



2019 Mission Activity Summary

LCUMC continued its strong tradition of mission support and mission giving in 2019. 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 2019:

People In Need, Inc. of Delaware County (*Delaware, Ohio*)

- Total Volunteer Hours: 659 in a number of programs
- Total Monetary Donations: \$6,088
- Total Food Donations: 8,453 pounds
- Back-to-School Shoe Fundraising Drive: \$1,994 became 79 pairs of shoes
- Re-Stock the Shelves: 6,006 pounds of food
- Holiday Clearing House: Over 400+ coats donated or purchased by LCUMC and 996 coats prepared for the event.

Church for All People (*Columbus, Ohio*)

- Preparing and Serving Sunday Breakfast: 264 volunteer hours
- Total Monetary Donations: \$715
- Annual Men's Clothing Drive: Many bags of men's business clothing were donated.
- Men's Underwear Drive: 336 pairs of brand-new men's underwear were donated.

Alpha Recovery Ministry (*Bucyrus, Ohio*)

- In 2019, over 441 hours were spent volunteering to lead meetings at LCUMC for people working to overcome out-of-control behaviors through faith-based principles in a 12-step approach.
- Approximately 857 hours were spent by people attending these meetings during the year in this ministry – with an average of 10 participants each week.
- Total Monetary Donations: \$2,070
- Housewares Collection: Gently used housewares items were donated by the church for past/present Alpha Recovery students.

Children's Ministry Mission Activities (*Haiti, Delaware County, and Operation Christmas Child*)

- Vacation Bible School: Supported the Hands & Feet Project in Haiti with \$7,140 that sponsored the needs of 17 children for one year.
- Kid Connection & Lil' Kid Connection: Volunteers contributed 360 hours to teach Sunday School.
- Volunteer Hours: Over 1,200 hours to support our Easter Bash, Vacation Bible School, Holy Smoke-Out, Trunk-or-Treat, & Jingle Jam community outreach events.
- Operation Christmas Child: Filled 208 boxes for children around the world and received donations to cover shipping.
- PIN's Holiday Clearing House: Youth members and their families donated 50 hours of service.

Youth Ministry Mission Activities

- 24 Youth & 8 Adults traveled to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in June to provide 624 volunteer hours to help with tornado recovery.
- Youth volunteered an additional 685 hours to support various local outreach events and missions within the church.
- Youth donated 40-45 stuffed animals to children at Nationwide Children's Hospital - complete with bows and notes.
- Youth donated 1,185 diapers and 920 wipes to Liberty Community Center's Diaper Bank.
- Inaugural Freedom, Fun, & Fireworks event to allow the community to gather to watch fireworks while raising funds for the youth group ministry.

Other Local Mission Activities

- 56 baby and children's quilts/blankets were made by the church (or bought at the stores) and donated to Grady Memorial Hospital, Common Ground, Church for All People & Vineyard Homeless Outreach.
- 32 Pairs of eyeglasses donated to Lions Club of Delaware County.

Special Mission Project - Watoto Read (*Chad, Africa*)

- During our Lenten campaign, we learned how girls are missing out on their education each month due to their menstrual cycle. Through our Watoto Read campaign, we raised \$16,000 to help build classrooms and latrines for these girls in refugee camps in Chad, Africa.

Amina's Dream – Watoto Read (*Chad, Africa*)

- In the fall of 2018, we started supporting Amina's Dream – one of Watoto Read's new ministries. Volunteers are meeting monthly to create reusable menstrual kits to be sent to girls in refugee camps in Chad, Africa.
- Total Monetary Donations: \$2,800
- Total Volunteer Hours: 82 hours

Previous Global & Local Special Mission Projects

The Special Mission Project in 2019 was only the latest in the list of special projects that we have supported as a church over recent years.

- 2018 – Alpha Recovery: Raised awareness for the faith-based recovery services that Alpha Recovery provides at the Jericho House. Donated \$5,277 to Alpha Recovery and the Jericho House – which is enough to cover 17 months of living expenses for one individual.
- 2017 – Watoto Read: Donated \$20,319 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.
- 2016- North Katanga: Donated \$5,036 to build two sewing centers in North Katanga Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Africa. This project empowered 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 airplane to assist with delivery of supplies and medications and to provide medical transport in remote areas of Congo.

