

**Summerville Presbyterian Church**  
**Mission and Benevolence Ministry Team**  
Meeting Minutes – August 6, 2009

**Present:** John Franks, Joseph Friday, Susan Ockerman, Phil Muller, Sharon Klein, Sandy Lee, Mike Shelton, Kari Goforth

John Franks opened the meeting with prayer

The minutes from June 4, 2009 were approved as written.

**Communications:**

**Outreach Foundation:** John received a letter from the Outreach Foundation with the latest update from the Sivalees. John will write a letter to the Sivalees explaining our decision not to continue support to their mission and our support for the Presbyterian Church (USA) Missions.

**Fletchers:** John received and forwarded to the committee an e-mail from the Fletchers, the PC (USA ) mission workers we began supporting financially this year. You might recall that Birch and Peggy Rambo, whom Mrs. Fletcher references, live in this area and he has spoken at a previous Wed. Night Live a couple years ago, primarily about Medical Benevolence Foundation, as I recall. So there is a Summerville connection with the Fletchers.

**My Sister's House:** John received a letter from My Sister's House thanking us for our \$60 donation. We have \$250 in the 2009 budget for this group.

**Campus Crusade:** John received a letter from Campus Crusade for Christ thanking us for our June donation of \$83.33 in support of the Ostendorff's ministry. We are contributing at a \$1,000 annual rate to this ministry.

**Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina:** John received a letter from Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina thanking us for past support and requesting prayer and that we consider including them in our annual mission budget. We currently support the Pres. Communities through the annual Mother's Day offering.

**World Mission PC (USA):** Rev. John Miller passed on to John 3 letters from Hunter Farrell, Director of World Mission for PC (USA). These identify specific mission successes and communicate that the denomination has committed to increase the number of full-time mission workers supported to from under 200 to 215, the largest increase in 50 years.

**Work abroad:** John received a letter from the local young man who is in Turkey working through an international organization. He tells of their plans to share their faith this summer. He asks for our continued support. We provided him with \$500 when he began his ministry in 2008.

**Hope Assembly of God:** John received a letter from Hope Assembly of God requesting financial support for school supplies and uniforms for inner-city Charleston children. Remember at SPC the Presbyterian Women have sponsored the Hands of Christ program to provide these things to under-privileged children in the area.

**Water Mission International:** This mission opportunity will kick off August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Joseph Friday will do a Minute for Mission and Sharon and Joe will be available in the Gym during Rally day to answer any questions. Donations are being asked to be collected during the Blood Drive the following Sunday.

**Blood Drive:** The Blood Drive is scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup>. Sharon is putting up banners and has written the articles for the bulletin and 3<sup>rd</sup> Chronicles. Phil, John, Joe will help with the registration tables for the Blood Drive.

**Wednesday Night Live:** Joseph Friday will coordinate the planning for the September 16<sup>th</sup> WNL Mission Theme. Sherry, Buck, Sandy, and Peter Klein will be asked to participate. The committee is planning to highlight to the congregation mission opportunities over the next year.

**Mission Trips Schedule and Planning:** The committee highlighted the mission planning committee's plans for mission trip opportunities. They are as follows:

**Fall Mission Trip:** We are going to offer a Fall Mission Trip to Costa Rica limited to 4 to 6 people led by Sandy Lee. The tentative date was set for: October 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. This trip in addition to its Mission purpose will serve as a trip to begin the planning and develop opportunities for an Intergenerational trip to Costa Rica during the summer. We would like to encourage people to go on this trip that are interested in helping to plan the Intergenerational trip. The group would be expected to pay for their own transportation costs and the Mission Ministry Teams budget would pay the balance of the trip. The other costs should run under \$1,500 (our remaining budget item for Mission Trips).

**Spring Trip:** Sandy Lee is planning a return trip to Costa Rica in the Spring and would be willing to have a few people join him then. This trip is sponsored by Sandy's previous church, Doby's Bridge Presbyterian in Fort Mill.

**Summer Intergenerational Trip to Costa Rica:** This trip will require the planning to start in October or November.

The Ministry Team discussed other mission opportunities to include for 2010. The Ministry team was asked to e-mail ideas and thoughts to Joseph Friday. He will assemble these ideas for discussion during our September Mission Meeting in order to firm up our 2010 mission plans.

**Hispanic Ministry Update:** This ministry is going well. John and Sandy reported that the ministry has grown from 12 to 18/20 people at times. The Evangelism team is inviting the Hispanic ministry to the Wednesday Night Live concert September 23<sup>rd</sup> and to the Evangelism Dinner at 12:30 on September 27.

**Habitat for Humanity:** The Church has been asked to commit again to a one half share of the next Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build. The financial commitment is \$2,500. The Ministry Team is recommending that we make this commitment, however there is no line item budget for this. Several options were discussed. The Ministry Team is recommending that we contribute \$1,600 now with the balance to be completed by early 2010. It was recommended that we utilize \$600 of restricted funds designated for Apostles Build and Mission Projects, plus utilize \$1,000 in the Thanksgiving basket fund, to be replenished in fundraising efforts for the Apostles Build.

The Ministry Team discussed that this commitment was contingent on Habitat coming up with the other half share and Session's approval to this commitment. Susan Ockerman will contact Habitat based on Sessions decision.

**Finances:** John stated (without a July Statement) that he thought our budget was in very good shape.

**Palmetto House Support:** We have been contacted by the Palmetto House about using the church bus to transport clients to apply for jobs, to job interviews, to medical appointments, to look for housing, etc. After discussion it was decided to communicate to the congregation this need but encourage them to contact the Palmetto House to volunteer to drive their personal vehicles for transportation, as using the 14 passenger bus to carry 2, 3, or 4 people is not efficient.

**Harvest Home:** Some furnishings for the SPC sponsored room in the Harvest Home have been received from members of the congregation. Wayne Mayberry has been the primary contact for this project.

**Special Offering:** Joseph reported the next Special offering is the Peacemaking Offering the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in October. All the supplies are in the Church office.

**Advent Conspiracy:** Still expected to be considered at the Session retreat in August. A subcommittee will likely be formed from several ministry teams, including ours.

**Mission Yearbooks:** It was decided by the Ministry Team that this year we would only purchase Mission Yearbooks for the Mission Team Members and one for each Sunday School Classrooms. Extra copies would be made available should someone want one.

**Bibles for Service Personnel:** The committee decided to not participate in the program at this time.

**Mission Portion of Operating Manual:** The team discussed that the Mission portion of the Churches Operating Manual was complete except for updating date references.

**New Business:** No new business.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2009 @ 7:00 PM

Mike Shelton closed the meeting in prayer.

**Item for Session Approval:**

Session is asked to approve the Church's commitment to a one half share of the Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build and approve an Apostle Build fundraising opportunity. The Commitment is \$2,500. It is recommended that we utilize \$600 of restricted funds designated for Apostles Build and Mission Projects, plus utilize \$1,000 in the Thanksgiving basket fund, to be replenished in fundraising efforts for the Apostles Build.