

Mission and Outreach Coordinating Committee (2014)

Purpose

"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NRSV)

The Mission and Outreach Coordinating Committee's mandate is to respond to the cries of God's people by engaging our congregation in coming alongside those who are actively addressing God's call to compassion and service. This mandate is accomplished through educating our members/adherents about local, national and international outreach and mission, challenging them to respond to opportunities to participate in outreach and mission activities through financial support and/or the giving of their time and talent. The Committee will actively pursue partnership in new mission projects and continue to provide support for current mission projects according to the strategic directions/foci of the Session. Wherever possible, the Committee will work in concert with other committees and groups in an effort to maximize our call to compassion and service.

Membership

Committee membership will be for a three (3) year term running from September 1st to August 31st. Members of the committee may serve more than one term. The Committee must have at least one member representing the Session and the Women's Missionary Society.

Objectives

The Mission and Outreach Coordinating Committee will:

1. Working with members of the congregation to identify the opportunities for Mission and Outreach and encourage active participation in these projects (see current list of Existing Partnerships)
2. Raise awareness of Outreach/Mission initiatives in our local community, nationally and internationally and in particular in relation to The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Presbyterians Sharing..., and Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D).

3. To identify and/or coordinate individuals and/or groups to coordinate and oversee ongoing initiatives that the congregation is associated with (ex. Food Bank, Saturday Night Suppers, Evangel Hall, etc).
4. Work in partnership with the Women's Missionary Society and their special projects.
5. Develop and suggest future themes of mission and outreach for congregational support and focus to the Session for their approval. It is hoped that this will help deepen the congregation's understanding and strengthen their concerted enthusiasm for a specific theme over a predetermined period of time.
6. Using the Mission @ St. Andrew's Policy (2009), evaluate requests for Mission and Outreach support and make recommendations to the Session for their approval.
7. Recommend to the congregation, through the Session, our Presbyterians Sharing allocation for the year.
8. Make recommendations to Session on how monies from the Vision and Opportunity Fund - Mission portion might be spent.
9. Order and/or distribute Prayer Partnerships, Mission Capsules, bulletin inserts from PWS&D, Presbyterians Sharing, Justice Ministries, etc. to the congregation.

Existing Partnerships

Local Community

CORE – Downtown Churches Outreach Program (diapers)
 Saturday Night Suppers
 Food Banks (Guelph and Chalmers)
 AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington
 Habitat for Humanity Wellington County
 Breast Cancer Support Group
 Michael House (baby bottle fundraiser)
 Minister's Christmas Assistance Program
 Chalmers Community Services Centre
 Royal City Christian Life Centre
 The Welcome In Drop-In Centre (Sister Christine)
 Bracelet of Hope
 Ecumenical Campus Ministry
 Ride for Refuge
 40 Baker Street
 Two Rivers Church

National Community

Evangel Hall
 Presbyterians Sharing
 Women's Missionary Society
 Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)
 Christian Blind Mission (eyeglass donations)

International Community

Presbyterians Sharing
 Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D)
 Women's Missionary Society
 Christian Blind Mission (eyeglass donations)
 Christian Salvage Mission