

Outreach Council Guidelines for Hands-on Ministry

As Hickory Neck Church transitioned from a pastoral church to a program church, its outreach efforts expanded along with its fund raising activities. An Outreach Council was created in March 2006 to guide and direct the church's outreach program. The mission of the program is to show Hickory Neck's Christian commitment to the community by:

- Giving money;
- Providing hands on support;
- Developing new initiatives; and,
- Becoming an advocate.

The following guidelines are to be used by the Hands-on Ministry members of the Outreach Council.

- Select new organizations and projects to support based on the council's assessment of the charity or project and Hickory Neck's ability to provide the charity with talent and/or treasure.
- Select a parishioner(s) to be Hickory Neck's liaison to new charities and ensure that each charity currently being supported has an active liaison.
- Working with the Charity Liaison, evaluate charities Hickory Neck currently supports to ensure that we are supporting the charity in an effective manner.
- Communicate with the chair of the Financial Grant Team if we choose to terminate our relationship with a charity we currently support.
- Working with the Charity Liaison, communicate to the members of Hickory Neck Church the charities we support and the volunteers needed thru the E-pistle, the Nuggets, witness talks, fairs, etc.

Communicate with the Councils Financial Grant Team no later than the first of October each year to make sure that it is considering any new charity we would like to see receive a financial grant.

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