

**Mission & Outreach Ministry Team
Report to Providence Presbytery
May 23, 2010**

Items for Information:

Hunger Action Team

The Hunger Action Team of Providence Presbytery continues to prepare for the 2010 Dimes for Hunger Fellowship Dinners on Wednesday nights in September. HAT is inviting six partner churches for these dinners including two in York County and one in each of the other counties of Presbytery. These dinners will provide information and materials to each church to begin planning their congregation's Dimes for Hunger Campaign (usually in October)

Central American Travelers

Due to the downturn in the economy and the lack of medical personnel available to assist, the Honduras Medical Trip has reluctantly been canceled for this year. The funding for the projects that is normally presented in person will be safely transferred electronically to our partners.

The March 2010 Presbytery task force (Mark Verdery, Harriet Brown and Fred Powell) who traveled to Guatemala to evaluate the projects that Providence has been funding over the past 5 years recommends developing a new mission team focusing on educational and agricultural needs in the mountains of Guatemala. Fred Powell will be working with our principal mission partner, Dr. Tito Palacios of La Misión Guatemala, to build this project for 2011.

Glocal

The Glocal Committee met on April 22, 2010. The Committee is involved in several initiatives including working with the Hispanic community. A representative from the Glocal Committee met with the Hispanic Baptist Church which meets at Covenant for fellowship and to ask whether there were needs that the Glocal Committee that might be addressed by the committee.

The committee has also established a partnership with the Islamic community to participate in the Providence Habitat for Humanity Faith Build. The group will work on the habitat house on May 1, 2010. Larry Richards and Jim Beaty are leading this effort. The committee is keeping abreast of activities and events in the Middle East. The Proposed Overture to the 219 General Assembly on Iraq was presented to Presbytery at its meeting on March 18, 2010.

The Glocal Committee is also in touch with one of our Mission Partners in Sudan, Dr. Ingrid Reneau. The committee received correspondence from Dr. Reneau and from

Bill Address of Trinity Presbytery who recently visited Pibor, Sudan. The Sudanese election results were released on April 20, 2010, and despite concerns raised by the Carter Center, the incumbent, Omar Hassan al-Bashir was re-elected.

Campus Ministry

Rev. John O’Kain, Campus Minister, will be giving an update about the Campus Ministry program at Winthrop University. It is time for the College Student Round-Up. It is a great privilege for the churches of Providence Presbytery to celebrate our high school graduates each spring; part of what makes these celebrations so special is to imagine the future that God has in store for each of those young adults. Many of those high school graduates will be embarking on a collegiate journey in the fall semester. The Presbyterian Church (USA) is ready, willing, and able to be in ministry to and with these students. However, finding them is not always easy!

Help us make important connections with the college of our presbytery – particularly the newest ones – this spring by gathering their information and forwarding it to us at the presbytery. You can fill out this form and send it in by snail mail or as an e-mail attachment to jokain@oapc.net. This is a courtesy that all of the South Carolina campus ministers extend to each other; it is a huge help for a great beginning next semester! (See Appendix 10)

Second Harvest Partners

The first mobile pantry site for 2010 was held on April 20th at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, McConnells, S.C. The pantry was sponsored by Mt. Zion, Bethlehem First Presbyterian, Mt. Do-Well Baptist and Great Joy Baptist Churches. More than 200 guests were served by 42 volunteers. Congregations participating in the 2010 Second Harvest Partners ministry include the churches listed above as well as Oakdale Presbyterian, Foundation A.M.E. Zion, Jerusalem Baptist, Unity Presbyterian, Ebenezer Baptist, Grace Lutheran, St. Mary’s Catholic, Union Baptist, Freedom Temple Ministries, Inc., Mt. Prospect Baptist, and Hermon Presbyterian. The Catawba Area Agency on Aging and the York County Department of Social Services are partnering with SHP to provide assistance with the establishment of a database, copying, training, and referral information for SHP guests.

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

The faith build is progressing well. On Saturday, May 1, 2010, a group from the Glocal Committee and members of Islamville will work on the habitat house located at 226 Irwin Street in Rock Hill, near Clinton Jr. College. The group will be installing hardware and doing some touch up painting. For photos go to: <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2053968&id=1438118949&l=1c1a720ee2>

But the Face Book page reference is... <http://www.facebook.com/habitat.yorkcounty> and then you just click on the Photos tab > Faithbuild Spring 2010