

Mission Team Meeting
November 22, 2009

Donna Poole (guest), Lisa Owens, Shirley Derryberry, Rob Reynolds, Fancy Mills, Maggie Kahn, Hellen Sullivan, Sandy Wilder, Cathy Stone, Howard Hartman, Tim Deschner, Julie Nelson, Ann Teich, Randy Teich.

Lisa presented a new Afghanistan mission proposal.

- First step is to identify 2 – 5 more churches to partner with us on the project. Start time for this would be early 2010, probably January.
- Program would be multi-year with a program in September or October to develop awareness and fundraising.
- New mission initiatives fund donation of \$200 is requested to handle startup cost.
- FUMC meeting space will need to be coordinated with office as would space for a fundraising event.

Julie moved approval of the mission with \$200 seed money from the new missions initiative fund, Hellen seconded, committed approved. Lisa will now take the fundraising request to the finance committee.

Ann passed out the communion rail offering proceeds for 2009.

Donna Poole presented a request for a communion rail offering being designated for National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) during 2010.

Rob passed out a list of contributions by church to Mobile Loaves. \$19,400 was identified as having come from FUMC to the Mobile Loaves Downtown truck. Rob also reported that an 11th truck is about to be added to the Austin area. ML&F is working to get each team to self fund their trips.

The team had a discussion of 2010 communion rail offerings. The following is proposed knowing that some flexibility may need to exist:

January	Mobile Loaves
February	IHN dependent on hosting months, possibly move
March	One Great Hour of Sharing
April	AAIM
May	Russia Initiative
June	New Missionary
July	Pastors Fund
August	Native American Ministries Sunday
September	Disaster Relief
October	Feed My People (receiving part of 2009 Harvest Sunday, so may change?)
November	Harvest Sunday
December	Christmas Eve Brunch

UM Student Day is suggested to be a special envelope offering rather than communion rail offering. November 28, 2010 is the official date for this, although we could choose an alternate date. Peace with Justice is May 30th (we would probably move a special offering day to June).

The Russia team shared a video from their June trip to Russia.

Howard requested suggestions from the group on how to meet the CROP walk's goal of a 10% increase in participation and donations for 2010. The team suggested that there be a competition between other church teams wearing items related to their own groups, competition of the retiring pastors and similar things.

Cathy made the team aware of Rethink Leadership (replaces My Job workshop) to be held January 30th from 9:00am to 12:30pm.

Randy reviewed the fund raising opportunities available through Café Mission. January, 2010 remains available and needs a mission team to select it very soon.

Next meeting will be in January with Fancy as chair.