

## Description of Supported Mission

- Minority Outreach
  - Sudanese Working Group

The Committee will have an ongoing relationship with and provide budget oversight for the Sudanese Ministries Working Group and the Hispanic/ Latino Ministries Working Group, each of which report to the Presbytery through the Mission Committee.

The purpose of the Sudanese Ministry Working Group is to

    - Assist the Presbytery in fulfilling its commitment to Sudanese Ministry.
    - Support the Sudanese American Fellowship as it seeks to adjust to life and ministry in a new culture.
    - Facilitate leadership development and support the leadership of the Sudanese American Fellowship.
    - Assist in the development of budget, funding, and facilities management.
    - Interpret to congregations of the Presbytery the mission of the Sudanese American Fellowship.
  - Hispanic/ Latino Ministry Working Group

The Working Group will have an ongoing relationship with the Mission Committee and report to the Presbytery through the Mission Committee.

The purpose of the Hispanic/ Latino Ministry Working Group is to

    - Assist the Presbytery in fulfilling its commitment to Hispanic/ Latino Ministry.
    - Support the Hispanic/ Latino Ministry as it seeks to develop programs of outreach to the community.
    - Facilitate leadership recruitment and development of those interested in Hispanic/ Latino Ministry. Assist in the development of budget, funding, and financial oversight for programs that will further Hispanic/ Latino ministry.
    - Interpret to congregations of the Presbytery the mission of the Hispanic/ Latino Ministry.
  - Other Minority Outreach

Karen Community, the youth program at Castelar, other
- Community Outreach
  - Together

Together, Inc. of Metropolitan Omaha was founded in 1975 by the leaders of: Countryside Community Church, Dundee Presbyterian, Temple Israel, Kountze Memorial Lutheran, Trinity Cathedral, First United Methodist, and St. Cecilia's Cathedral. Initially conceived in response to the disastrous tornado that hit the city that year, these churches organized the "Together" cooperative effort to meet the immediate needs of the hundreds of families that were struggling with the basic necessities of life: food, clothing, and shelter. However, our founders soon realized that thousands of families in Omaha need relief every day and opened the FREE services of Together, Inc. to the community year round. Services: Food Pantry; Together Store (clothing, household items); Transportation; Documentation; Medical Prescriptions; Rent Assistance.
  - Interfaith Response; Council Bluffs

Dedicated to preventing homelessness in the Council Bluffs area; it provides services for those in need including rent assistance to prevent eviction and utilities assistance

- Food Pantries
  - Omaha Food Bank: It's mission is to alleviate hunger through the collection of donated food and household products and the distribution of these items to charities serving the needy. The Food Bank is a member of America's Second Harvest and serves 77 counties in Nebraska and 16 counties in Iowa
  - Presbyterian Pantries: (Get List from Joan) Gethsemane, Council Bluffs and Westminster, Omaha
  
- Habitat for Humanity
 

This year Habitat for Humanity of Omaha will complete 25 homes. Homes are built with donor contributions, volunteer labor and donated materials. The families who partner with us are required to work 350 hours of Sweat Equity on the homes being built. Their monthly mortgage payments are then used to build more homes. HFHO builds new houses, and renovates existing houses. These houses are modest and affordable, and generally do not include garages. Most Habitat houses are located in northeast Omaha neighborhoods east of 42<sup>nd</sup> street. Occasionally we are also able to acquire building lots in Southeast Omaha. This year one of the 25 homes is being built by the Washington County committee, which builds a house in Blair every two years.
  
- Ecumenical Partnerships
  - \*\*\*Higher Ed = Nebraska United Ministries in Higher Education-NUMHE
 

Campus Ministry (UNO, UNL, UNK) *Currently looking at and reforming their ministry We will fund in future through a mini-grant process, which will also be open to PC(USA) PMRV congregations doing college ministry (See PC(USA) World and Local Mission Grants below).*
  
  - Nebraska Council of Churches (Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska)
 

Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska is a statewide ecumenical agency that provides planning and program support to cooperating denominations in Nebraska. IMN was designed for Christian communions in Nebraska, in order that churches might come together for worship, teaching, service, and common witness to the faith. IMN is both ecumenical and evangelical in its vision. As it calls the churches to work together in service to the world, so it also calls the churches to their common mission of proclaiming the good news of God in Jesus Christ. IMN began to live out the vision of Christ's prayer "that they may all be one" (John 17:22). The purpose is to be an instrument of the churches, individually and together, as they carry out their programs of ministry and mission. IMN is actively engaged in the "Life and Work" dimensions of ecumenism. Some programs require additional part or full-time staff. Some programs: Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, Returning Military, Health Ministry Conference, Rural Response, Ecumenical Legislative Briefing Day, Grants to American Indians in NE, Peace with Justice Joint Strategy and Action Team, Angel Connection.
  
- PC(USA) World and Local Mission Grants
  - World Mission – PCUSA World Mission
  - Proclamation of the Gospel - Evangelism (ie: among Roma), providing Bibles to places of need (India)
  - Mini Grants – grants for a one-time expense (such as for equipment used repeatedly), or seed money for a program the congregation will continue
  - Resources - used for miscellaneous expenses like postage for Bibles, Mission Yearbooks, etc.
  - Other Scholarships – scholarships for mission conferences, mission trips, or other mission related events, study, or experiences.
  - \*\*\*Congregation Based College Ministry Grants (formerly NUMHE only)

- MRV Mission Partnerships
  - HELP, Adult Services
 

HELP Adult Services accomplishments serve as a unique community model for individuals requiring health and human services assistance. HELP Adult Services focuses mainly on those in need: low or moderate income, and offers service to all persons with disabilities and/or a chronic illness regardless of race, religion, gender, or ethnic origin. This organization is an advocate, ready and waiting for those who suddenly find they need it. Or their parents need it. Their spouses need it. And sometimes, they need it. There are no similar programs like it anywhere within the area, and it is even relied upon by those who live across the state. Services include:

    - Senior Services: Respite Connection and Community Care Teams
    - Health and Medical Equipment Loan Program
    - Christmas Stockings for the Incarcerated
  - Crossroads Connection
 

Connections ministers to current inmates at Community Corrections Center-Omaha and provides social services to former inmates who are transitioning to outside life. Crossroads conducts a weekly Sunday evening Worship service attended by inmates, former inmates, sponsors and volunteers. Many times inmates' families also attend. Attendance averages about 70. A fellowship meal is provided following worship. Crossroads also operates Project LIFE (Living In Freedom Eternally) which helps former inmates assimilate back into society. The long-term goal of Project LIFE is for former inmates to live responsible, crime-free lives and not return to prison.
  - Mission Trips – scholarships for presbytery sponsored mission trips
  - Mission Partnerships - providing international mission opportunities for members of our presbytery:
    - Nicaragua
    - Czech Partnership
    - Malawi
- Calvin Crest Camp and Conference and Retreat Center
 

Calvin Crest is a year round facility. Nestled in scenic fields, hills, woods and trails overlooking the Platte River. We lead or host camps, conferences, retreats and programs for children, youth, families, adults and seasoned adults. Calvin Crest offers a wide variety of facilities, meeting services, delicious meals and staff support that make every event comfortable, unique, memorable and meaningful. The beautiful setting provides an environment that renews mind, body and soul. Mission: Our mission is to provide quality Christian programs in a recreational environment, to equip people to walk with Jesus Christ and serve with a greater love for God and others. Vision: Our goal in the coming years is to be an attractive and visible ministry within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and to reach out in Christian love to believers and unbelievers alike.

