

RECOMMENDATIONS

REC-1 Advance Specials for 2015

ACTION:

Conference Advance Projects (Recommended by Missional Board per 2012 *Book of Discipline para.656*). The purpose of this Conference Advance list is to promote mission within the structure or bounds of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. These groups have been reviewed by the Missional Board as worthy ministries for second mile giving consideration by the local congregations. These "Advances" are given access to the addresses and contact information for our congregations and are authorized to solicit funds from all UMC's within this Conference. No other groups are given such access or authority.

Please note that all account numbers changed due to a financial computer program change.

1.1 Neighborhood Center, Harrisburg, PA (# 7000)

Contact: Vivian Thompson 717-233-6541 ext 301; Rhonda Peters 717-233-6541 ext 307; ncumc@comcast.net

Neighborhood Center serves at risk, low-income, and inner-city children, youth, and families with educational, cultural, human service, basic needs, and recreational programs in the name of Jesus Christ.

1.2 Conference Work Camps (materials) Advance special (# 7010)

Contact Curtis Knouse (717) 994-6294 Cknouse@susumc.org

This ministry helps with the costs of materials for work camps organized by the Conference VIM Council. These work camps have included work with congregations within the borders of Susquehanna Conference and our Camping and Retreat Centers.

1.3 Dental and Health Care for Seasonal Workers (# 7025)

Contact: Jay Zimmerman gettysburgumc@gmail.com

This ministry was expanded to provide assistance to seasonal workers for their dental and health needs. Partnering with local care providers in Adams County and surrounding areas the seasonal worker population is cared for in the name of Christ.

1.4 Prison Ministries within Susquehanna Conference (# 7035)

Contact: Myron Jones 669 Asbury Lane Altoona, PA 16601 814-944-6718 mjones@susumc.org

This ministry has expanded to include Exodus Ministry. The Prison Ministries has provided camp scholarships to children of those incarcerated within our congregations, has provided counseling to inmates re-entering the community, and supports local congregations and other groups ministering to those imprisoned.

1.5 The Center for Spiritual Formation (# 7040)

Contact: Dr. Russell Hart 717-240-0678 formation1@embarqmail.com

The Center for Spiritual Formation seeks to advocate and demonstrate the disciplines of Christian Spiritual Formation through retreats, seminars, continuing education events, a two-year Ministry of Spiritual Direction Course, a two-year Lay Seminary, and a family-systems tutorial for active clergy.

1.6 Daystar Center for Spiritual Recovery (# 7030)

Contact: Rev. Richard Ryan 125 N. 18th Street Harrisburg, PA 17106 (717) 230-9898 jchouse@daystarencr.comcastbiz.net

This ministry provides addiction recovery services and requires clients to connect with the spiritual community. They offer daily devotions, individual and group counseling, life-skills training, case management, weekly Bible studies and small group ministries.

1.7 Endless Mountain Mission Center (# 7020)

Contact: Arlene Rolison 81 Mission Center Lane Troy, PA 16947 570-297-4489 arlenrolison@live.com

The EMMC reaches out to people in need in the Bradford County region and is committed to sharing the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. Through creating an atmosphere of trust and compassion people are ministered to in all areas of need.

1.8 Mission Central (# 7050)

Contact: 5 Pleasant View Drive Mechanicsburg PA 17050 Phone: (717) 766-1533 Email: missioncentral@susumc.org

Since 2002, thousands of volunteers have come in service to "connect God's resources with human need." We process UMCOR "Relief Kits" for use around the world, provide all types of needed supplies for local and national ministries, and assist many projects that are sending God's love, locally, nationally, and around the world.

1.9 Harrisburg Uptown UM Ministries (# 7065)

Contact: Camp Curtain-Memorial Mitchell UMC 2221 North Sixth Street Harrisburg, PA 17110 Soup kitchen phone 717-901-3515. Chair: Alice Lichty 3520 N. 3rd St Harrisburg Pa 17110 717233-8993

The HUUMM ministers to the poor every weekday with the Soup Kitchen. Patricia Nissel (staff person; 717-774-2372) has an active street ministry where she helps the homeless and others in need.

1.10 Join Hands Ministry (# 7045)

Contact: 717-582-7844

Join Hands provides assistance for those in times of financial hardship or distress and shares the gospel of Jesus Christ with clients. Join Hands started as a cooperative among churches in Perry County and is a ministry for congregations to refer people in need.

1.11 Haiti Partnership (# 8035)

Contact: Barbara Gay 331 Stinson Lane Tunkhannock PA 18657 570-836-3884 email: skyhaven@epix.net Haiti Partnership

Website: www.haitipartnership.com

The Haiti Partnership's mission is with the people of Haiti to form relationships with them based on mutual respect and love in Christ. VIM Teams are regularly sent and updated information is available through the website above.

1.12 Friends of Zimbabwe (# 8040)

Contact: Florence Kreiger 109 Brink Hill Rd Greentown, PA 18426 floss@ptd.net

This ministry provides curriculum and funding for Sunday Schools in the Makoni/Buhera District, purchased peanut butter making machines as a nutritional ministry, provided Bibles and most of all provide support for orphans so that they can attend school (school fees, books, paper, and all they need at school).

