

Penney Schwab Former Executive Director, United Methodist Western Kansas Mexican-American Ministries (MAM)

From 1985 until February of this year, **Penney Schwab** served as executive director of the United Methodist Western Kansas Mexican-American Ministries (MAM), which operates six care centers in southwest Kansas that provide medical, spiritual, social, and educational services to people of all races, colors, and faiths. Presently a self-employed grant writer, she is a certified lay speaker for the United Methodist Church and a frequent contributor to Daily Guideposts.

Ms. Schwab holds an M.S. in business management from Friends University and a certificate in nonprofit management from the Wichita State University School of Business. A charter member and past president of the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, she has also served on the Governor's Task Force on Child Health and the Kansas Physicians Engaged in Prevention Research Advisory Committee. The Kansas Health Foundation recognized Ms. Schwab's immense and lasting contribution to the health and well-being of the people of southwest Kansas when it gave her its Community Service Leadership Award in 1995 and named her a Leadership Fellow in 2000. She was also named the Koch Outstanding Kansas Woman of the Year in 1998. Penney is a native Oklahoman and a member of the Choctaw Nation.