Total Monetary Donations in 2019 to all ministries: over \$37,000!

Total Volunteer Hours in 2019 to all ministries: over 4,300 hours



2020 Mission Plans

2019 was another amazing year at LCUMC! Thanks to our congregation's Christ-focused love and compassion, we were able to bless others near and far. The Missions team has already been working on plans for the upcoming year. More information will be communicated as appropriate, but the current plans are detailed below.

2020: 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 2020 Communion Offerings is:

- **January:** People In Need to purchase clearance-priced winter coats in advance for the 2020 Holiday Clearing House.
- **February:** NEXT Mission Trip – NEXT is our ministry for college-aged kids and we will be supporting them on their first mission trip to New Orleans in May.
- **March & April:** Turning Point - Our Lenten campaign will be raising awareness for domestic abuse and raising funds to enhance a local domestic abuse shelter.
- **May:** Youth Mission Trip - This annual mission trip by our youth is a tremendous mission not only for those they are serving, but also for our youth and adult chaperones. Our congregation will help to offset the cost of this year's trip to Knoxville, TN.
- **June:** Watoto Read to support their mission to provide education to children in refugee camps in Chad, Africa.
- **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:** Hands & Feet Project - This will be the 5th year that our VBS children and our congregation will be supporting the Hands & Feet Project in Haiti.
- **September:** Church for All People to support their ministries in downtown Columbus.
- **October:** Alpha Recovery/Jericho House to support their faith-based recovery ministry and community recovery residence.
- **November:** People in Need to purchase winter coats for our 2020 coat drive for their Holiday Clearing House.
- **December:** To Be Determined

2020 Tentative Monthly Mission Plans

January & February:

- Youth Group Diaper Drive for Liberty Community Center.
- PIN Clearance Coat Drive for the 2020 Holiday Clearing House
- Restock the Shelves at PIN campaign – collection will be on February 16th.

March & April:

- Turning Point – Special Mission Project & Lenten Campaign
- Easter Bash – Community Outreach Event held the day before Easter (April 11th)

May & June:

- NEXT Mission Trip to New Orleans, LA - May 14-23
- World Vision Global 6K for Water - May 16th
- Youth Mission Trip to Knoxville, TN - June 7-13
- PIN Back-to-School Shoes Fundraising Drive – starts in June
- PIN Produce Market Service Day on June 24th

July & August:

- Freedom, Fireworks, & Fun – Community Outreach Event in July
- PIN Back-to-School Shoes Fundraising Drive - Continued
- Annual Men’s Clothing Collection for Church for All People
- Vacation Bible School – Community Outreach Event supporting the Hands & Feet Project in July
- Hands & Feet Project in Haiti – raising money to continue sponsoring our children.
- Holy Smoke-Out – Community Outreach Event in August

September & October:

- Continue the Story: The Drop – Christmas card signing in October
- PIN Produce Market Service Day on October 28th
- Trunk-or-Treat – Community Outreach Event in October
- Operation Christmas Child – campaign starts in October

November & December:

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

Year-Round Missions:

- Alpha Recovery – Thursday evenings
- American Red Cross Blood Drives
- Amina’s Dream – monthly work sessions
- Church For All People – 2nd Sunday Breakfasts
- Eyeglasses Collection – Lion’s Club
- Lewis Center Preschool
- Kid Connection – Sunday mornings
- PIN Food Pantry Weekly Donations
- PIN Food Pantry Weekly Volunteers
- Youth Group Ministries

2020 Special Mission Project

Our 2020 Special Mission Project during the Lenten season will be to support Turning Point. They have been serving domestic violence victims and their families for 40 years in Crawford, Delaware, Marion, Morrow, Union, and Wyandot Counties. Turning Point has the social responsibility to respond to the needs of domestic violence victims by providing shelter, counseling, advocacy, and general support services and to identify and confront the causes of domestic violence. The goals of the campaign will be to raise more awareness about domestic violence and to raise \$10,000 – to help transform the dining room at the Marion Shelter to be more family/kid-friendly.

“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 collecting food for the People In Need, we can help you find a place to be part of our missions. We are also happy to find opportunities for your family, neighbors, coworkers, or life groups to serve together.

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 Missions team members or send an e-mail to missions@lewiscenterumc.org

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