

Missions Ministry Annual Report 2017

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First Presbyterian Church – Conroe

2017 Purpose:

Mission Ministry exists to serve God and to put our faith into action by spreading the Gospel and helping people with physical, spiritual and emotional issues and hunger in our local communities and throughout the world.

Members:

Penny Bell, Donna Fisher, Robbie Ganek, Sarah Gutekunst, John Haller (Chair), Roy Penney, Nancy Penney, Tom Young, Susan Young

Prologue:

In recognition we gratefully recognize: Care & Prayer, Discipleship, Worship, Presbyterian Women's, Mission Sewing, Soup Kitchen Volunteer, Women Of the Word, Seaman's Baskets, PW Circle (Esther, Lydia, Martha, Rebecca & Ruth), PW Women's Retreat, Feeding the Hungry Grant Donation, Family Promise, Conroe House of Prayer, Living Water International Donations, Shoe Box Donations and non-budgeted offerings throughout the year.

2018 Goals and Objectives:

Our Ministry's goal continues to be developing hearts for mission. Our congregations' reach goes well beyond this through many personal and small groups, "behind the scenes" involvements. We are pleased with the end results of what has been accomplished. Our prospects for 2018 are positive, but we continue to strive for more funding and sharing of our abundance during these challenging times.

2017 Budgeted Missions support:

1. **Benevolent Missions International**, Liaisons -Tom & Susan Young
We provide financial support & volunteers to this local agency that supplies eye surgery, medication, eye exams, glasses to the underserved in Fiji & Belize.
2. **Bridgewood Farms**, Liaison - Penny Bell
Financial assistance for this local agency helps support activities, services & shelter to adults with intellectual disabilities.
3. **CRU – Ghenă & Dasha Milcev**, Liaison – Roy Penney
Financial assistance for this family who evangelize athletes to serve as leaders in Moldova through a University course, Monday church gatherings, and at international competitions.
4. **CRU – Buchholz**, Liaison – Roy Penney
Financial support for a U.S staff person who trains new staff and serves in International School Projects that train teachers in the Middle East
5. **CRU – Edgar Rodríguez**, Liaison – Roy Penney
Coordinates the translation of Jesus films into native languages of South America.
6. **Cancare**, Liaisons - Dell Schooler & Kathy Haines
We stand ready as budget allows to provide financial support and volunteers work to benefit cancer sufferers and encourage fellowship among survivors and their families.
7. **Christian Literature**, Liaison - Nancy Penney
We stand ready as budget allows to distribute Bibles that uniquely reach particular populations, such as military, Spanish speaking, and youth.
8. **Christmas Basket Program**, Liaisons Tom Young & Cole LaMaster
Funds are provided as provided by the third special offering taken in November of each year to purchase and deliver food boxes for selected families through a counselor at a local elementary school.
9. **Conroe House Of Prayer**, Liaisons – Tom Young & Susan Young, Henry & Betty Blott, Dr. Ron Bailey
We provide financial assistance as budget allows for our volunteers to purchase, prepare, and serve breakfast at this local out-reach to the homeless.
10. **Creative Outreach**, Liaison - Nancy Penney
Financial assistance as budget allows supports this local agency, which supplies faith-based training in Life Skills and Drug Rehabilitation at the New Life Women's Center.
11. **Family Promise of Montgomery County**, Liaisons - Susan Young & Donna Fisher
In addition to financial assistance, project leader Jean Ball solicited volunteers, and organized our church building for three or four annual visits in this program that supplies shelter, meals, training, and compassionate assistance to homeless families with children.
12. **Meals on Wheel**, Liaisons – Penny Bell (Conroe) & Tom Young (Montgomery)
We provide financial assistance and volunteer drivers to deliver meals to the elderly and/or

disabled homebound in Montgomery County.

13. **Food Bank** (see: Montgomery County Food Bank #18)
14. **Hope for the Middle East**, Liaison – Nancy Penney
We contribute financial assistance to this Houston agency, directed by Reverend. E. Elsharony, which aids local immigrants and two small Egyptian churches that are struggling under persecution.
15. **Human Trafficking**, Liaisons - Penny Bell, John Haller
The rising epidemic of human sex trafficking had reached into virtually every community throughout the United States. Grant Monies and Love Bags supplied by Mission Sewing focused on efforts to find, retrieve and restore young victims within our community.
16. **Living Waters International**, Liaisons – Dr. Ron Bailey and Tom Young
FPC members provide funding through the sale of necklaces and by a church- wide special offering so that volunteers can drill much needed water wells in Central America.
17. **Crisis Assistance Center**, Liaison - Penny Bell
We provide financial assistance to this local agency for supplying short-term emergency funds and other help to county residents.
18. **Montgomery County Food Bank**, Liaison – Dr. Ron Bailey
General support for food.
19. **Montgomery County Jail Ministry**, Liaison – Roy Kessler
The church has provided financial assistance for Christian educational materials and volunteer teaching and counseling services to prisoners at the local jail.
20. **Montgomery County Woman's Center**, Liaison - Penny Bell
We give financial support to this agency which supplies emergency shelter, legal services, and counseling programs to victims of family violence, assault, abuse, or stalking.
21. **Pregnancy Assistance Center North**, Liaison - Donna Fisher
This supports a local women's center for expectant mothers who lack resources for medical care, baby items, formula, Bibles, etc.
22. **Presbytery of the New Covenant**, Liaison - Nancy Penney
Provide volunteer and financial support to the denominational work of New Covenant Presbytery as needed.
23. **Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services**, Liaisons -Tom & Susan Young, Henry and Betty Blott
We provide financial assistance as budget allows to this agency, which supplies full-time residences, foster homes, counseling, adoption services, and other care to abused or neglected children.
24. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Relief Ministry**, Liaisons - Tom Young & Roy Penney
We support this effort to supply rebuilding services and Christian hope through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and volunteers in disaster areas.

- 25. Resourcing Christian Education (RCE International)**, Liaison - Roy Penney
These funds support educational missionaries, Scott and Carol Musser, in Spain as they begin a new out-reach: initiating the establishment of a Christian school in Madrid. Spain's schools are rated the lowest in Western Europe.
- 26. Salvation Army Soup Kitchen**, Liaison – Sharon Walker
In addition to financial assistance for purchasing food, we provide volunteers who prepare and serve lunch every Monday; the youth serve lunch one Sunday a month.
- 27. Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringers**, Liaison – Donna Fisher
We provide volunteers to man a Salvation Army collection stand during the Christmas season.
- 28. The Seafarer's Christmas Shoe Box Ministry**, Liaison – Susan Buckley
Presbyterian Women sponsors the collection of funds and goods to be packed in shoeboxes, which are delivered to merchant seamen docking at the Port of Houston during November and December.
- 29. Serving in Mission (SIM)**, Liaison - Sarah Gutekunst
These funds support the mission work of Doctors Steve and Sheri Letchford, serving at a teaching hospital in Kenya.
- 30. Tamina Community Center**, Liaison - Penny Bell
We provide financial assistance to this low-income neighborhood community center on the eastern edge of The Woodlands.
- 31. Witnessing Ministries of Christ**, Liaison – Nancy Penney
We continued financial assistance to the Exodus Christian Presbyterian Church in North India, where we initiated the organization of a new presbytery. Funds provide outcast Dalit children and adults with evangelization, education, job training, health knowledge, and leadership skills.
- 32. Mission Sewing Group**, Liaison – Joan Lowery
See Separate report for complete representation.