

Mission Committee
The Church of the Covenant
Ministry Plan – 2018
March 20, 2018

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 2017. This includes the “God in Action Groups” and Mission Teams that report to the committee.

The Mission Committee goals for 2018 are as follows:

1. **Raise Mission activities:** Due to lower than normal giving pledges, the committee is forced to operate at a lower level than in the past, actually 3.3% of first fruits. All effort will be taken on the part of this committee to effect a change in the pledged giving to allow budgeting to rise back to the normal 10% within 2 years.
2. **Review and update each of the existing “God in Action Groups”.** Update the existing GOD-in Action pamphlet assuring good communications and information to the congregation.
3. **Recruit new volunteers for the “God in Action Groups”.** Three Sundays during 2018 prepare a program that focuses on one God in Action Group. This program will combine a “Minute for Mission” presentation with a Messenger Article and a table for recruitment in the Commons. This program will be directed by the God in Action Group leader.
4. **Update the Mission Brochure.** Include newly funded projects and opportunities for the congregation to become involved. Target for completion and release prior to Mission Emphasis Weekend October 9, 2018.
5. **Mission Emphasis Weekend (Sunday October 9, 2018).** The Mission Committee will highlight mission activities by preparing a program that will include Mission Messages by persons that have participated in a mission trip in 2018, applicable displays in the Commons, a procedure that allows the congregation to vote for their favorite “God in Action” group, and a strolling brunch.
6. **Quarterly Mission Authorization of one quarter of the Mission Budget.** The goal is that one quarter of the Mission Budget will be authorized for payment during each quarter. The purpose is to evenly distribute the mission funds across the year and assist the finance committee with consistent information and priority.
7. **Work with the new Director of Youth.** Assist the future Director of Youth with setting up a Mission Trip for youth in 2019. The amount of help to be determined at the appropriate time and depending upon the destination of mission trip.
8. **Continue to participate in the Haiti higher education program.** Continue to fund Sammy Succes by way of Friends of Haiti for distribution in 2018 and 2019.
9. **Evaluate the potential of the “Go Fund Me “social media program for Mission fund raising.** Determine the feasibility and utility of this program for Mission giving purposes by having knowledgeable personnel brief the Committee on the system. If this program is feasible and suitable for the Committee to use to support Mission work, determine how to best use it to further the Mission effectiveness of The Church of the Covenant.

10. **Work team for Haiti.** The Lacroix Mission in Haiti, under the direction of Pastor Pierre and the Mission staff, is planning to build a new church for Lacroix Mission use. The Church of the Covenant will assist financially with this project, and there is also a desire by the church to participate by adding some of our labor to the effort. The Lacroix Mission staff and their contractors would have full control of the construction. COTC labor team would be used as directed by the contractors. The timing of this project is not known at this time, but it is our desire to send a team of people to work when appropriate and when approved by the Mission. More information will be known when the team returns after their April 2018 visit to the Lacroix Mission.
11. **Assist with existing Mission trips.** In 2018 there will be a mission trip to The Mission at Lacroix in Haiti, Roncervert, WV, and the Mission Washington project. These projects have been approved for 2018. Plans and requests for trips in 2019 should be submitted as soon as possible. The Mission Committee will work to assist these groups with the goals of expanding mission work and expenses as requested. For future mission trips, the Mission Committee desires to have information a year in advance of all such trips.
12. **Non –Profit partnership.** The Mission Committee will search for a Christian non-profit agency that we can form an exploratory partnership. This would be a new venture for our church and the way is not effectively known. We would like to help this agency plan and help them execute their plans and objectives. We could furnish people and some finances. In this agreement there could also be ways that they could be of help to us.