

Global & Local Outreach

at

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Our Mission:

To put our faith into action by responding to needs in our local and wider communities.

The Global/Local Outreach Commission seeks to carry out its mission by

- *informing* the congregation about outreach projects and opportunities,
- *interpreting* mission, service, and relief activities of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) regionally, nationally, and worldwide
- *coordinating* outreach projects developed by our congregation
- *planning* and developing new projects
- *practicing* good stewardship in administration of outreach giving

Our giving: A tithe (10%) of the church's Unified Budget is set aside for outreach ministries; in addition, our giving coordinates & promotes national Christian Church offering yearly. Each year the Commission chooses to fund projects that are critical to the mission and vision of Overland Park Christian Church. We also encourage and support numerous projects through gifts of time, talent, and supplies. The following ministries are among those currently supported through Global and Local Outreach:

- ***Disciples Mission Fund*** supports the general ministries of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), as well as missionaries and mission partnerships worldwide in 50 countries.
- ***Special day offerings*** are over and above gifts received at Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Reconciliation Sunday (usually in September), and Thanksgiving. Each of these offerings is designated for support of specific regional and denominational ministries. Mailings and Moments for Mission on Sunday mornings explain each offering.
- ***Week of Compassion (WOC)*** is the disaster and hunger relief ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In cooperation with Church World Service and other ecumenical agencies. WOC provide immediate response to disasters, and assists with long term rebuilding and hunger relief. WOC offering is collected in February; however, gifts may be made at any time. We also support these ministries by making health kits, school kits, and baby layettes.

Locally, we are committed to **ministries to encourage stable families:**

- ***The Salvation Army Family Lodge*** in Olathe provides temporary housing, counseling, and growth opportunities for families who are homeless. OPCC has sponsored one of the Lodge bedrooms since its inception. Volunteer opportunities include preparing and serving weekend meals. Contact: Steve Glasscock or Lloyd Larry Lavelly
- ***Interfaith Hospitality Network*** provides temporary housing for homeless families in houses of worship throughout Johnson County. A wide range of case management services is provided to guest families. OPCC partners with over 30 faith groups in this ministry. We host IHN guests in our building for one week about every 3 months. Many volunteer opportunities are available. Contact: Lois Wimpey or Steve Glasscock

- **Habitat for Humanity** is a nonprofit, nondenominational Christian housing ministry. Its mission is to build simple, decent, affordable houses with those who lack adequate shelter. OPCC is developing a Habitat task force to help other Christian Churches in our Region build a house in Kansas City, KS, in the fall of 2006. Both skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed. Contact: Lois Wimpey
- **Cross-Lines Food Kitchen's** mission is to provide a hot meal and show the love of Jesus Christ to those in need. The food kitchen serves individuals and families from its location in the Cross-Lines Annex at 7th Street and Shawnee Avenue in Kansas City, KS where OPCC partners with other churches and businesses to help prepare and serve lunch each month. The sack lunch ministry prepares cold lunches that are distributed to working people. Contact: Nita Anderson.
www.cross-lines.org
- **OPCC Food Pantry** is a food ministry here at 75th & Conser. Partnering with Harvesters and area churches, we offer groceries and staples to those in need in our area twice a month.

We minister to **inner city children and youth**:

- **Cross-Lines Cooperative Council** is a faith-based, anti-poverty ministry which provides a variety of services to children, youth, families, and the elderly, primarily in Wyandotte County. We work with Christian Women's Fellowship to support their ministries. Contact: Evelyn Eastwood
- **Together Center** is a neighborhood community center at 10th and Forest Streets, housed in The First Christian Church of Kansas City, MO. Since 1973 it has provided skill enhancement and youth employment training, after school and summer programs for children, and emergency services consisting of food, clothing, and crisis intervention. Contact: Barbara McCoy

We support ministries of **fellowship and spiritual growth**:

- **Tall Oaks Conference Center** provides conference, camping, and retreat facilities for both church and non-church groups in a beautiful natural setting west of Bonner Springs. Tall Oaks is regional ministry of the Christian Church of Greater Kansas City. Many service and volunteer opportunities are available. Contact: Evelyn Eastwood
- **World Convention of Churches of Christ** promotes fellowship and understanding among the worldwide branches of our denominational "family tree", the Stone-Campbell movement. The convention, which is open to everyone, meets every 4 years in a different part of the world. Contact: Wanda Whitney

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink I was a stranger and you welcomes me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. . . Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." — Matthew 25:25-36, 40

"Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers. . ." — James 1:22

The Global and Local Outreach Commission seeks to encourage and inspire active ministry through service. If you have desire to serve in an established ministry, or to develop a new one, or call the church office at 913-677-4646, ext. 221.