



## 2017 Mission Activity Summary

LCUMC continued its strong tradition of mission support and mission giving in 2017. As a church, we made an impact not only in our local community, but also around the world. Here is a summary of our work in 2017:

### **People in Need** (*Delaware, Ohio*)

- Total Volunteer Hours: 804 in a number of programs
- Total Monetary Donations: \$8,500
- Total Food Donations: over 5,000 pounds
- Back-to-School Shoe Fundraising Drive: \$1,560 became 62 pairs of shoes
- Re-Stock the Shelves: \$108 and 1,860 pounds of food
- Holiday Clearing House: \$1,693 donated, total of 367 coats donated or purchased by LCUMC, 1,300 coats collected overall and distributed to almost 1,000 children

### **Church for All People** (*Columbus, Ohio*)

- Preparing and Serving Sunday Breakfast: 264 volunteer hours
- General Fund Donations: \$1,420.45
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Men's Clothing Drive: 20 bags of men's business clothing provided

### **Alpha Recovery Ministry** (*Bucyrus, Ohio*)

- In 2017, over 450 hours were spent volunteering to lead meetings at LCUMC for those persons working to overcome out-of-control behaviors through faith-based principles in a 12-step approach. Approximately 700 hours were spent by persons attending these meetings during the last 12 months in this ministry.
- \$2,913 was donated to the Alpha Recovery ministry in 2017
- \$2,500 was donated to Jacob's Way for the Unity House establishment in Delaware, Ohio. The Unity House will be a sober-living, transitional housing unit to assist women coming out of prison as they are re-establishing their lives.

### **Children's Ministry Mission Activities** (*Haiti, PIN and Operation Christmas Child*)

- Vacation Bible School: Supported the Hands & Feet Project in Haiti with \$7,565 that sponsored the needs of 21 children for one year.
- Kid Connection: Sunday school staffers contributed 360 hours to teach Sunday School in 2017
- Volunteer Hours: Almost 1,200 hours to support our VBS, Easter Bash, Summer Bash, Trunk or Treat community outreach events.
- Operation Christmas Child: Filled 180 boxes for children around the world and received donations to cover shipping.
- PIN's Holiday Clearing House: Youth members and their families donated over 55 hours of service.

### **Youth Ministry Mission Activities**

- 23 Youth & 8 Adults traveled to Crownpoint, New Mexico June 2017 to provide 866 volunteer hours to help with different construction projects on the reservation.
- Youth volunteered 200+ hours to support various community outreach events at LCUMC
- Youth made and donated 60 blankets to the Vineyard Homeless Ministry

### **Global Special Mission Project (*Watoto Read*)**

- Donated \$20,319 in 2017 to Watoto Read to build two schools in GozBeida Refugee Camp in Chad, Africa in order to provide hope of a better life through the provision of education to the thousands of refugee children who live there and currently have no access to primary school education.

### **UMCOR – National Mission**

- \$7,150 was donated for disaster relief from recent hurricanes Harvey, Irma, & Maria which affected Houston as well as the Caribbean Islands and the Southern Gulf Coast of Florida. 152 bottles of laundry detergent were donated to contribute to the West Ohio Conference's flood relief bucket project for flood victims.
- Kay Landsberg was part of an UMCOR Early Response Team that went on a mission trip to Flagler Beach, FL.

### **Other Local Mission Activities**

- 105 baby and children's blankets were made by women in the church and donated to Grady Memorial Hospital, Common Ground, Church for All People & Vineyard Homeless Outreach.
- 35 Pairs of Eyeglasses donated to Lions Club of Delaware County.
- \$310 donated to Glen Oak elementary schools to purchase school supply packs for local in-need students. We also donated 15 backpacks.
- \$905 was donated to Turning Point, a Delaware County shelter for women victims of domestic violence, to contribute towards the building of their new larger facility.

### **Previous Global & Local Special Mission Projects**

The Global Special Mission Project in 2017 was only the latest in the list of special projects that we have supported as a church over recent years.

- 2016- Donated \$5,036 to build two sewing centers in North Katanga Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Africa. These will empower women to be self-sufficient through the creation of small businesses while also improving the local economy and allowing improved provision for their families.
- 2015 – Imagine no Malaria: donated \$10,200 for distribution of mosquito nets, medications, and other resources to combat the epidemic of malaria in Africa.
- 2014 – Ella's Room: donated \$44,000 and constructed an addition to the home of a church family for Ella.
- 2013 – Wings of the Morning: donated \$2,400 to help provide an air plane to assist with delivery of supplies and medications and to provide medical transport in remote areas of Congo.

**Total Monetary Donations in 2017 to all ministries: over \$52,000!**

**Total Volunteer Hours in 2017 to all ministries: over 4,000 hours!**



## 2018 Mission Plans

2017 was an amazing year at LCUMC! Thanks to our congregation's Christ-focused love and compassion, we were able to serve many in need both in our local communities, nationally, and abroad. The missions team has already been working on plans for 2018. More information will be communicated as appropriate, but the current schedule is below.

