

The mission of the Church is:

At FUMC, we seek to live out Christ's Great Commission every day...making disciples by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, and making a difference by helping people experience God's extravagant grace and the transforming, healing power of Jesus Christ.

Proposed Mission for the Missions Committee:

The FUMC Missions Committee helps people experience God's love and grace through the outreach of caring members and seeks to transform its members through engagement in missional activities in alignment with the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

The overarching goal would be to engage the hearts and hands of the Church members to be able to reach out beyond the perimeter of the Church structure and engage the world as Christ taught.

Program Focuses:

The Committee would generally be limited to organizing, supporting and communicating with the Church body about two distinct program focuses:

1. Local Program Focus

The Committee will communicate with the Church body about the program and results of the Hearts and Hands program, actively supported by and through the Church. This would include general coordination of fundraising efforts which support this program.

2. African Missional Focus.

We would develop an ongoing relationship with Phebe Hospital in Bong County, Liberia and its related Community Health Clinics. This relationship would focus on ongoing programs for improvement and development. This program would help to provide continual improvement, support and encouragement to the faith and healing communities at Phebe.

The anticipated benefits of the Phebe program are anticipated to be:

- It could create a focus for the external Missional Ministries within the Church and put a name and a face to some of the missions-directed programs within the Church.

- The implementation of these programs could energize and engage the Church members to “stretch” to participate and become involved in the projects “on the ground”, travelling to Africa and participating in the projects individually.
- The Church and the Hospital would develop an ongoing relationship which could be reciprocal and could include members and missionaries from the Hospital visiting the USA.

3. Oversight of the Missions Ministry Team

Provide oversight and a coordinating hub for other missions activities and efforts within the Church. This would include identifying and supporting other “champions” to support other missional endeavors including World Hunger, COME, American Leprosy, etc. This group may be the support other missional activities which are not currently contemplated as resources, individuals and opportunities present themselves.

Other programs of a missional nature will be operating autonomously, such as the Community Breakfast program.

Process

Committee:

Chairman:

Chip Pickering

Secretary/Communications:

Cathy Engle

- Document program activities, communicate within the Church body including the youth and other groups within the Church to promote an integrated and focused giving and outreach program.

Director of Local Programs:

Richard Barnard

- Identify resources available and establish some goals and realistic bounds and balance the various project focuses as identified above.

2009 Committee Potentials:

Edie Lindley, Curt Dehmlow, Phil Stroebel, David Pickering, Craig Chambers, Gloria O’Conner

2007 Committee:

Betty Ball, Debbie Ball, Linda Riddle, Lorrie O’Donohue, Sally Hamler, Wade Baker, Arhyle Clark, Larry Croucher, Barbara Wilson, Edie Lindley

2009 Budget (to be determined)