

**OUTREACH DIVISION
2009 YEAR END REPORT**
January 30, 2010

CAMPUS MISSION COMMITTEE (Also see separate committee report)

At their organizational meeting in February, the Campus Mission Committee set a goal of meeting at each of the Presbyterian Colleges during the year in order to get to know the chaplains and the ministries in their context:

- Cullowhee Presbyterian Church on the Campus of Western Carolina University (June)
- Lee McRae College at Presbytery meeting (July)
- Warren Wilson College (September)
- Montreat College (November)

At each presbytery meeting a representative of a college ministry was given the opportunity to share: Warren Wilson in April, Lees McRae in July, NCPHEM (North Carolina Presbyterian Higher Education Ministry) in October. Scholarships were offered for campus ministers to attend the YAM Jam (Young Adult Ministry Conference in May). A college ministry consultation was provided for Cullowhee Presbyterian Church as they began their pastor search process. Committee member Rev. Joseph Washburn offered a Let's Celebrate workshop in August on congregational college ministry. The committee designated October as "College Student Awareness Month" and distributed ready to print bulletin inserts for congregations to use. The committee explored the possibility of student representation on the committee through the "service scholar's program" at Lees McRae College (which was not filled) and by inviting students from the colleges we visit to sit in on that particular meeting. Rev. Kathy Campbell (2 years) and Rev. Joseph Washburn (3 years) agreed to serve on the NCPHEM board in 2010.

HUNGER COMMITTEE

Souper Bowl of Caring: 50 churches participated raising \$19,031.67 in dollars and cans for their local food pantries, and the Presbytery's Hunger Committee supersized these offerings with \$9,515.87 from Nickel-a-Meal funds.

One Great Hour of Sharing: A total of \$69,268.03 for the OGHS offering was collected by congregations within the presbytery. This offering supports the work of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program, and the National Self Development of People Program.

Nickel-a-Meal Offering: \$91,175.99 was the total received as of November when grants were allocated. Of this amount 55% is designated to International Grants, 40% to Regional Grants, and 5% to Promotion/Education (which is usually used to supersize the Souper Bowl of Caring the following year). After receiving Nickel-a-Meal applications, making site visits, interviewing representatives, and receiving Council approval, checks are presented during the worship service at the Presbyterian Congregation that sponsored the Nickel-a-Meal application.

Regional Grant recipients in 2009:

- \$7,500 Angel Food YUMM (sponsored by Waldensian)
- \$4,000 Feeding Avery Families (sponsored by Banner Elk)
- \$6,000 Jericho Road Soup Kitchen (sponsored by Rutherfordton)
- \$5,000 Macon County Care Network (sponsored by FPC Franklin)
- \$5,000 Neighbors in Need (sponsored by Marshall)
- \$5,000 Pay it Forward Food Pantry (sponsored by Fairview)
- \$4,000 Thermal Belt Outreach “Feed-a-Kid BackPack program” (sponsored by Columbus)

International Grant recipients in 2009:

- \$20,000 Malawi Nkhoma Hospital Children’s Ward Food
- \$10,000 Guatemala Food Crisis Relief through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- \$15,000 Cameroon RELUFA Food Sovereignty Program (This is a PCUSA Joining Hands Against Hunger program, for more information go to www.pcusa.org/joininghands/cameroon.htm and look at the Food Sovereignty program.)
- \$2,000 Haiti Road to Life Yard project (This is a Presbyterian Hunger Program project that works through PCUSA Mission Co-worker Mark Hare www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/profiles/harem.)
- \$3,000 was set aside to help restart the Guatemala Partnership’s Nutrition program when the partnership is ready to restart it.

Hunger Committee members: Sent two representatives to the “Hunger No More” Conference in February in Raleigh. Offered two workshops at Let’s Celebrate, which were The Faces of Hunger: Hunger Awareness Training Seminar, and Advocacy 101: Sticking up for each other. Educated about the One Great Hour of Sharing offering at the April Presbytery meeting, sent the “Christmas Elf” to talk about the Reclaiming Christmas program at the July Presbytery meeting, and presented further details about the Reclaiming Christmas alternative giving opportunities and Hunger Statistics at the October Presbytery meeting. Invited the Outreach Division committees to gather together to share information, which led to a gathering of committee chairs in December.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

