

**OUTREACH COMMISSION**

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Area of Outreach Ministry	Vestry Liaison	Updates
<p><b>LOCAL MISSION</b></p>	<p>Sylvia Peters                      wholevillagefnd@aol.com                      (865) 690-4688</p>	
<p><b>Daughters of the King</b>                      Donna Riggs                      riggsdh@att.net. 919-0659</p>		<p><b>UPDATE 8/8 Donna reported that Daughters of the King has made two sizeable donations of women's menstrual products to FISH. The last delivery was on July 2 and included individually packaged and sized supplies for women.</b></p>
<p><b>Episcopal Church Women</b>                      Pat Medley                      patmedley@controltechnology.com                      (865) 384-4207</p> <p>Ascension has a vibrant, renewed chapter of the Episcopal Church Women whose purpose is to empower the women of The Episcopal Church to carry out Christ's work throughout the world. ECW oversees the United Thank Offering, of which 100% donations goes to fund mission work of the Episcopal Church in the world.</p>		<p>3/11 from Sylvia:                      ECW visited the Change Center in early January. A survey developed by Peters will be presented to the group 03/12/19 at their monthly meeting. (encl.1)                      Sylvia met with Aram Dermijian, Knoxville Symphony Orchestra – to discuss how art, music and other aspects of culture can be brought to youth in Knoxville. One idea proposed an African American concerto featuring West African Drums. The symphony has been trying to discuss the matter with the Austin East High West African Drum Ensemble and Peters has a connection with the leader of the A-E Group.                      Sylvia also discussed Aram coming to meet with a diverse group of women, (ECW, Links, KMA Guild and 100 Black Women) who want to do some things to bring about racial reclamation among young people in Knoxville.                      UTO Offering is organized by Barbara Miller this year. Because the donations go to fund mission work of the Episcopal Church in the world, should this be located in world mission? Or will ECW work on local mission as well?                      3/18 Sylvia Peters will speak with Gigi Logan about sponsoring a night at the Change Center night for our Youth - reclamation for high school group. Possible funds from Mardi Gras? <b>DONE</b>  <b>UPDATE 5/13 ECW donated \$500 to Change Center. Working on coordinating an a sponsorship event to bring diverse students together. ECW will go through Change Center volunteering process.</b></p>
<p><b>Family Promise of Knoxville</b>                      Mary Lemense                      mary.lemense@gmail.com (865) 776-3608</p> <p>Ascension is a supporting church in Family Promise of Knoxville. We provide lodging, meals, and hospitality to homeless families one week at a time. Parishioners volunteer to serve as hosts, meal preparers, drivers, and other capacities.</p>		<p>3/18 Check in with Mary to find out needs/concerns; Sylvia will connect with Mary.  <b>UPDATE 8/4 Amanda Rowcliffe met with Mary LeMense. Mary will be speaking in Church on Sunday, August 18th which is Family Promise Sunday. We will host Family Promise from Aug. 11-18th. Mary asked in particular that the Vestry volunteer for some part of that week. She gave me a full update on the program and is confident that it is going well, although she expressed concern about funding from Ascension. She highly commended Ann O'Connor for her work with Family Promise over the years. During her Aug. 18th sermon, she will recognize Anne's leadership in that program. VESTRY - please consider participating in some way. Mary feels that if and when we begin to allocate the Sunday plate to particular ministries it will bring more attention and allow more folks to become engaged with Family Promise.</b></p>

