


*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 welcomed me,
I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was
sick and you visited me, I was in prison and
you came to me . . . And the King will answer
them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one
of the least of these who are members
of my family, you did it to me."
(Matthew 25:35-36a, 40)*

The Mission Division of First Presbyterian Church is to assume primary responsibility in the areas of:

1. World Mission
2. Regional / National Mission
3. Local Community Ministry
 - a. Hunger
 - b. Shelter
 - c. Peacemaking
 - d. Ecumenical Relations

Read on and see how you might participate in the life and mission of the church.

1. WORLD MISSION

- **Rev. Dr. Arthur and Sue Kinsler**  have served in Korea for more than 30 years. Sue assists with a sheltered workshop for people with disabilities, runs a program to feed young children in North Korea, and helps with medical needs. Art, now retired, continues to serve as a volunteer as PC (USA)'s financial representative in Korea, teaches college, and preaches.

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- **Matthew McKinnon**  recently assumed the job as coordinator of Republic House with Aslan Brazilian Beneficent Association (ABBA). He along with his wife, Simone, continue their special ministry to street children in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Republic House is home for five boys/young men who cannot return to their homes.

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- **Jolana and Stefan Nather**  minister to Roma children and families in Banska Bystrica in the Slovak Republic through the Hope for the Children program which brings the gospel to these at-risk social exiles. Sports, nutrition, hygiene and literacy programs join with Bible study and music in forming a new Christian community.

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- **Rev. Bill Soldwisch**  serves the Pueblos Hermanos Presbyterian Border Ministry in Tijuana-San Diego. First Presby is sending its fourth mission team to work with this ministry June 2009.

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- **We support the WV Presbytery's work with its sister presbytery in Nyeri, Kenya.**

2. REGIONAL / NATIONAL MISSION

First Presbyterian Church supports:

- West Virginia Ministry and Advocacy Workcamps (WVMAW) which reconstructs homes damaged by natural or economic disasters whose owners are unable to do the work themselves.

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- The Presbyterian Hunger Program through One Great Hour of Sharing, individual and memorial gifts, and Cents-Ability Offerings.
- The national Souper Bowl Offering of dollars, soup and crackers which benefits Manna Meal and the Covenant House Food Pantry.
- Davis-Stuart Group Homes Therapeutic Residential Care for Adolescents through an offering for its chaplaincy program and special gifts.
- Westminster Foundation which provides campus ministry at Fairmont State University, Marshall University, Mountain State University, West Liberty State College, and West Virginia University.
- Coalition for Christian Outreach and the ministry of Rob Peterson on the University of Charleston campus and at First Presbyterian church.

First Presby is a “Five for Five” church. We receive four church-wide special offerings and contribute to Basic Mission Support:

Peacemaking Offering supports Presbyterian Peacemaking programs;

Christmas Joy Offering benefits retired or ill clergy and supports racial ethnic schools;

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering goes toward the Presbyterian Hunger, Disaster Assistance and Self Development of People Programs;

Pentecost Offering assists Presbyterian youth, locally, nationally and internationally; and leader training.

Basic Mission Support strengthens congregations, supports mission service personnel, and provides leadership training and scholarships within the denomination.

3. LOCAL COMMUNITY MINISTRY

First Presbyterian Church has a long history of beginning and supporting key community agencies such as BigBrothersBigSisters, Daymark, Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center, Literacy Volunteers, Kanawha Valley and Rea of Hope Fellowship Homes, Covenant House, East End Family Resource Center, Religious Coalition for Community Renewal, Oakwood Terrace Program, WV Healthright, and others. The Mission Division evaluates community requests and needs, and makes funding recommendations to First Presby's Trustees to assist these agencies with \$78,000 in 2008.

The Mission Division compiles and publishes the booklet *Opportunities to Serve* and encourages the utilization of church meeting space by social justice programs in Charleston.

3a. HUNGER

We maintain the Covenant House Food Pantry on our premises, which involves storage, refrigerator and freezer facilities, and distribution.

We support Manna Meal's two meals a day, 365 days a year, hot meal program.

3b. SHELTER

The Mission Division supports local organizations addressing the problems of shelter, substance abuse and low income housing such as Kanawha Valley and Rea of Hope Fellowship Homes, Samaritan Inn, Smith Street Station, and YWCA's Sojourners and Resolve Family Abuse.

3c. PEACEMAKING

We recognize and celebrate the peacemaking efforts that are an integral part of the agency programs supported by the Community Ministries.

3d. ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

The Mission Division seeks ways to cooperate with other religious groups in social ministries and worship experiences such as Charleston Interdenominational Council on Social Concerns, Religious Coalition for Community Renewal, and Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center, and the Shepherd's Center.



FAIR TRADE FOOD ITEMS

First Presbyterian maintains a supply of fairly-traded coffee, chocolate, tea, nuts, cocoa, and dried cranberries which are available through the church office Monday-Friday, 8-12 and 1-4. Our participation in the Presbyterian Coffee Project provides a fair income for growers around the world. The high-quality products are enjoyed by church members and the community.



WORLD MARKET

The World Market will be Oct. 12-16, 2008. This market provides the congregation and community the opportunity to purchase quality hand-crafted items. SERRV handicraft sales directly benefit artisans in developing nations.

Through Alternative Gifts International, a different type of purchase is offered. With Alternative Gifts, you can donate the dollars you would have spent on gift items to help developing nations address health, food, education, child survival, and environmental issues. This is transformative “gifting.”

The Mission Division meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:45 p.m., Room A-201, except July and August. You are invited to attend any meeting and learn more about First Presby's mission activities. For more information, contact Frankie McCain, 343-8961 ext. 139, or email: frankie@firstpresby.com.

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