

MISSION COMMITTEE report to ALBANY PRESBYTERY

March 4, 2021

*We recommend the following disposition of the March 23 presbytery **offering**:*

Divide the total equally between the Pakistan-American Fellowship (Albany) and its pastor, the Rev. Nadeem Sadiq. Each portion shall be separately addressed and transmitted. The cover letter shall convey our request that Rev. Sadiq's normal compensation not be diminished as a result of his receiving this appreciation gift.

Thanks to all who collectively contributed \$538.70 in January for Soul Fire Farm.

2021 Summer Campership Grants

We are receiving a low number of applications – due, no doubt, to Covid uncertainty. Therefore, the window for application will remain open through Easter Monday, April 5. At that point, we will reassess.

TASK FORCES

Mission Committee is the parent body to:

- Guatemala Partnership Task Force
- Immigration Task Force
- Peacemaking Task Force – leading the March 23 “Earth Care” theme

Most folks who serve on these working groups neither attend Mission meetings nor belong to our committee. However, we always strive to have liaisons.

2 new Mission Resource videos

Recent additions to our collection on the presbytery's website:

- An interview with Darren Gundrum, campus chaplain at Russell Sage
- A student-made film about UAlbany's Cornerstone campus ministry program

Who will be next year's Mission Partners?

Five of our current six have requested and received application forms for 2022. We also have in hand one first-time application, and are expecting to receive at least one more. First-time applications are due April 30.

New Worshipping Communities

Moderator Hartley has chosen NWC's as the June 5 presbytery theme. Our committee has begun reaching out to each one to learn of joys, concerns, prayer requests, and practical ways in which we might be helpful.

If your congregation might appreciate any of the following, contact us through our chairperson, the Rev. Ted Wright: wrightsafrika@gmail.com

Mission sermons / presentations / workshops / consultations

Networking with others (church or secular) for community service

Info about presbytery's Mission Partners – *whom you are helping support!*