

MISSION COMMITTEE report to ALBANY PRESBYTERY

May 18, 2020

Christ's mission moves onward, pandemic or no. The **offering** for our May 30 meeting of presbytery will enable women among our Mam partners in Guatemala to complete participation in the **Tamara Project**, dealing with sexual violence. (For a complete description, please refer to the announcement by our Guatemala Partnership Task Force.) You can contribute via the website www.albanypresbytery.org, or by sending a check with "mission offering" on the memo line to Albany Presbytery / PO Box 83 / Watervliet NY 12189.

Due to the announced summer closings of Camps Fowler (Reformed Church), Cosowasco (Methodist) and Skye Farm (Methodist), there will be **no payout of Campership grants** that had been approved back in March on behalf of 14 students. The \$2600 thus saved will revert to presbytery's dedicated fund established from the proceeds of selling Camp Hebron. The viability of that fund – currently estimated at 5-6 years – will be extended accordingly.

April 30 was the application deadline for entities wishing to be considered as Albany Presbytery **Mission Partners for 2021**. Six applications were received, representing all six of our current Mission Partners. Your Mission committee is now reviewing them. We aim by September to make specific recommendations regarding grants, in line with presbytery's overall budget process.

Soon we plan to launch a major project to create **online mission video resources** for leaders and congregations throughout this presbytery. We will record 30-min. Zoom meetings with subject-matter experts and then archive each file for your ready access via presbytery's website. As time goes on, then, you should gain more and more opportunity to learn about (for example)... chaplaincies at Russell Sage, Union College, and UAlbany; Rural & Migrant Ministry; Schenectady Community Ministries; Troy Area United Ministries; our presbytery's New Worshiping Communities; various local church projects, like Good Neighbors (Cambridge); Presbyterian-funded projects like Soul Fire Farm (Grafton); a wide range of PCUSA-related programs, resources, networks, grants, and opportunities; Habitat for Humanity; Heifer Project; our own Pakistan-American Fellowship... and more. Feel free to contact any of us with questions and/or suggestions.

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