

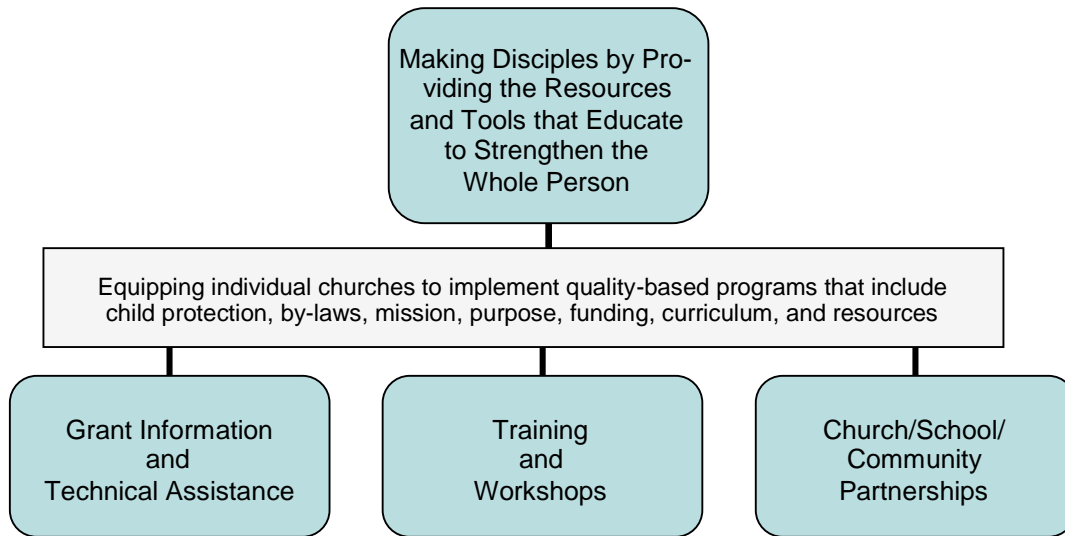
## SHALOM LITERACY MINISTRY

Through tutorial assistance and enriching activities, Shalom Literacy has equipped local churches to work with academically at-risk students statewide in a positive environment to promote an increased awareness of the student's abilities and accomplishments through engaging literacy programs and youth development.

This outreach ministry provided 25 elementary schools across the state with school supply kits totaling more than 2800 kits. It has brought many children outside their community to participate in learning experiences at United Methodist colleges, youth rallies, and special events. We have worked with parents so that they can become self-sustainable through GED and ESL programs.

Grant opportunities and technical support for after-school programming have continued through this office providing funds and assistance to local churches and United Methodist institutions.

Through the efforts of our staff statewide, partnerships with local agencies have served as bridges between at-risk communities in need of assistance and those communities that have begun to be self-sustainable. Partnerships have been established to strengthen existing programs, and technical assistance has been provided to the faith community for new programs.



God's work is seen through the eyes of the committed individuals across the state and those they serve. The Shalom Literacy Ministry attempts to bridge the gap between church and state. The focus is to utilize the faith community to serve academically at-risk students and adults. When individuals have the right tools and attitude, an at-risk community will achieve academic success, and the communities will become a vital part of society.

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