

Missions Committee Annual Report to
St. Matthew's Congregation
January, 2011

Operating Structure

Financial Management:

A new outline for budget, fund balance account management and incoming/distribution of funds has been established. This will facilitate better communications with the Church Bookkeeper and Treasurer as well as provide an open channel for the congregation to make donations year round to any mission related activity there by reducing the amount of fundraising calls throughout the year. This change was established in accordance with the United Methodist guidelines for Leadership of Mission.

Organization and Operation Structure:

Reorganize of how the Mission Committee functions to facilitate the outreach programs; Benevolence causes, World Service and Conference, and Advance Specials served by our church and to improve communications within our church and the local community are complete.

Goals for 2010:

- Complete the Pictorial Directory by March 15th
- Establish St. Matthew's as a Mission Central Hub Partner
- Create more opportunities for youth to participate in local VIM trips
- Create a means to increase publicity in our community of who we are and what we do relating to outreach.
- Complete the church DVD by December 1, 2010. (Turned over to the Communications Committee)

Our goals have been met and exceeded for 2010. Our goals for 2011 are listed below.

Our major accomplishments for 2010 include:

- St. Matthew's Disaster Response/Outreach HUB is established as the only HUB for Mission Central in our conference, with 19 local churches participating in support of our efforts. We have received, prepared, verified and delivered over 5000 UMCOR kits to-date for 2010. We received our first Grant for HUB-outreach work from the PG County 4th District, Community Foundation thanks to Dan Blades & Pat Clunies. We had two major assemblies on UMCOR Kits and sent 10 Mission Teams to work at MC for a total of 119 volunteers.
- We have a seat on the Board of Managers for Mission Central
- The trustees approved St. Matthew's taking ownership of the conference truck that is used for STMDROH activities and church member support. The Missions Committee along with DRP supports the insurance and maintenance costs for the truck. The truck usage is supervised through the Missions Committee under the care of Peter Saderholm. The truck was used for 12 trips to MC with 10 teams.
- Missionary Support: We now support Suzanne Porter who works as a nurse practitioner serving at the Ganta Medical Complex in Ganta Liberia. Kathleen Masters moved to a position at GBGM.
- Adult Ministries joined our mission efforts establishing a monthly gathering of members to make cards and verify UMCOR kits for our HUB.
- Storage Building re-organization under the leadership of Clyde Daughn when very smoothly now provided easier storage and access for all who use the space.

- Christmas in April celebrated its 20th year of service in our county. Dan Blades is now a member of the Board of Directors.
- We responded with phenomenal results to the Haiti and Chile Relief Efforts, over \$14,000.00 for Haiti and \$1,500.00 to Chile.
- UMVIM efforts: Although we did not participate in an organized team trip this year our support was given to: \$2500.00 to supply the hospital in Zimbabwe and new x-ray machine; \$2500.00 to Bowie, UMC VIM Team for work in Haiti and \$5000.00 to the Kindergarten project cost for Logan Town Liberia. Conducted a benefit concert to raise fund to help finish the kindergarten school addition in Logan Town Liberia, Total \$14,880.95 plus \$1174.14 collected early in the year was allocated to scholarships and sent on 5/13/10. The Combined-Grand Total for OC is \$16,055.09 for 2010.
- Received a huge donation of usable items from Homeland Security for DRP and STMDROH efforts thanks to Peter Saderholm and Dan Blades.
- Have re-established St. Matthew's as the area host church for CWS/CROP Walk and organized 9 churches to participate raising \$12,376.00 and will continue to be the host Church for this effort.
- Nothing But Net-to help end to death caused by Malaria we have reached \$4616.00 or 461.6 nets. Our Goal was 500.
- Our Committee adopted a daily pray time each day at 9 PM to pray for those that are in need, lead our country, serve our country and that serve the needy.
- We have supplied the church Historian with over 20 years of Mission History documents.
- We purchased a very large steel wire mobile bin from the funds raised through iGive.com, Rita's and Papa John's discount cards for use with our STMDROH activities.
- We had 17 members of our **Youth Program** participate in Local UMVIM Trips to Mission Central.
- Our outreach efforts appeared in the local newspapers 5 times this year to-date.
- Introduced the UMCOR-Read to Feed-Heifer International program for children and **youth raising** over \$1000.00 to purchase live stock for those in need.
- Launched the Big-Thunder-Reusable-Bag program, purchasing 1000 bags with our church name and pledge that we are committed to feeding the hungry.
- Church members have contributed over 500 bags of food, 20 boxes resulting from our food drive on Dec 11th to our local food pantry and \$ 2,584.50 in monetary support.
- Advent Projects supported the Prison Ministries with 350 Christmas Stockings, Title One Schools with 320 Sweat Shirts for needy children and our Warm Nights house 35 homeless residents for one week. Food Baskets were prepared for 17 families during the both Holiday Season. We assisted three families in crises with food, clothing, furniture and Christmas for 20 children. We are still assisting two of the families. Foote Family Progress Report is attached.
- Our Knit Witt group continues to support our Troops and Foster Grandparent programs; Advent projects and STMDROH. Our Support for our Troops program continues to minister to those deployed and returning home.
- FISH Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help has served countless community members get to the doctor appointments, grocery shopping and much more.
- We have served 24 meals at the PG House Men's Shelter for the homeless
- Our Housing Corporation and in-house Shelter continues to house the homeless and battered women within our community. These groups now function under the missions committee for support.

