

MISSION AND SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM

Purpose: Mission and Service is to coordinate the congregation's expression of the love of Christ through concrete actions of service, justice and mercy in the Austin community and to all the world through the connectional system of the Presbyterian Church USA and in collaboration with ecumenical and community organizations.

Responsibilities:

1. To coordinate the reaching out from UPC into the world through partnership with the other ministry teams of the session.
2. To prepare a budget for expenditures to recommend to the session for mission and service projects.
3. To evaluate and maintain a list of service projects which UPC is actively involved in.
4. To develop and recommend proposals for special offerings for the church to participate in and a calendar for receiving them.
5. To equip and encourage the members of UPC to engage in Mission as a part of their living the Christian life. This may be done using 'Minute for Mission' during worship, newsletter articles, church school classes, and other means.

Accountability: To the Session through the Chairperson, who will report to the Session at its monthly meeting

Membership:

1. Chairperson (Elder) who shall preside over the ministry team and report to the Session
2. Members from the congregation at large
3. A member of the Pastoral Staff as staff resource

Meetings: monthly, and called as needed

Funding: The Mission and Service Ministry Team shall present its annual budget to the Session prior to the compilation of the congregational budget by the Session. In addition to annual budget, the ministry may spend from certain designated funds which apply to Mission and Service.