

## **Mission Committee Plan** *Updated June 2011*

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*This Mission Committee Plan outlines the organization and direction of missions at First Presbyterian Church. This plan is based on long-term commitments and new visions for mission in our congregation.*

### **I. Mission**

The mission of First Presbyterian Church-Spartanburg is to glorify God and share Christ together through word and deed.

### **II. Organization**

The Mission Committee at First Presbyterian is organized through three sub-committees:

- a. Local Missions serve Spartanburg County, with a special emphasis on children and their families.
- b. National Missions serve the United States, especially in support of the PC(USA) and missions of our denomination.
- c. International Missions serve our world, especially in Latin America and Africa through mission partnerships.

### **III. Focus**

Mission projects in each of the Mission Sub-committees focus on five areas of service:

1. Shelter—*including disaster relief, affordable housing, and homelessness*
2. Healing—*including medical care for the uninsured and justice for the abused*
3. Education—*including afterschool programs and leadership development*
4. Evangelism—*including church building, denominational support, and outreach*
5. Poverty—*including hunger relief and emergency financial assistance*

Many projects touch on more than one of these five areas of service. International Missions focus on these issues in the geographic areas where we serve.

Through this mission focus, our congregation strives to respond to immediate needs (as with Healing missions), to find long term solutions (as with Education missions), and to share the good news of God's love (as with Evangelism missions).

### **IV. Leadership**

Mission Committee leaders serve our congregation and Session by developing mission opportunities which advance the mission of the church.

- a. The Director of Missions supports the Mission Committee in all aspects of its work, with emphasis on empowering the congregation to serve God and our neighbors.
- b. The Mission Committee Chair directs the organization and growth of missions at First Presbyterian in support of the Mission Sub-committees.
- c. The Mission Sub-committee Chairs direct the implementation and development of projects in their sub-committees, with a particular focus on empowering their sub-committee members to lead.
- d. The Budget Advisor guides the development and application of the Mission budget, including the annual grant-making process in each sub-committee.
- e. Each sub-committee appoints Project Leaders to direct the execution of mission projects.

# Ministry of Missions

Mission Committee  
(Chair; 3 Sub-committee  
chairs; Budget Advisor)

Director or Associate  
of Missions

Local Missions  
(Chair)

National Missions  
(Chair)

International Missions  
(Chair)

## Programs

- Shelter
  - Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network (SPIHN)
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - Christmas in Action
  - Miracle Hill Mission
  - The Haven
- Healing
  - Angel Tree
  - St. Luke's Free Medical
  - Children's Advocacy Center
  - Children's Shelter
  - SAFE Homes/Rape Crisis Network
- Education
  - Pine Street Elementary Tutoring
  - Boys & Girls Clubs
- Evangelism
  - Arcadia Outreach Ministry
  - MLK, Jr. Celebration
  - Kairos Prison Ministry
- Poverty
  - Monthly Hunger Offering
  - Mobile Meals
  - Winter Warmth
  - TOTAL Ministries
  - Greater Spartanburg Ministries

## Programs

- Shelter
  - Pres. Communities of SC
    - Mothers Day Offering
  - Disaster Relief
    - One Great Hour of Sharing
    - Disaster Response Action Team
    - Disaster Relief Missions
- Healing
  - Thornwell Home for Children
  - Thornwell Thanksgiving and White Gifts Offerings
- Education
  - Church Leadership Development
  - Spartanburg Presbyterian Student Association
  - Presbyterian College—Celtic Cross Program
  - Gen. Assem. Fund for Theo. Education/10 Seminaries
- Evangelism
  - Presbytery Per Capita Support
  - Presbytery Unified Funds
  - Montreat
  - Villa International
- Poverty
  - Hunger Relief Projects

## Programs

- Missionaries
  - Support for 5 missionaries
  - Extra Commitment Opportunities
- Ghana
  - Donkorkrom Hospital
  - Orphanage School
  - Kwahu-Tafo Presbytery Projects
- Dominican Republic
  - Clinica Cristiana
  - Center for Christian Education & Development (CCED School)
  - Sponsorship of CCED School Children
  - Infant Nutrition Program
  - Vacation Bible School
- Cuba
  - Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada in Santa Clara partnership
- Haiti
  - Haiti Outreach Ministries
- Witness Season