

## MISSION COMMITTEE report to ALBANY PRESBYTERY

September 7, 2020

*There will be no Mission offering at the Sept. 19 online meeting of presbytery.* (It didn't seem to catch on back in May...) But we do recommend that pastors, commissioners, indeed whole congregations, donate to the PCUSA's current special offering-- for **Peacemaking and Global Witness**. Three ways to do so:

- Text PEACE to 20222, to give \$10
- Visit [pcusa.org/donatePGW](http://pcusa.org/donatePGW)
- Give through your local congregation's normal channels

The first two entries in our open-ended series of **Mission Resource Videos** are now available thru the Albany Presbytery website. Go to the "Resource" tab off the main menu to find Zoom interviews with leading representatives of [1] **Heifer International**, and [2] **Troy Area United Ministries**. Learn about the work of these two organizations. Consider partnership possibilities.

**Re-usable cloth face masks** for guest / migrant farm workers are needed by our mission partner Rural and Migrant Ministry. Nancy Pienta will speak to this briefly. Here's a simple, hands-on opportunity for local groups and volunteers – whether you make the masks or buy them. Please send completed masks to Nancy Pienta, c/o First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 267, Valatie NY, 12184.

(The September 6 Albany Times Union featured an article about COVID concerns affecting farmworkers and their families.)

**Dismantling Structural Racism** is one of three main emphases within PCUSA's "Matthew 25 Initiative." Rev. Karen Pollan will speak briefly about the Delmar Church experience in this regard.

[www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25)

### **September 27 thru October 10...**

Due to the pandemic, PCUSA's Peacemaking Program cannot welcome 2020 International Peacemakers in-person. Instead, they will offer a Virtual Symposium of online interviews, panel discussions, and presentations involving peacemakers who have visited in recent years. Hear updates on their work, and gain perspective on challenging issues of our day.

[www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/international-peacemakers](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/international-peacemakers)

**If your congregation might appreciate** any of the following, contact us any time: Mission sermons, workshops, presentations, consultations, information about where mission money goes, information about presbytery's six Mission Partners.

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