1.13 Sierra Leone Initiative (# 8030)

Contact: Pam Perna pperna@verizon.net

SLI provides financial assistance to clergy in Sierra Leone through an affirmed covenant relationship between the Susquehanna and Sierra Leone Conferences and the General Board of Global Ministries.

1.14 Bolivia Mission Initiative (# 8105)

Contact: Rev. Jennett Wertz, jwertz@susumc.org 717-267-3085

The Bolivia Mission Initiative is a multi-faceted connection with our brothers and sisters in the vicinity of Cochabamba in central Bolivia and also with the medical clinic in the La Paz/El Alto area. Children's, Medical, Evangelism, and Community developments programs are all a part of this ministry.

1.15 York Day Camp (# 8140)

Contact: Anne Horton, Director Camp & Retreat Ministry, 717-766-7395 ahorton@susumc.org

The vision of the York City Day Camp is to share Jesus with the Children of York City. It is an eight (8) week summer program for children entering Kindergarten through 4th grade. The goals for the program are to develop community among the children; to share in fun, singing, crafts, Biblical stories; to be involved in team building activities; to experience trips into God's creation once a week; and to learn life skills that will go with them throughout their life.

1.16 IMT Thailand Initiative (# 2615)

Contact: Karen L. Weiss PO Box 114, Centre Hall, PA 16828 thailandimt@gmail.com, 814-883-7595 (cell)

As a partner in the IMT (In Mission Together) work of the General Board of Global Ministries the Thailand Mission Initiative is designed to make disciples of Jesus Christ in Thailand through working with the Thai UM churches and missionaries. Through long term, asset-based partnerships, all participants have the opportunity to learn and grow in Christ through relationship. By supporting this mission initiative one can assist Angel's Haven orphanage, missionaries, and community outreach and promote discipleship at the same time.

1.17 Hosier Bahamas Mission (See below for General Advance #)

Contact: Rev. Lenore Hosier; lhosier@susumc.org Local Church: St. Pauls UMC 750 Norland Ave., Chambersburg, PA 17201 717-757-3998 Bahamas Phone Contact # is 1-242-439-9393.

Rev. Lenore, Robert and Rebecca Hosier will serve as Individual Volunteers in Mission through GBGM in the Bahamas Conference. Lenore will be in extension ministry, serving 5 churches in the North Eleuthera Region and will be connected with the Zion Children's home on Current island. Robert will be volunteering with Bahamas Methodist Habitat doing hurricane relief and substandard housing repair. Rebecca will be working with children and youth ministries in the North Eleuthera Region. General Advance #'s are 982465-Lenore Hosier; 982465-Robert Hosier; 982465-Rebecca Hosier.

1.18 Wesley Foundation (# 7100)

Contact: St. Pauls United Methodist Church, State College PA (814) 237-2163 Mark Milliron: mmilliron@stpaulsc.org

The Wesley Foundation serves all students at Penn State from all communities throughout the Conference and beyond. Currently they have over 600 visits per week by Penn State Students with over 300 unique individual students participating in various programs and ministries. Next steps are replacing the existing building, hiring a new campus ministries director and creating an endowment fund for long term financial health.

1.19 Bishop's Partners In Mission (# 7090)

Contact: Susquehanna Conference Office 1-800-874-8474

The Partners In Mission Fund will be used for local and global ministries supported by the United Methodist Church under the direction of the presiding Bishop of the Susquehanna Annual Conference. To be a part of the Bishop's Partners In Mission please send a gift of \$100.00 to this fund.

District Advance Projects for special promotion and support within those districts

(2012 Book of Discipline para.655).

2.1 Altoona District

- Breezewood Trucker's Ministry No. 8195

Mission Outreach Team for truckers and travelers, through a Chaplaincy Program at Breezewood. "A Friend on the Road" newsletter is available through Bruce Maxwell, Chaplain. Bruce Maxwell: [814-735-4011 ext. 463](tel:814-735-4011) or [814-977-6964](tel:814-977-6964) (cell).

- Faith Break Media Ministry No. 8085

Mission Outreach Team for the Radio/TV Ministry. The goal is to reach those people who are un-churched or who have drifted away from church. The radio ministry is heard on Q94 - 94.3 FM and 94.7 FM at 10:40am and 3:40 pm Monday thru Friday and WKMC Music of Your Life 1370 AM at 10:20am and 3:20pm Monday thru Friday. The producer of the program is Rev. Carol Gathagan: [814-742-8209](tel:814-742-8209) or rvcarol@verizon.net

- Altoona District Disaster Relief/Mission Team No. 94793.00 The Altoona District Mission Team has assisted disaster victims on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the states of Kansas, Georgia, Indiana, New York and West Virginia plus several local mission projects since 2006. This volunteers-in-mission (VIM) experience has also developed a capability to work with the Blair County Emergency Management Office in response to local disasters should they occur. Donations to the "Altoona District VIM" can be made directly through the district office at 1228A Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona PA 16602. Contact Ron Hoover at (814) 942-1555 or email at BandRHoover@gmail.com

