

MISSION COMMITTEE
The Church of the Covenant
Ministry Plan –2017
February 28, 2017

Our mission is to glorify God by shining His light so that our neighbors may see.

We evaluated and reviewed the work of the committee in 2016 and the multiple God in Action Groups and Mission Teams that report to the committee.

The Mission Committee goals for 2017 are as follows:

- 1) **Review and Update each of the existing God in Action Groups.** Make certain there is opportunity for report and good communication. Our current God in Action Groups include: Love in a Basket, Lemoyne Center, Habitat for Humanity, Washington Christian Outreach, Blessings in a Backpack, Summer Sandwich Ministry (Lemoyne), City Mission, Friends of Jesus, Foodbank, Domestic Violence, Turning Point, CASA, Operation Christmas Child, Sleeping Bags. *Kathy Teagarden, Connie Hornickel and Stu Broberg assigned.*
- 2) **Recruitment of new volunteers for the God in Action Groups and good communication.** Once per quarter have a Moment for Mission in worship and a recruitment table in the Commons Area. Have a monthly Messenger article on a Mission Subject. We will determine Moment for Mission recruitment opportunities for March, April and May at our March 2017 meeting. *Steve Johnson* has agreed to write a monthly Messenger article on a mission theme.
- 3) **Update the Mission Brochure.** Include newly funded projects and opportunities to become involved. Target is to go out simultaneously with publicity for involvement of new volunteers, mission team recruitment and publicity for the Mission Emphasis Weekend in the fall of 2017. *Abe Key and Stu Broberg* will work on this.
- 4) **Mission Trip intentional recruitment of participants and interpretation after the trip.** There will be a Mission Committee approved “mission trip memo” for each of the three Mission trips – Haiti (for 2017), Mission: Washington Home Youth Mission (June 2017) and the Menaul replacement trip (Summer or September 2017). Set specific Moments for Mission, Messenger articles and sign up times in the Fall 2017 to recruit new team members. _____ ?? does Haiti; *Debbie Evans* does Menaul replacement Trip; *Don Nixon* does Mission: Washington Youth Mission.
- 5) **Mission Emphasis Weekend.** The first Sunday of October (World Communion Sunday) has three speakers from the three mission teams as speakers in worship and the dinner. Have a Mission Dinner immediately following worship with speakers from at least two of the God in Action groups and Mission trips. *Individual Mission Teams* recruit their mission speaker; *Connie Hornickel, Carol Spencer and Betty Braun* host the dinner; *Stu Broberg* and Mission Committee put program together.
- 6) **Quarterly Mission Authorization of one quarter of the Mission Budget.** The goal is that one quarter of the Mission Budget will be authorized and sent by the third month of the quarter. In the first month of the quarter the Mission Committee will authorize one quarter of a combination of local, foreign, other, and endowment mission funds to be sent. *Additionally this year, the Mission Committee will prioritize its mission expenditures.* An accompanying letter will explain the gift, ask for inclusion in information/ brochures, with an invitation to come in the future and share with the Mission Committee. The authorizations will be tracked and reported. *Steve Johnson* has agreed to serve as Mission Treasurer.

- 7) **New Programs/ Mission Trips.** A. Debbie Evans and the Menaul Mission Team have decided not to continue the trip to Menaul and will suggest a replacement trip by March 2017; this trip likely will occur either Summer 2017 or Fall 2017; the Vendor Fair, April 29, 2017 will again financially support this trip. B. Haiti Mission Trip April 18-25, 2017 is fully booked and Donna Carlisle and Stu Broberg will attend from our church; \$1,000 has been authorized for food distribution; Moment for Mission Scheduled upon return to do intentional recruitment for Haiti Mission Trip in 2018. C. Mission: Washington local youth Mission Trip is approved for June 19-25, 2017 led by Don Nixon; it will include the Confirmation Class process directed by Pastor Kay Balderose and Pastor Stu; \$2,025 has been approved for this project (\$1,000 from Mission Trip Support and \$1,025 from Developing Opportunities).
- 8) **New Programs/ God in Action Groups.** A. Good Neighbor Program. The Mission Committee has approved proceeding with a process that “explores opportunities” in partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build a Habitat House in our neighborhood. The “Good Neighbor Program” is both to address the issue of homelessness, to replace our commitment for Family Promise with a commitment to Habitat, and to improve the surrounding church neighborhood. B. We will continue to explore establishing an Emergency Mission Response Team through Samaritan’s Purse with church member, Eric Myers. This would put together a rapid response team of volunteers whenever there is an immediate need (examples: the flooding in West Virginia or clean up in Louisiana from Hurricane Katrina). We would earmark a Moment for Mission this Spring in order to begin recruitment of people with an interest in participating. C. The Summer Student Internship Program would bring young people from Lacroix Haiti to participate in educational, religious and cross-cultural experiences the summer of 2017 (and upon evaluation and review on an ongoing basis); two students would be identified and participate; this program is also endorsed by the New Testament Mission, per Kerby Pierre. The awarding of visas is a key component of the program through the embassy in Port au Prince. Dr. Broberg and a volunteer support team would help coordinate.
- 9) **Per Capita Promotion.** The Mission Committee agrees to write the per capita letters, February and June 2017. It requests additional information from the Session (do we pay only the portion we receive or endeavor to pay more than that and where would the funds come from? And would designation for Washington Presbytery of per capita continue as it has in the past?). Also, from Washington Presbytery information on how per capita is used to fund the Mission of Washington Presbytery. Per Capita would remain a separate line item in the Session Operating Budget and not be considered part of the Mission Budget of the church.
- 10) **Strategic Planning on Major Mission Gifts.** The Mission Committee would begin a process of identifying potential major mission gifts that might be folded into a Capital Campaign like the previous Light the Fire Campaign.