- Invited PCUSA Mission Co-worker Jim McGill (Ekwendeni, Malawi) to speak at the January presbytery meeting about his work with shallow wells and sanitation.
- Publicized Amanda Craft’s appointment to the Mission Co-worker position in Guatemala left vacant by Ellen Dozier’s retirement.
- Commissioned the Malawi Mission Team at the April Presbytery meeting. Nine people went to Malawi in May, carrying with them school supplies for the Ebenezer school and Nkhoma Hospital. A video report was given at the July Presbytery meeting

- Highlighted PCUSA Mission Co-worker Rev. Dr. Becca Young's work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Theological Seminary in Jakarta, Indonesia at the July Presbytery meeting.
- Offered a Let's Celebrate workshop by PCUSA Mission Co-worker John McCall.
- Facilitated Dr. Barbara Nagy and family's return for an Interpretation year (PCUSA Mission Co-worker in Nkhoma, Malawi). This Fall she visited with 19 PWNC congregations, and spoke at the October Presbytery meeting, the Mayland Fellowship, the GAP gathering (Gastonia Area Presbyterians), the Montreat Heritage Center, an ACTS 16:5 gathering, met with Guatemala partners, and traveled through three other New England presbyteries in October as part of Mission Challenge '09.
- Received a representative from Living Waters for the World at the October Presbytery meeting.
- Gave a DVD to each congregation, "Partner with Presbyterian World Mission" at the October Presbytery Meeting.
- Supported financially Rachel Brown (Mills River) PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer in Kenya who returned in the summer 2009, Amy Wilson-Stayton (Lowell and FPC Lincolnton) PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer currently serving in Northern Ireland, Lisle Gwynn (Black Mountain) College Student on a Mission trip to Kenya with Davidson College Presbyterian Church.
- Supported financially Jessi Stitt (Black Mountain) who is spending 2010 working at the Ebenezer School in Nkhoma Malawi.
- Learned that Mission Committee member Dorothy McKenzie of Gastonia FPC will spend 2010 working with the Ebenezer School in Nkhoma Malawi.
- Sent Christmas gifts to mission workers from this presbytery: Barbara Nagy (Malawi), Becca Young (Indonesia), Frank & Nancy Dimmock (Lesotho), Virginia Gartrell (retired from Brazil), Jim & Sarah Hornsby (retired in Nicaragua), Don & Charlene Woods (China/Mongolia).
- Facilitated through the Disaster Working Group a Camp Grier Work day on May 2. Billy Wilson (Union) transported the PWNC Shower Trailer to a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Village in Texas to help with Hurricane Rita relief. Carol McCroskey (FPC Burnsville) and team led a group from PWNC to do flood relief work in West Virginia the first week of November.

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Committee focused on the theme of "being leaven" this year.

- Had a presence at a Peacemaking Workshop at FPC Hickory in the Spring, and at the Presbyterian Women's gatherings in the Fall.
- Provided scholarships for three people (Rev. John McCall, Rev. Deborah McEachran, and Elder Judy Nebrig) to attend the Multi-Cultural conference at the PCUSA Big Tent Event in June.
- Designated the presbytery's portion of the 2009 Peacemaking offering to Multi-Cultural work, and part of those funds went to help provide the Regional Multi-cultural conference Oct 30-31 in Charlotte.
- Attempted to offer a Let's Celebrate workshop on "Non-violent Communication.

- Explored and highlighted the newest Presbyterian Peacemaking Resource, “Guidelines for Communal Discernment,” and from that led the October Presbytery meeting in an experience with Lectio Divina Bible Study.
- Received the news that James Aydelotte had been designated by the Israel/Palestine Mission Network as educator for PWNC, and endorsed his work.
- Explored further the possibility of a Global Village at Camp Grier and a trip with BorderLinks to the Arizona/Mexico border.
- Supported financially the work of NC Council of Churches \$500, Women at Risk program of the Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice in Asheville \$1,500, the Swannanoa Correctional facility chaplaincy program \$1,000, and the Children’s Tutoring program at Good Hope Presbyterian in Kings Mountain \$500.

SELF DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

The Committee followed up with its two December 2008 grant recipients. One of which, “Opportunity Threads” in Morganton, received a 2009 National SDOP grant as well, with our endorsement. Made an educational presentation at the April Presbytery meeting about the SDOP program. The committee received no grant applications in 2009.