

## Global Mission Ministry

### 2015 Annual Report

The Global Mission Ministry (GMM) continues to work prayerfully to support Saint Mark's stated mission to "listen and respond to the needs of the world." "Global" in Global Mission Ministry is defined as everywhere outside of Montgomery County.

In 2015, GMM worked to answer God's call through contributing to humanitarian needs of Syrian refugees in the U.S. and abroad, Nepal earthquake relief, and Vanuatu cyclone relief. The ministry also financially supported the following entities for their global and domestic work:

- **Everytown for Gun Safety & Heeding God's Call**– To support both organizations' work for gun safety in the U.S.
- **Lithuania Christian College Scholarship** – To provide financial assistance to LCC students in need.
- **Sayariy Warmi Rise Up Women** – To provide financial assistance to young Bolivian women in need.
- **Congo Lotus Care** –To promote and provide pre-natal health care to Congolese women.
- **Reve Kandale** – To help build schools and improve school grounds for communities in The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).
- The communities of **Tchekos & Ngoro, Cameroon** – To support two Presbyterian congregations and a health clinic.
- **Bread for the World** – To support international and domestic hunger advocacy efforts.
- **New Story Leadership** - To support peace-making efforts between Palestinian and Israeli young adults.

GMM has identified four categories of giving to help be more deliberate and transparent about allocating the ministry's operating budget. These four categories, as noted in the below budget, are:

1. Disaster Relief
2. Saint Mark Member Led Projects with Global Reach
3. PCUSA Missionaries
4. Hunger-advocacy, mission, etc.

GMM donates to well-established financially transparent charities for disaster relief efforts, which meet critical needs and are often religious based organizations. The ministry has also chosen to support Saint Mark Member led projects with seed money for limited time periods. These organizations have Saint Mark member involvement in their leadership and provide GMM with an annual update on progress and experiences.

### Additional Work of Global Mission

GMM organized the annual June letter writing campaign to support legislation aimed at curbing global hunger and again led the Global Communion Sunday celebration in October. The celebration featured an international pot-luck, singing and dancing performances, and fellowship with the Living Springs Community Church, a predominantly Filipino member church that worships at Saint Mark.

## Global Mission's Financial Contributions

A detailed financial record of GMM's use of the 2015 operating budget is listed below. There was also \$2000 distributed through GMM outside of the operational budget to International Rescue Committee for their domestic work in Baltimore with Syrian refugees and their work in the border towns of Syria. The congregation also generously gave \$280 to the Peace Making Fund, which GMM supplemented by \$700 to donate to New Story Leadership for their focus on peace-making between Israel and Palestinian young adults. The above-mentioned donations are not reflected in the below 2015 operating budget.

<b>2015 GMM Budget Activity</b>			
<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Category</b>
World Vision New Zealand (Vanuatu cyclone relief)	\$1,000	1-Apr-15	Disaster Relief
PCUSA Mission Workers Hinderliters	\$1,500	1-Mar-15	PCUSA Mission
LCC scholarship fund	\$1,000	1-Mar-15	Education
Bread for the World	\$1,000	1-Mar-15	Hunger-advocacy, mission
PDA Nepal Earthquake Relief	\$1,000	19-Apr-15	Disaster Relief
Subsidy to parish life for free trade coffee	\$280	19-Apr-15	Hunger-advocacy, mission
Oxfam Nepal Relief	\$1,000	6-May-15	Disaster Relief
Congo Lotus Care project DRC	\$1,000	14-Sep-15	SM members projects
Reve Kandale DRC	\$1,000	14-Sep-15	SM members projects
Tchekos & Ngoro Cameroon	\$500	14-Sep-15	SM members projects
Sayariy Warmi Rise Up Women Bolivia	\$1,000	14-Sep-15	Education
Doctors W/Out Borders - Syrian Refugees	\$1,000	14-Sep-15	Disaster Relief
Hearts W/ Haiti Calendars	\$300	14-Sep-15	Hunger-advocacy, mission, etc.
Everytown for Gun Safety	\$1,000	1-Nov-15	Education
New Story Leadership	\$700	1-Nov-15	Education
PCUSA Mission Workers Hinderliters	\$1,500	1-Nov-15	PCUSA Mission
Heeding God's Call	\$700	6-Dec-15	Hunger-advocacy, mission, etc.
PCUSA Mission Workers Parkers	\$520	6-Dec-15	PCUSA Mission
Total	\$16,000		
Budget remaining	\$0		

**2016 and beyond**

In 2016, the Global Mission Ministry Team will prayerfully consider our partnerships and our work. Through God's grace, may we work to improve our ways to help empower those who are weak and support those that are strong so that they may help others. Let us acknowledge the endless need in the world and may our prayers and financial assistance help those in need.

The Global Mission Ministry is blessed by the generosity of the people of Saint Mark. We take our responsibility seriously as we strive to hear God's call throughout the world. We thank the members of the Global Mission Ministry Team for their incredible and faithful service during 2015.

We extend a welcome invitation for you to join the Global Mission Ministry! The group typically meets after worship service on Spirit & Service Sundays, the first Sunday of each month. We hope to see you there!

Blessings,

Alison Dewey, Elder

Ellen Kiel, Convener