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16 2.3 Lewisburg District

17 - THE GATE HOUSE:

18 Since 1997, the Gate House has provided shelter for residents of Montour and Columbia Counties who find themselves without
19 a home. Gate House residents are often facing personal crises – such as unemployment, death in the family, abandonment,
20 divorce, illness, or accident – or have been victims of misfortunes such as fire, flood, rent increases, or evictions. The Gate
21 House provides shelter for both homeless men and women, along with their children. Located on East Market Street in
22 Danville it sits at the southern entrance to the State Hospital. District Advance #8145

23 - HAVEN MINISTRIES, INC.:

24 Haven Ministry is a non-profit organization guided by a Board of Directors composed of both clergy and lay people. The
25 mission of Haven Ministry is to respond, through faith in God's covenantal relationship with us, to the basic needs of God's
26 people by providing emergency shelter, nurturing, and advocacy for individuals and families in the Central Susquehanna
27 Valley Area. District Advance #8130

28 - HEART TO HAND MINISTRIES:

29 Heart to Hand Ministries, Inc. was started in November 1992 by Woody Wolfe, Jr. and a few friends, after Woody had spent
30 nearly eleven years visiting hospitalized children in a children's hospital in his home town. Woody now ministers weekly in
31 four Pennsylvania hospitals. Two in the Susquehanna Conference are: The Janet Weis Children's Hospital, Danville; Penn
32 State Children's Hospital, Hershey; He also visits hospitals in other states. In addition to hospital outreach, Heart to Hand has
33 been involved in outreach to the orphaned children, and those with special medical needs, of Ukraine since Woody's first visit
34 there in 1998. District Advance #8110

35 - R.B. WINTER/PINE VALLEY PARKS CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM:

36 Their mission is of providing the opportunity for campers to worship in the outdoors. The Lewisburg District has supported
37 this outreach for many years by providing logistical support and housing for the chaplain who serves R.B. Winter State Park
38 and Pine Valley St Park. Sunday Morning services are provided from Memorial Day to Labor Day. This ministry provides
39 pastoral support, care and visitation to campers and their families while they are vacationing at both R.B. Winter State Park
40 and Pine Valley St. Park. District Advance Special #8150

41 2.4 Scranton Wilkes-Barre District:

42 FLOOD RELIEF:

43 Many communities in the Wilkes-Barre district and the Susquehanna Conference were devastated by the flooding. If you wish
44 to donate to flood relief, you can designate your giving to Susquehanna Conference Flood Relief Advanced Special #8055

45 RUTH'S PLACE:

46 The former Methodist Urban Ministries several years ago responded to the increasing housing needs of homeless women in the
47 city of Wilkes-Barre by establishing a homeless shelter in the former First United Methodist Church, N. Franklin St., Wilkes-
48 Barre. Ruth's Place operates a facility at 425 N. Pennsylvania Ave. in Wilkes-Barre. #120/62185

49 SHOEMAKER CHAPEL MISSION HUB:

50 The former Shoemaker Memorial church, West Eighth Street, Wyoming, has been transformed into a Mission Hub of Mission
51 Central, located in Mechanicsburg, PA. Under the leadership of the Rev. Linda Bryan, Noxen Charge, and the local Board of
52 Directors, the Mission Hub will be a place where groups can come to assemble various types of health kits, provide resources
53 for persons in need, and eventually offer places to study and worship for folks who traditionally find it hard to enter the doors
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- 5 - Sierra Leone Initiative: Funds provide financial assistance to clergy in Sierra Leone through an affirmed covenant relationship
6 between the Susquehanna and Sierra Leone conferences and the General Board of Global Ministries. "Advance #8030"
7 - Sojourner Truth Ministries: STM is a district mission into God's Frontier to build bridges between the traditional church and
8 those disenfranchised and alienated by it. The initial portal is the Sojourner Cafe where Christ centered fellowship is shared
9 around a table of food and drink. Touching lives with the love and care of Christ is our mission and vision. "Advance #8070"
10 - Good Samaritan Fund (GSF): Founded in 1988, the former Wellsboro District GSF allows churches across our district to
11 respond to the financial crises of our community members. Disbursements from the fund are made from the district office,
12 upon request by pastors and laity. Send contributions to the conference treasurer's office # 9060 marked "Good Samaritan
13 Fund"
14 - Kasambira Scholarship Fund (KSF): Mercy Kasambira was an African pastor in our conference who was both recommended out
15 of the former Wellsboro District and also served within its bounds twice before dying in an automobile accident in 1995. Mercy
16 was born in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). The Kasambira Scholarship Fund continues her legacy at Mansfield University.
17 Churches of the district can support the GSF by sending contributions to the conference treasurer's # 9055 marked "Kasambira
18 Scholarship Fund"

19 2.7 York District

- 20 -York City Outreach Ministry:

21 This money would resource the various missions and ministries within the city of York. This would be non-salary assistance to
22 resource ministry so that new inroads can be made in the name of Jesus Christ. Acct. # 8080