

Money and missions

Continuing our series on the church budget and what it buys, the Missions Committee would like to share with you about the generous support our congregation provides for local, national, and international missions, including hands-on volunteer activities sponsored and delivered by our members. Some of this work is funded from the church budget directly, in designated giving to particular projects, and some projects are funded from individual cash donations, or through gifts of food and other basic necessities. Additionally, a significant part of our annual apportionment contributes directly to mission activities, with about 10% going to the World Service fund of the general church, and another 5% going directly to the Outreach Ministry Team of the annual conference, which includes support for the Methodist children's homes and retirement communities, as well as a variety of "Matthew 25" ministries. All of these highlight the mission of Duke Memorial, and contribute to the fourth area of our vision, as we *bear witness to Christ's love*.

To provide a summary of the missions work we have funded through the church budget and special appeals this year, please review the table of activities and contributions below. There are plenty of opportunities to give of your time, talent, and treasure in the second half of the year as well – stay tuned for more missions activities!

If you have interest in any of these areas, or suggestions for other outreach ministries, please contact Melissa Spas (mepas@div.duke.edu) or Blaine Butterworth (bbutterw@us.ibm.com).

Event or activity	Funding from church budget	Funding from individual donations (cash, goods, or personal effort)
Support to United Methodist Missionaries, serving Four Corners Native American Ministries, Red Bird Mission and Clinic, and the UMC in Liberia, West Africa	\$7500, annual contribution (\$2500 to each of three mission areas)	
Duke Memorial Support for District sponsored Habitat for Humanity House: 1509 E Main St	\$3300 (one time)	25 construction volunteers over 6 or more Saturday workdays, and 10 volunteers provided meals and snacks
Durham Congregations in Action – offering care and support for the most vulnerable and forgotten in our community and planting seeds in new initiatives to change lives in Durham	\$2850, annual contribution	
Durham Urban Ministries – serving clients in need in Durham (overnight lodging for 150 and meals for 200)	\$2500, annual contribution	Church members donate 70 – 100 pounds of food the first Sunday of each month to the food pantry
Durham Urban Ministries – serving meals for 200 clients each day.		Middle and high school youth serve the 5 th Sunday in a month
Durham Urban Ministries – serving a large number of clients who need to take food home with them and who need clothing		Adults serve the 3 rd Tuesday each month to pack large bags of food and sort clothes in the clothing closet
Monetary Donations to Haiti, Chile and other disaster relief through United Methodist Committee on Relief		Individual donations through UMCOR: \$8664
Health Kits for Haiti and other disaster areas – 50 kits assembled and sent	\$600 from Whitten Fund	Individuals donated time to purchase contents of the kits and to assemble
Interfaith Hospitality Network - Emergency housing, meals and assistance to homeless families: 4/25-5/1; served 11 guests		58 volunteers to host and serve our guests; individuals donated food donations to provide guest meals
Interfaith Hospitality Network - Emergency housing, meals and assistance to homeless families: 6/27-7/4; served 12 guests		58 volunteers to host and serve our guests; individuals donated food to provide guest meals
2010 Durham CROP Hunger Walk; 3/21/2010		Individual donations to sponsor 24 walkers: \$3,408
Soles for Souls (Shoes sent for the shoeless in Haiti)		More than 600 pairs of shoes donated
Youth Mission Trip to Navajo Nation in Sawmill, AZ. 54 Navajo youth and children attended Vacation Bible School; 1 home painted	Bailey Reade Fund: \$9240 designated for this mission	Stock sale: \$5750; Personal funds: \$500 per person, for each of 17 youth participants - \$8500
Weekend Backpack program in cooperation with Watts Street Baptist: food for children eligible for free or reduced lunch programs, providing additional food security over the weekend.		80 Vacation Bible School attendees brought food to replenish the shelves at Watts Street Baptist, which will fill backpacks when school starts
Heifer Project appeal; May 2010		Donations of \$540
TOTALS	\$25,990	\$26,862

