

Social Outreach, Missions and Justice Team 2019 Annual Report

This congregation's outreach of Christian love to brothers and sisters here at home and in countries around the globe shows what a wonderful family of faith Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church (TLPC) is. TLPC is committed to a benevolence budget of 10% of income plus approximately three special offerings during the year. This is complimented by our recycling program which brought in \$1663.00 last year. The Social Outreach, Missions and Justice Team advises the Council on distribution of benevolence funds along with planning special offerings, other outreach, advocacy, education and mission projects.

- **Adopt Families for Christmas:** This year we adopted 3 families through Truckee Healthy Babies and one family from the WIC Program. Members bought all the gifts. Grocery Gift cards totaling \$800 came out of benevolence fund.
- **Bread for the World:** Bread focuses on hunger advocacy at a federal level. Monetary support comes from the TLPC benevolence budget. A letter writing table was offered several times this past year.
- **Child Advocates of Nevada County-Truckee/Foothill Healthy Babies:** Monetary support comes from the TLPC benevolence budget. We also adopt three of the families they serve for Christmas.
- **Community Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee (CCTT):** Our involvement in CCTT really gives us a handle on what's going on in the Tahoe Truckee area and what community needs are. We try to attend the monthly Resource Sharing Meetings. We are the only church that is involved in the quarterly Leadership Council's Meetings.
- **Days for Girls:** Marie Colbert and Elaine Johnson have taken on implementing this great program at TLPC. They meet monthly. Days for Girls increases access to menstrual care and education by developing global partnerships, cultivating social enterprises, mobilizing volunteers, and innovating sustainable solutions that shatter stigmas and limitations for women and girls.
- **ELCA World Hunger Appeal:** A special offering was held and ELCA World Hunger also received support from the TLPC benevolence budget.
- **Emergency Warming Center (EWC):** Support for the EWC comes from TLPC's benevolence budget. Several TLPC Members also volunteer at the EWC.
- **Equal Exchange Fair-Trade Coffee and Chocolate:** Fair-trade coffee and chocolate are available most Sundays for purchase. It is also the only coffee served at our fellowship hour. Fair Trade products give small farmers a chance to support their families!
- **Food and Resource Support Center:** Lis Green coordinates volunteers and food one week of each month and on Thanksgiving. Monetary support comes from TLPC benevolence budget.
- **God's Work Our Hands Sunday:** God's Work Our Hands Day is a once yearly day of community service on a Sunday in September. Mark Heyne again did a great job coordinating it for our second year.
- **Hands of Hope:** Benefits from our recycling program. This year they received ½ of our recycling funds.
- **International Health Partners:** Benefits from our recycling program. This year they received ½ of our recycling funds.
- **Lutheran Office of Public Policy:** LOPP-CA is our voice in Sacramento, especially relating to hunger issues. Some monetary support comes from TLPC benevolence budget.
- **Lutheran Social Services of Northern California:** LSS-NC received support from TLPC benevolence budget. They focus on housing and homelessness in Northern California.
- **Minutes for Mission:** The Social Outreach, Missions and Justice Team provided monthly education spotlights during worship services through 2019.
- **Mount Cross Lutheran Outdoor Ministries:** Mount Cross received some monetary support from TLPC benevolence budget.
- **Presbyterian "One Great Hour of Sharing." (OGHS)** We hold a yearly special offering for "One Great Hour of Sharing." The three programs supported by the yearly One Great Hour of Sharing Offering- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.
- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA):** Our TLPC Mission Trips are organized by PDA and support for disaster is received from TLPC benevolence budget.
- **Presbyterian Hunger Program:** Is supported funds from the TLPC benevolence budget.

- **Recycling for Africa:** This goes on year round with funds dedicated and celebrated yearly. Funds presently are divided between International Health Partners and Hands of Hope. This year's earnings were \$1,663.00 and that was for only 10 months! Special thanks to Denny for all the work he puts into coordinating the recycling program.
- **Sierra Community House:** Four long-standing North Tahoe/Truckee service organizations — Family Resource Center of Truckee, North Tahoe Family Resource Center, Tahoe SAFE Alliance, and Project MANA — have united to form the Sierra Community House. With locations in Kings Beach, Incline Village, and Truckee, they offer a range of services that help individuals and families in the North Tahoe/Truckee communities thrive. These services include hunger relief. TLPC supports this important social service organization with special offerings, and funds from the TLPC benevolence budget.
- **Sierra Senior Services:** We help fund this program that provides Meals on Wheels for seniors with funds from the TLPC benevolence budget.
- **TLPC Mission Trips:** Members of TLPC participated in three Mission Trips to Alaska and Nicaragua during 2019. These trips provide assistance to communities in need and provided youth and adults from TLPC with life changing experiences. The Adult Mission Trip to Alaska painted the Ketchikan Presbyterian Church, dug drainage and installed gutters at Metlakatla Presbyterian Church. The Youth Mission Trip to Alaska partnered with the Metlakatla Presbyterian Church to provide a Vacation Bible School for the whole island. The Mission Trip to Nicaragua partnered with CEPAD to provide and dig a water saving cistern, donated two bicycles to High School Students and donated three latrines to the village. They presented shoes to children in the village and presented classroom supplies and athletic equipment to the two schools in the highest poverty index in Nicaragua. In Leon they painted a school, donated a new white board and volunteered in the classrooms. We also sent two teams to Paradise, CA to paint and help build a trauma center in the High School for the survivors of the devastating fire.
- **United for Action:** We are an active partner with United for Action, a North Tahoe-Truckee faith based group working toward a healthy safe environment for all our citizens. Kathy Manifold is our representative to their monthly meetings.
- **Young Life of Truckee Tahoe:** Our local Young Life Group received some monetary support from the TLPC benevolence budget.
- **Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center:** Zephyr Point received some monetary support from TLPC's benevolence budget.

After putting this all down on paper and looking at it, I am amazed at the outreach of Christian love that pours out of our small family of faith here in Truckee, but we dare not be satisfied until the last hungry child is fed! We are truly a community of faith working towards God's perfect justice, and called to be the hands and feet of Christ in this place.

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