

HNC Outreach Committee meeting

April, 2009

Present: Lauren McDonald, Michael Smith, Tom Gee, Rick Garfield, John Greenman, Esther Gay, Stuart Hughes, Linda Wever, Bill Teale, George Brown, Bob Gay, Linda McGee, Laurie Brown, Patty Kipps.

Lauren opened with silent and spoken prayer, followed by introductions of those present.

Discernment process:

Lauren drew a tree which showed the 3 priorities identified last time in regard to: *What is Outreach?* In the tree image, the roots represented *Jesus, scripture, and Baptismal Covenant*. The trunk represented *Practicing the Gospel*. Two branches represented *hands-on* and *non hands-on ministry*, with leaves representing sub-groups of each of these.

Lauren also noted tasks required by members of the committee. They included: screening donation and fundraising requests, publicizing events, parish participation, fund raising and distribution of funds, hands-on ministry; liaisons to vestry and organizations.

There was general discussion of how funding requests have been handled in the past. Lauren read one absent members' idea of how to structure our committee. The idea was to break it down into 3 sub groups: 1. Fundraising and participation 2. Community liaison and service 3. Mission recognition and support.

After much discussion, Laurie, Tom and Bill offered to review present guidelines for giving and to bring suggestions to our next meeting. Lauren stated we are not ready to decide now how to structure our group. Lauren and Stuart also stated that funding is not the only way to do outreach. Remember it is also personal volunteer work.

Business:

African Team Ministries plans to sell jewelry in early May to benefit the Africans who make the jewelry. Barbara LaRoche heads this up. HNC has participated in this for many years. The committee approved this.

Gary Harvey has requested that HNC participate in the Salvation Army Apple Tree Program. This takes place July 13 to August 12, and provides school supplies for local students; it is similar to the Angel Tree at Christmas. This project would need a coordinator. Lauren will speak to Nancy Snyder about this, since she coordinates the Angel Tree ministry. Linda Wever and Linda McGee offered to assist with this. The committee approved support of this ministry.

Lauren noted that a hands-on volunteer coordinator is currently needed for *From His Hands*. Previous volunteer was Gary Harvey, who now only drives the truck. Next *From His hands* volunteer work is scheduled for June 18.

Bob reported on *Housing, Employment, Linkages Project (HELP)* progress. The group started from scratch, is coming along well, has a long way to go, but is operating in a professional manner. Bob gave each person a written update on issues related to this program.

The May meeting is cancelled due to Lauren's absence. Next meeting will be on June 16, at 7:15 p.m.

Lauren closed with prayer from the New Zealand Prayer book.

Submitted by Patty Kipps