

MISSION COMMITTEE

A. Membership

1. The Mission Committee shall consist of at least three Elders and three Deacons (one from each class of Elders and Deacons), at least six At-Large members, at least one Youth member, and the Presbyterian Women Moderator of Missions. Volunteers for the program of the committee may be recruited as needed for the work of the committee.
2. The terms of office for Elders and Deacons on the Mission Committee shall be for up to three years or until their term of office expires. The Youth members serve one year terms. The term of office for the At-Large members is for one year, renewable for up to three years. The term of office for the Presbyterian Women Moderator of Missions is for her term as Moderator.

B. Meetings

The Mission Committee will meet once a month, more or less as needed.

C. Duties

1. The Mission Committee will carry out, with the assistance of the Minister, a Mission Program for the Church. The Committee will carry out the provisions of the Book of Order regarding the primary function of ministering to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. Specifically, this committee will:
 - a. Recommend to the Session of the Church the sponsorship of missionaries and invite and take care of one or more missionary speakers each year if it is possible for the Church to have such.
 - b. Supervise the Church's involvement in the Community-in-Schools Volunteer Program.
 - c. Supervise the Church's Interfaith Hospitality Network Program to help needy families in the High Point area.
 - d. Lift up the issues of International Missions as we seek to raise the consciousness level about missions in the congregation.

- e. Oversee the Witness Season as defined by the denomination (see packet) and the Witness Season offering which is a special offering.
 - f. Create ministries of service for the unchurched in our community. The Mission Committee will coordinate and encourage various aspects of our corporate and social mission.
3. The Mission Committee will give special emphasis to the hunger problem at home and abroad, and coordinate any special offerings with regard to hunger.
 4. The Mission Committee will touch base with each of the local benevolent recipients in our budget. This may change from year to year with the Session making the final decision. Examples of local benevolent project are as follows: Presbyterian Home, River Landing, Urban Ministry, Hospital Chaplain, Mobile Meals, Pastor's fund, House of Prayer, Union Seminary in Richmond, Presbyterian School for Christian Education in Richmond, Queens Seminary, Wycliffe Mission Fund, Guilford Hospitality Network, Communities in Schools, and Barium Springs.
 5. The Mission Committee will help the congregation understand where the bulk of our benevolent money is spent through local, Presbytery, Synod and General Assemble causes.
 6. The Mission Committee will encourage a program of Peacemaking in our Church. Our Session has signed the statement of our denomination on Peacemaking with some changes.
 7. The Mission Committee will recommend to the Diaconate and the Session with regard to benevolent giving of the congregation through the budget.
 8. The Mission Committee shall identify volunteers for various church programs or missions to include service programs for outside agencies.
 9. The Mission Committee will be responsible for providing and serving dinner at the High Point Open Door Shelter on the first Sunday night of each month of the year.