

# MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT to ALBANY PRESBYTERY

March 17, 2020 / Mayfield Central  
Presbyterian Church

**Today's worship offering** goes toward the presbytery's **Campership** fund. This fund spends down proceeds realized from the sale of Camp Hebron. Each year, we budget \$5,000. Last year, thanks to your generosity during March, we exceeded that amount and assisted 5 additional young people. Any unspent gifts this year will serve to extend the fund's horizon – currently projected at 5 to 6 more summers.

## 2020 CAMBERSHIP GRANTS

As of Monday, March 2, the application window closed. It had been open since Feb. 1.

- We have 14 complete applications, mostly from students assisted in 2019.
- These people represent 4 congregations: Scotia, Trinity (5), Troy, First United (5), Albany, First (3), and Albany, New Covenant (1).
- Total dollars requested: \$2,600.
- Camps patronized: Fowler (R.C.A.) – 11; Skye Farm (U.M.C.) – 2; Casowasco - 1

We send financial assistance, not to the families, but directly to the camps themselves – earmarked for each student's account.

## 9:00 am OPEN SPACE on the "CLIMATE REALITY PROJECT"

All – not just presbytery commissioners – are invited to an open discussion with

Laura Falk, from Saratoga Springs.  
Tuesday, Mar. 17, at Mayfield Central  
Presbyterian Church.

## PEACEMAKING TASK FORCE: 2 OVERTURES to GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At this Presbytery meeting, commissioners will vote on whether or not to endorse an overture requesting PCUSA divestiture from fossil fuel companies. A second overture – also up for vote – expresses support for a formal peace treaty in Korea. Neither overture originated locally. Both were introduced at the Jan. 25 meeting of presbytery.

## PARTNERSHIP with MAM PRESBYTERY

The Revs. Bonnie Orth and Kathy Gorman-Coombs recently traveled to Central America to participate in the PCUSA/Guatemala mission network meeting. On Mar. 17 they will bring slides and a report to the presbytery meeting in Mayfield.

## APRIL 30: application deadline for prospective first-time MISSION PARTNERS.

To learn about eligibility, or how to apply, please contact our chairperson: Rev. Ted Wright (HR) – [wrightsafrica@gmail.com](mailto:wrightsafrica@gmail.com)  
Any Session can nominate a potential Mission Partner. Grants will be awarded an annual, renewable basis, starting in 2021. There is no limit to the number of successive years a ministry or mission can apply to be considered.

*Over, please!*

**MISSION "TOOLKIT" AVAILABLE to  
LOCAL CHURCHES**

[www.presbyterianmission.org/mission-toolkits/mission-committee-toolkit](http://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.

**MISSION EVALUATION FORM  
AVAILABLE to LOCAL CHURCHES**

Our committee is happy to share the template we use in assessing Mission Partners. Would this be helpful to your church, as you seek rationale for your mission program and/or budget? Contact Rev. Ted Wright (HR): [wrightsafrica@gmail.com](mailto:wrightsafrica@gmail.com).

**IMAGINE...!**

What if you could link in, from home or church, to a local, live, 45-min *Mission* webinar?

And what if you could play back the *same* conversation later on, via the presbytery's web site?

- Maybe for a group...
- Maybe to clarify a point or two...
- Maybe you simply weren't available for the live version...

We're still in the "design" phase for this project, but we think it has enormous potential.

**Imagine** connecting with leaders and resource people who can help you *understand*, or get *involved* with, or learn *best practices* surrounding:

Sage, SUNY, and Union chaplaincies  
Troy Area United Ministries  
Schenectady Inner City Ministry  
Rural & Migrant Ministry  
Climate change resources  
Immigration issues  
Youth Ministry issues  
Guatemala Partnership  
Peacemaking issues  
Presbyterian Hunger Program  
Soul Fire Farm, Grafton NY  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance  
Self-Development of People program  
Presbyterian Washington Office  
Young Adult Volunteers program  
PCUSA Mission Networks  
PCUSA regional liaisons  
Support for individual missionaries  
Short-term Mission Trips  
Heifer Project  
Food Pantry ministries  
Understanding where mission \$\$ go  
Pakistani Fellowship  
Underwood CrossFit NWC  
Earth Church NWC  
Parallels NWC  
TrailPraisers NWC  
Good Neighbors project (Cambridge)

*These are just examples; the list can grow!*

**Mission Committee 2020 membership:**

Rev. Jim Cortelyou, HR; Roger Ellis (Granville); David Haase (Albany, First); Nancy Pienta (Valatie); Rev. Karen Pollan (Delmar); Rev. Katy Stenta (New Covenant); Rev. Susan Strang (Schenectady, State St.); Connie Vooyo (Brunswick); Rev. Ted Wright, HR.