

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT to ALBANY PRESBYTERY

Sept. 28, 2019

Today's worship offering will benefit the PCUSA special collection for Peacemaking and Global Witness, stipulating that our 50% local retainer should go toward the Albany Presbytery Immigration Task Force.

KNOW YOUR PARTNERS

How well do you know and appreciate the work of our presbytery's current six Mission Partners? You already support them through Basic and Shared Witness! Isn't it time, then, to "follow the money?" Our committee can offer you Sunday presentations, workshops, Q&A discussions, meetings with Session, committee consultations; even online conversations.

Presently we're lined up to visit four churches, with other invitations in progress. Feel free to contact us via our chairperson, Rev. Ted Wright: wrightsafrica@gmail.com

MISSION "TOOLKITS" AVAILABLE

Has your church checked out these online resources?

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

www.presbyterianmission.org/world-mission/short-term-mission-trips-toolkit Very helpful if you're thinking about a future mission trip. Learn from best practices. Avoid many common pitfalls. Lots here to think about!

INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER NOW AT SARATOGA/PNECC

Through Tuesday Oct. 1, the Rev. Izett Sama Hernandez (plus her interpreter) will be in our region representing Cuba as part of the PCUSA International Peacemaking program. For information about her schedule, contact Lauren Marr: laurenmarr49@gmail.com

REDUCED PRESBYTERY INCOME FORCES MISSION BUDGET CUTS FOR 2020

Your Mission Committee expects to administer some \$44,000 in grants next year, down about 10%. The bulk of these funds will go to our six Mission Partners. An additional \$5,000 will be earmarked for camperships – same as at present, because camperships are funded from a dedicated source: proceeds from sale of Camp Hebron. However, that fund is gradually depleting, since the principal (not just income) is being spent.

WOULD YOUR SESSION WANT TO PROPOSE A FUTURE MISSION PARTNER?

During the first quarter of 2020, your presbytery Mission Committee will invite applications for Mission Partner status in 2021. It is becoming a level playing field: No longer will Mission Partners automatically renew from one year to the next.