- Our **Youth Program** has launched their fund raising efforts to send 17 youth to ASP in June of 2011. Our 2011 budget hopefully will include allocations to help this effort once approved by the Ad Board.
- We will host of first ASP Applicants Week-end Training at St. Matthew's in January of 2011.
- Project C.U.R.E. has been added to the efforts of STMDROH. This program's headquarters is in Colorado. Their mission is to collect used and donated medical equipment and supplies to ship to third world countries.
- Our Regional UMVIM efforts continue to encourage smaller local churches to join in support of conference wide UMVIM efforts. This group meets at our church quarterly each year, lead by Neil Moores, our regional conference coordinator for UMVIM. Jody Rudd is our Regional UMVIM Coordinator under Neil for St. Matthew's with 10 local churches assigned to her for support.
- Two Sunday's were dedicated to Missions. Our Sunday in May was to recognize the **Youth** that served at Missions Central and to celebrate the service to Missions by Peter Saderholm. We introduced the theme "Re-think Church" and "Spring Into Service." Our September Sunday was a focused on "Feeling the Hungry", with CWS/CROP as our guest speaker, launched the CROP Walk, Big Thunder re-useable bag sales, Read to Feed Program and the Bowie Food Pantry needs.

Goals for 2011:

- Grow our volunteer participation at St. Matthew's Disaster Response/Outreach HUB in support of Mission Central and UMCOR with the help of our **Stewardship Committee**. Complete the UMCOR "**Windows to the World**" **Prayer wall** in the Narthex.
- Create more opportunities for youth to participate in local VIM trips and outreach programs working with our Youth Director.
- Continue to increase publicity in our community of who we are and what we do relating to outreach through our newly formed **Communications Committee**.
- Increase participation in our "Job Box" program that serves the needs of church members unable to maintain minor home repairs and yard maintenance with the help of our **DRT Program**.
- Increase awareness of iGive.com through our **Stewardship Committee**
- Continue to re-fine our committee structure to better serve its programs and goals of our church
- Develop a Mission Education Program within the church
- Continue to serve the existing outreach programs as identified
- Explore unification of our Shelter Program/Housing Corporation/Outreach needs
- Explore Grants, ways and means of funding Conference outreach program "Common Ground".
- Continue to encourage members to become trained as certified ERT/DRT responders.

We thank you, our congregation for your continued generosity in support of our work inside and outside the walls of our church. We will continue to represent you in our planning and our work in Christ's service through good stewardship with the highest respect and gratitude for your gifts of love.

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