria

Before the Event:

- Spread the word
 - Place details in the church bulletin and make regular announcements encouraging members to participate in the alternative gifts market.
 - Invite the community – hand out flyers or ask the local paper to donate ad space for the event.
- Print and Order materials

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Before the Event (cont.):

- Make sure you have enough inserts and cost lists for folks to read as they “shop” the marketplace, as well as greeting cards, bracelets, t-shirts, and other items available.

Event Day(s):

- Encourage visitors to look through the cost lists or walk through the market to select items they wish to support.
 - Once gifts are selected for their loved ones, use the cost list to total up the donation.
 - Ask the donor to write one check for all gifts to your local church with "Imagine No Malaria" in the memo line..
- Distribute one card insert for each gift purchased. The inserts can be printed using the online template.
- BONUS – Ask the youth to host their own table with small tokens for sale, such as M&M's wrapped in netting, Imagine No Malaria bracelets, bookmarks, or gift card sets.

After the Event:

- Write one check from the church to cover all gifts received, and send to:
Eastern Pennsylvania Conference
PO Box 820
Valley Forge, PA 19482; memo 3021190
- Thank all donors for their participation in Imagine No Malaria, and be sure to share the number of lives saved through your alternative gifts market (total raised/10)!
- Continue to provide church and community members the opportunity to “shop” throughout Advent.
- Pray for those that suffer from malaria every day, and pray that they may be healed by the generous gifts provided by your church through Imagine No Malaria.

For More Information:

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Please Note: gifts through the Alternative Gifts Market represent a donation to the overall Imagine No Malaria campaign. Donations to help save lives through the Imagine No Malaria ministry are tax deductible.

Imagine No Malaria is a ministry of the Global Health Initiative
