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OUTREACH COMMITTEE

SCOPE:

The Outreach Committee is responsible for discerning, holding up, and advocating God’s mission to the world. We accomplish this through leading the Parish in efforts to alleviate poverty, hunger/malnutrition, and injustices associated with race, gender, or class inequalities. The Committee seeks to partner with selected organizations, projects or programs by providing financial, physical, and/or spiritual support. Additionally the Outreach Committee will evolve its own ideas for attacking poverty and injustice or just being a good neighbor.

COMPOSITION:

The Committee is composed of the Chair and members of the Parish family who are called towards God’s mission. One member is a member of the Vestry and serves as liaison of the Committee to the Vestry.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Committee:

1. Leads mission activities of the Parish and supports and/or collaborates with other parishioner activities supporting the mission of the church.
2. Selects partners from programs that are found to implement a viable and reasonable loving Christian assistance to people in need.
3. Meets on a regular basis.
4. Works to relieve the hardships of particular families and/or individuals in the immediate community, as well as other especially impoverished or endangered communities in East Tennessee, North America, and the world.
5. Presents the proposed Outreach annual expenditure forecast (all fund types) to Vestry for approval prior to start of year.
6. Requests funds necessary for planned Outreach/mission projects through specific donations, online giving, and loose plate offerings.
7. Assesses the effectiveness of Outreach ministry including its funding mechanisms.

8. Works with the Finance Committee, Vestry and Clergy to seek additional resources when needed.
9. Encourages members of the parish to be concerned about, and involved in, meeting the needs of others as part of their Christian witness and seeks mission efforts that provide these opportunities.
10. Communicates Outreach/mission activities and projects with the Vestry and Parish.