

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT to ALBANY PRESBYTERY

November 19, 2019

Today's worship offering will benefit the **Youth Ministry** account of Albany Presbytery. Such funds normally support scholarships -- to events like the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, the PCUSA / United Nations forum, etc.

CURRENT MISSION PARTNERS

How well do you know and appreciate the work of our presbytery's six Mission Partners? You already support them through Basic and Shared Witness giving! Isn't it time, then, to "follow the money?" Listed in alphabetical order, they are:

Protestant Campus Ministry at UAlbany
Rural & Migrant Ministry
Russell Sage Protestant Chaplaincy

Schenectady Inner City Ministry
Troy Area United Ministries
Union College Protestant Chaplaincy

If you need help getting to know them, feel free to contact this presbytery's Mission Committee. We offer Sunday presentations, workshops, Q&A, consultations, or good old online conversation. Please email our chair, Rev. Ted Wright: wrightsafrika@gmail.com

COULD THERE EVER BE NEW MISSION PARTNERS?

Yes! Starting in 2020, we will launch a new process of annual application, review, and selection. This means that any church Session can nominate a program, ministry, or mission for presbytery-level support. We will provide a standard form for the entity to fill out. We advise that it be completed during the first calendar quarter. In late summer or early fall, we will announce selections – based upon a variety of factors – for grants to be awarded during 2021. Current Mission Partners are of course welcome to re-apply. Your Mission Committee is trying to be a careful steward of valuable resources.

MISSION "TOOLKIT" AVAILABLE

www.presbyterianmission.org/mission-toolkits/mission-committee-toolkit This "kit" (actually, a set of related postings) is meant for local church members who might be interested in learning more about God's mission, or evaluating their congregation's involvement, or possibly discerning a new mission focus.

GENEROSITY REPORT:

Which congregations gave the most, and most per-member, to PCUSA special offerings during the year 2018?

Answers may surprise you. Come, check them out at the January 25 presbytery meeting!

GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP with MAM PRESBYTERY

Spaces are open and scholarships available (for new or young participants) regarding next February's trip(s). Speak with the Rev. Kathy Gorman-Coombs or the Rev. Bonnie Orth.