

Mistead T. Sai

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Mistead T. Sai is a missionary through the US-2 young adult program of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. Commissioned in August 2012, he is assigned to Interfaith Worker Justice in Chicago, Illinois.



US-2 missionaries serve for two years in the United States, usually in ministries that emphasize social justice. Young adult mission service through Global Ministries expands participants' mission vision and offers faith contexts for the use of skills.

Interfaith Worker Justice (IWJ) engages faith communities in actions to advance the rights of workers. It advocates and organizes in support of fair wages, healthcare, and pensions that allow workers to raise families and retire with dignity. It also promotes safe working conditions and equal protection regardless of immigration status.

Mistead works with the Workers Center Network, which provides opportunities and places for low-wage and immigrant workers to join with faith volunteers in efforts to achieve and maintain their rights. It was set up in 2004 to maximize the effectiveness of IWJ's faith connections.

Born in Ghana, Mistead is a citizen of the United States and makes his home in Great Mills, Maryland, where his uncle is a United Methodist pastor, a member of the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from the University of Maryland at College Park.

During college years, he worked as a resident assistant and spent five months during his senior year as an intern for the Equal Rights Center in Washington, DC, which promotes equal opportunities in housing, employment, public accommodations, and government services.

While he grew up in the church, Mistead credits the Wesley Foundation at the University of Maryland for allowing him to "claim his faith" and grow in his spiritual journey. His call to mission, he says, is fairly recent, linked to his participation in the 2012 United Methodist General Conference in Tampa. He was one of several young adults underwritten at the conference by the United Methodist Federation for Social Action. He met several young adult missionaries in Tampa who gave him insights into possible mission service.

Mistead says: “I felt compelled during the two weeks at General Conference to seek a more active role within and through The United Methodist Church than I had before. I experienced that ‘heart-strangely-warmed’ sensation that John Wesley experienced. I wanted to grow in faith, serve God, and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” -

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