

## Easy as 1, 2, 3

We have made it very easy for your church to become a Sustaining Congregation.

1. **Fill out the form** inside this brochure and return it to Mechuwana by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. **Come up with fun and creative ways to raise money** to fulfill your pledge. (We have given you some ideas on the back of this brochure, but if you have other great fundraising ideas, please share them with us by visiting our website.)
3. **Send in your church's donation** by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please make your check payable to **Mechuwana** and mail it to:

Mechuwana Sustaining Congregations  
PO Box 277  
Winthrop, ME 04364

Once your donation is received, we will list **your church as a Sustaining Congregation on Mechuwana's website** at [www.mechuwana.org](http://www.mechuwana.org).

## FUNdraising Ideas

Looking for fun, creative ways to involve your congregation and community in raising funds for Mechuwana's ministry? Here are some suggestions:

Penny/coin challenge  
Public supper  
Auction (silent, pie, service, etc.)  
Talent show  
Open mic night

**Have other ideas?** We would love to hear them. If you have ideas to share, email them to us at [mechuwana@gmail.com](mailto:mechuwana@gmail.com).

*All donations will be invested completely in Mechuwana's ministry as part of the special "Mechuwana Scholarship Fund." This money stays with Mechuwana and is managed by the United Methodist Foundation on camp's behalf.*



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Mechuwana Invites You to Become a

## Sustaining Congregation

**For 70 years, youth, adults, and families have spent time on the shores of Lower Narrows Pond in Winthrop, Maine, learning about themselves and the world around them, while creating a closer relationship with God.**



Help future generations of campers have the same experiences for the next 70 years. Encourage your church to become a Sustaining Congregation and make it possible for a camper to experience a life-changing week at Mechuwana, making friends and memories that last a lifetime.

For thousands of people, Mechuwana has been and continues to be a life-changing place where they make new friendships and create lasting memories.

**Listening to the loons. Going on a night walk on the Owl Trail. Laughing around the campfire with new friends. Leading morning devotions at Grove Chapel.**

We provide opportunities that enrich people's lives and memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

### **Mechuwana Ministry Made Possible**

For many campers, these opportunities would not be possible without the strong support and financial assistance of local churches and individuals.

The need for camp scholarships is greater than ever as more families seek financial assistance in order to send their children to camp. This increase comes at the same time that the Annual Conference has been forced to cut back on its financial support of camping ministry.

**Mechuwana never turns away a family who can't afford to pay for camp.** Currently 40% of all campers receive financial help from Mechuwana, and another 40% from local churches.

### **How Can Our Local Church Help?**

To meet the demand of growing requests, we are asking local churches to prayerfully consider becoming a part of a new program. The program is called **Sustaining Congregations.**



### **Become a Sustaining Congregation**

Mechuwana is asking each church to sponsor a camper with a **donation of a \$300 campership**, the cost of a week of camp.

If you think that is a big stretch for your congregation, you can choose to sponsor a half-week of camp for \$150. Or, your church might decide to donate more than one campership if you would like to send more than one camper to Mechuwana this year.

Please complete and return to Mechuwana:

**YES!** We pledge to be a Mechuwana Sustaining Congregation.

**Our pledge:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Church name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church web address:

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(We will link to your church website from Mechuwana's website.)

Our check is enclosed.

We will mail our donation by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mail to:

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Thank you!