<p><b>FISH Hospitality Pantries</b>  <b>Jim Wright</b>  <b>jimwright@ascension.org (865) 588-0589 ex. 224</b></p>		<p>3/12 Check in with Jim Wright to find out needs/concerns            3/23 Jim Wright &amp; Sylvia Peters connected via email; he has invited Sylvia to visit to learn about operations            3/25 Anna Fraser wrote to see if we could collect feminine hygiene items for FISH Pantry. Amanda connected her with Jim Wright who said yes, there is a real need. Items could be dropped off with FISH office at Ascension.            4/30 Daughters of the King will work with Jim Wright to make a monthly donation of feminine hygiene products. Sylvia Peters met with Donna Riggs and Jim Wright at FISH Pantry. Donna has coordinated with Jim about a local mission project for Daughters of the King. They will buy cases of women's hygiene products for FISH Pantry as needed. This is a very specific need and can be met on an ongoing basis by Daughters of the King.            5/7 Jim Wright has put in our Vestry mailboxes a copy of the new FISH Community programs brochure. Jim is hoping for big peanut butter sundae results July 14. Jim reported that last year FISH veraged providing donated and purchased food for 79,255 families and 9,142 Kids Boost food bags. The average cost for each family food bag and each child's boost bag was five dollars each since we put all very nutritious food items in the kids Boost bags and buy discounted food for the family food bags along with great donations. Each kids boost food bag contains very nutritious food items such as juice, milk, string cheese, yogurt push-ups, granola bars, raisins, fresh fruit etc. that we must purchase because we do not get donations of these highly nutritious food items that contain no dyes or preservatives and are usually organic. We're going to emphasize the kids boost food bags in the upcoming peanut butter Sunday, July 14. Daughters of the King continues monthly donations of women's hygiene products to FISH.  <b>UPDATE 7/30 Peanutbutter Sunday raised. \$1200 and plenty of jars of peanutbutter.</b></p>
<p><b>Justice Knox</b>  <b>Marnie Page</b>  <b>marnie.page1@gmail.com</b>  <b>(865)</b></p>		<p>5/15 Marnie Page has taken over for Ann O'Connor. She has been attending the twice monthly meeting.  <b>UPDATE 8/7 Marnie reported that Justice Knox has completed its tasks for the year. Amanda will meet with Ann O'Connor in the next few weeks to talk more about JK.</b></p>
<p><b>LAMBS Ministry</b>  <b>Christopher Hogin</b>  <b>christopher@ascension.org (865) 588-0589 ext. 215</b>          Formed almost a decade ago, LAMBS' mission is to support stewardship of our animal companions by offering assistance for their care to their humans in need.</p>		<p>3/12 Check in with Christopher to find out need or concerns.</p>
<p><b>White Oak School</b>  <b>Megan Alden</b>  <b>megan@ascension.org</b>  <b>(865) 588-0589 ext 240 cell (865) 789-7760</b>          White Oak School is the school where for the last 2 years we have done the service project "Choose Some Shoes". Megan Alden collects the shoes at church in late summer and then takes them to the Campbell County School. We usually gather over 100 pairs. The school only has about 156 kids. It is a PreK to Grade 8 school.</p>		<p>3/12 This program is also listed on Inreach's spreadsheet. Where does It belong? Megan Alden's article in the recent parish paper (3/10) described the program and announced a play ground clean up day on April 13 from 9-3pm. Megan will be in the lobby with a sign up sheet after church for the next few weeks. The Vestry approved \$1000 for the project on 3/12 (see minutes).            3/20 Amanda connected with Megan. She &amp; Sylvia will join the clean up day group on April 13.            4/15 White Oak Work Day has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 18 from 10am-2pm.            6/5 Last May 18, a group of six kids and eight adults from Ascension travelled to White Oak to help renovate the playground for the Community Center. Phase II of the project will continue later this summer. Please consider attending the next work day. Megan would like to meet with Sylvia and Amanda later this summer to discuss other local mission ideas.  <b>UPDATE 8/5 White Oak. Megan Alden reported that the second phase will happen when the weather cools down. We still need to finish painting and they still need to lay the other ½ of the basketball court. It will be an ongoing project just because it will always need lots of care to keep it looking nice.</b>  <b>"Choose Some Shoes" drive went well. Our best drive ever! We probably got @175 shoes. Plus, several monetary donations. The kids will get shoes Aug. 8; Dawn will send photos. Megan drove them up there this past Monday. Megan plans to continue working with White Oak as her particular mission lies with the poor who are our neighbors.</b></p>