## 2018 Communion Offering Schedule

One of the ways that we can help the mission goals of the church is through our monthly communion offering. Through this offering we support several different missions that are important to our church. The schedule for recipient groups of our 2018 Communion Offerings is:

- **January:** People In Need to purchase clearance-priced winter coats in advance for our 2018 coat drive benefitting PIN's Holiday Clearing House.
- **February:** People In Need to assist in restocking the shelves after the holidays. January – March have few donations coming in, even though the need does not decrease after the holidays.
- **March & April:** Alpha Recovery/Jericho House - The communion offerings for these 2 months will benefit these ministries in our community that are focused on helping persons to overcome out-of-control behaviors through faith-based principles by re-building our community one person at a time, promoting a new way of life.
- **May:** LCUMC Youth Mission Trip - This annual mission trip by our youth is a tremendous mission not only for the recipients, but also for our youth. Our congregation will help to offset the cost of this year's trip to Clendenin, WV to support continued clean-up efforts from the flood that impacted this area in 2016.
- **June:** Watoto Read - Last year we raised funds to build 2 schools. In 2018, we will raise funds to support annual salary of 2 teachers.
- **July:** People In Need to support their fall back-to-school shoes fundraising campaign. Every \$25 donation will result in a new pair of back-to-school shoes for a child.
- **August:** Vacation Bible School Hands & Feet Project - This is the third year that our children and Sunday Schools have supported the Hands & Feet Project in Haiti. Our children have communicated with our sponsored children in Haiti which has been an effective way to get our children excited about missions and what they can do to help others.
- **September:** Church for All People to support their ministries in downtown Columbus.
- **October:** Watoto Read - Last year we raised funds to build 2 schools. In 2018, we will raise funds to support annual salary of 2 teachers.
- **November:** People in Need to purchase winter coats for our 2018 coat drive benefitting PIN's Holiday Clearing House.
- **December:** To Be Determined

## 2018 Tentative Monthly Mission Plans

### January & February:

- PIN Clearance Coat Drive for the 2018 Holiday Clearing House
- Common Ground Free Store - Houseware Good Collection Drive
- Restock the Shelves at PIN campaign-collection of goods during services on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>

### March & April:

- Roll-out of the “Pen Friend” Campaign to support our sponsored children through the Hands & Feet Project
- Alpha Recovery & Jericho House - 2018 LCUMC Special Mission Campaign
- Easter Bash – Community Outreach Event held the day before Easter

### May & June:

- Hands & Feet Village Collection - May
- World Vision Global 6K for Water - May
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Olentangy Glen Oak School Supply Fundraising Drive & Backpack Collection – starts in June
- PIN Back-to-School Shoes Fundraising Drive – starts in June
- PIN Produce Market Service Day on June 27<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Mission Trip to Clendenin, WV – end of June

### July & August:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Olentangy Glen Oak School Supply Fundraising Drive & Backpack Collection – continued
- PIN Back-to-School Shoes Fundraising Drive - continued
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Men’s Clothing Collection for Church for All People
- Vacation Bible School – Community Outreach Event supporting the Hands & Feet Project in July
- Summer Bash – Community Outreach Event in August

### September & October:

- Homemade Blanket Collection in September
- PIN Produce Market Service Day on October 31<sup>st</sup>
- Trunk-or-Treat – Community Outreach Event in October
- Adult Mission Trip to Haiti? (Dependent upon interest from the church.)

### November & December:

- Operation Christmas Child Box Collection in November
- Christmas Cookie Trays in December
- PIN Holiday Clearing House Coat Drive in December
- PIN Holiday Clearing House – Youth Packing Day, Coat Preparation, & Distribution Day in December

### Year-Round Missions:

- Eyeglasses Collection – Lion’s Club
- Lewis Center Preschool
- PIN Food Pantry Volunteers
- PIN Food Pantry Donations
- Church for All People – Sunday Breakfasts
- Kid Connection – Sunday mornings
- Alpha Recovery – Thursday evenings
- Youth Group Ministries

## 2018 Special Mission Project

Our 2018 Special Mission Project will be to support Alpha Recovery and the Jericho House. Alpha Recovery is a ministry whose goal is to help families, friends, and those suffering any form of addiction. They are helping the broken and suffering to overcome out of control behaviors through faith-based principles and rebuilding our community one person at a time and promoting a new way of sober living.



The Alpha Recovery ministry also supports The Jericho House which is a community recovery residence that helps those on the road to recovery from addiction heal through provision of a place to stay, continued counseling, GED assistance, and referral to

services to get them on their feet.

LCUMC will be learning more about the amazing work these ministries are doing, the lives they touch, and ways we can help during the 2018 Lent Season.

### **“How can I help?”**

If you are interested in helping our church’s missions, there are numerous ways you can help. Whether it is with your time, your talents or your treasure, there is an organization that would be happy for you to be involved. From helping to serve breakfast, to helping stock produce in the summer, to preparing coats for the coat drive and food for the Holiday Parade, we can help you find a place to be part of our missions.

If you would like more information about what we are doing, or would like to find out about volunteer opportunities, please see any of the Mission Committee members or send an e-mail to [missions@lewiscenterumc.org](mailto:missions@lewiscenterumc.org)

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