<p><b>Other</b> Gigi Logan - Youth Mission</p>		<p>6/12 Amanda met with GiGi to discuss Rise Against Hunger and further plans for youth and mission. Amand will seek Vestry approval for funds from Mardi Gras if needed. The event will be held on Rally Day as a Parish wide activity which will be youth led. GiGi will work with a high schooler who will make announcements (Eleanor Mitchell). GiGi will help youth raise the funds with Ascension Gear sales.</p> <p><b>UPDATE 7/21</b> GiGi reported that Hazel White (rising 8th grade) and she attended the Seeds of Abraham Service Sunday on July 21. We made sandwiches for the homeless population under the bridge, distributed them (in like, 3 minutes) and then decided to make more sandwiches to distribute again later that day. GiGi plans to continue this activity with the youth.</p> <p><b>RISE AGAINST HUNGER</b> - as agreed in June, we will participate in the ~\$3700 level (including delivery costs). In order to do this project we have to come up with some money. Gigi will be selling Rally Day T-shirts that will help pay for this and also raise money for a future youth mission. Tshirts have been designed. Samples arriving late Tuesday. Shirts: GiGi hopes to sell 300 for a profit of \$1500. Pat Wingo will supplement between \$1000 and 1500 from his Discretionary Fund. We will match with funds from Mardi Gras. The event will be part of Rally Day and will help widen our view of mission as well as the focus of Rally Day. GiGi and youth are working on setup plans regarding the event and as well lunch for participants. Eleanor Mitchell has agreed to be the youth spokesperson.</p> <p><b>YOUTH &amp; WORLD MISSION</b> - Amanda &amp; GiGi are planning a mission night with the Youth sometime in the fall to introduce them to our Church's world mission through Episcopal Relief and Development. Ann Lamb brought to GiGi and Amanda's attention the Episcopal Relief &amp; Development article on gender and race.</p>
<p><b>WORLD MISSION</b></p>	<p>Marnie Page (865) 522 4729</p>	
<p><b>Bolivia Mission</b> Christopher Hogin christopher@ascension.org (865) 588-0589 ext. 215 Clergy liaison with Brett Backus</p>		<p>3/12 The Vestry asked Outreach to meet and come up with a plan for the distribution of Mardi Gras proceeds. 50% will go to Bolivia for this year; \$1000 of the remaining 50% will go to the White Oak Project. The remainder will be allocated as either going to world mission or a combination of world and local mission. The Outreach Commission will make a recommendation to the Vestry at the April 9th meeting. These decisions pertain to the current calendar year only.</p> <p>5/13 On 5/8/2019 the Vestry passed a motion that Church of the Ascension contribute \$7,147.81 to St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, Knoxville, for use for the 2019 mission trip to Bolivia. Those funds have been dispersed.</p> <p><b>UPDATE 8/7</b> Pat, Marnie, and Amanda met to discuss the future of world mission at Ascension. Pat described mission as three levels: local, domestic, and world. We do most of our work with local mission; we will begin to think about ways to increase our awareness of domestic and world mission. (see below)</p>
<p><b>Episcopal Relief &amp; Development</b> Amanda Rowcliffe amanda_rowcliffe@webbschool.org (865) 386-7555 Amanda worked on the Rally Day presentation. She has been in contact with Lou Parsons and Bishop Cole's office for advice and direction.</p>		<p>Episcopal Relief and Development has begun to be introduced to Ascension via a booth at the Ministries Fair last year, an announcement about Episcopal Relief and Development on March 9, and a small group that has met once to discuss and explore the programs. Episcopal Relief and Development has a link on the online Parish bulletin. Amanda would like to invite Josephine Hicks, Vice President of Development, to come give a talk in the fall about her experiences with the programs around the world.</p> <p>3/21 Amanda met with Pat to discuss Outreach overall; think about focus of parish on our mission as Christians in the world - near and far. Not just doing volunteer work, but mission as life vocation; Michael Battle will have much to add here.</p> <p><b>UPDATE 7/30</b> Amanda contacted Josephine Hicks, Vice President for Episcopal Church Relief and Development, Church Programs. Josephine will come to Ascension in the Spring to preach and visit with us during the Sunday School hour. We are working on dates.</p>