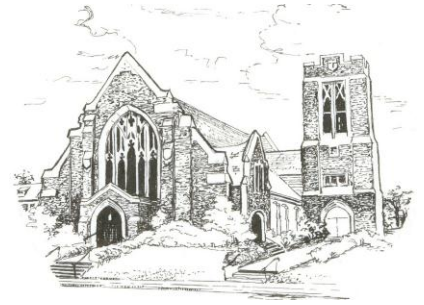


Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church Ministry of Mission 2011

Justice, our Passion



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CCPC's 2011 Visioning Report captures our congregation's commitment to Justice, our Passion:

We hear and respond to Jesus' call to serve "the least of these" in our neighborhoods and in the wider world. Through many and various outreach projects in the church, all people, young and old, busy and not, have the opportunity to engage in advocacy and hands-on mission work in addition to practicing the discipline of charity. In our neighborhood, city, nation and world, we work with partners in mission and service to multiply our efforts to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give voice to those who are oppressed, practice peace, and restore the health of creation.

Mission brings members of our church family closer together and links them with the needs of our community, our nation, and our world. A great many members of our congregation are involved in mission through projects funded through the Mission Committee, volunteer efforts organized through the church, and their own calls to service as engaged Christians.

In 2011, the Mission Budget of \$101,684 represented 8.25% of the annual church budget, which was comparable to 2010 expenditures. With the addition of Special Offerings, Gifts of Hope, and other special giving opportunities, total funding directed to mission efforts was \$185,695. In 2012, the Mission Committee is committed to increasing the amount and effectiveness of our outreach, consistent with our commitment to Justice, our Passion.

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In addition to overseeing the diverse mission projects and efforts described in this report, the Mission Committee also undertakes the following each year:

Organize and conduct special services focused on our mission efforts.

On January 30, 2011, we celebrated Justice Sunday and welcomed the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, who serves as the Director of Public Witness for the Washington Office of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Dr. Nelson described with passion the denomination's historic role in shaping public policy, which dates to the 1940s, and his ongoing efforts to ensure that the church is an advocate for policies that serve those in need.

Coordinate and oversee Special Offerings and CCPC's own Hunger Offering.

The Pentecost Offering this year was given to the Transition Assistance Program (TAP), an outreach mission of CCPC that provides direct services to working and unemployed, often homeless, individuals who come to the church for assistance. The Peacemaking Offering was collected on World Communion Sunday and 50% of the offering was directed to the Washington Interfaith Network's Green Team Campaign, a highly-successful workforce development program. Our congregation also generously supported the One Great Hour of Sharing and Christmas Joy Offerings, both of which are distributed to worthy projects affiliated with our denomination. In addition, every third Sunday, CCPC collects a special Hunger Offering. In 2011, more than \$11,000 was raised through this offering. Funds placed in

the milk jugs here at CCPC are divided equally to support hunger ministries through TAP, Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring, and the Shitoli Solid Rock Orphan and Feeding Program in Shikokho, Kenya.

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On October 2, 2011, the Mission Committee sponsored a **Mission Fair** in Chadsey Hall after both services which afforded members of the congregation an opportunity to hear about the diverse mission opportunities supported by the church and to consider personal volunteer opportunities. Youth participated through a questionnaire that led them from table to table where they learned about the ways in which our congregation is involved helping our community.

In 2011, CCPC was thrilled to be certified by Presbyterian Church (USA) as an **Earth Care Congregation** through the hard work of the Earth Stewards, partnering with the Mission Committee. Earth Care Congregations are those that have committed to the "Earth Care Pledge" and accomplished a specific number of actions toward caring for God's earth in four categories: worship, education, facilities, and outreach. This accomplishment was celebrated at a special service in May.

In October, the **Re-Entry Task Force** sponsored a FOCUS series which highlighted issues faced by the reentering population. Speakers included: Councilmember Phil Mendelson, who chairs the Judiciary Committee and has sought a more fair judicial system; Courtney Stewart, a community leader within the returning resident community; Stefan Lobuglio, who oversees community-based re-entry programs in Montgomery County; Rev. Elenora Ivory who spoke of global justice issues; and Rev. James Atwood, who addressed the issue of gun proliferation.

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Finally, the Mission Committee works throughout the year to allocate the Session-approved Mission Budget. We partner with those who lead some of the long-standing programs of the church, and we help identify new efforts and initiatives that have identified needs in our community and captured the interest of church members.

Approximately one third of CCPC's mission expenditures each year help to underwrite the important national and international mission activities of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The remaining two thirds of our mission budget is allocated by the Mission Committee among the many worthy local, national, and international mission projects and efforts to which we are dedicated. Many of these organizations also benefit from the time and talents of CCPC volunteers.

Our two largest recipients of funding are signature projects of CCPC: the Transition Assistance Program and the Shikokho Mission Partnership, each of which received more than \$30,000 in CCPC funding during 2011.

CCPC's own **Transition Assistance Program (TAP)** serves indigent men and women who are striving to make positive transitions in their lives. TAP has 40 active volunteers and one part-time paid worker who run the program on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. In 2011, TAP served 861 clients who made 1,437 visits to TAP's office at CCPC. The program helps clients in a variety of ways, most aimed at improving their chances for employment. Last year, this included assisting with 288 D.C. photo IDs, 652 birth certificates, 627 SmarTrip farecards and bus passes for travel to interviews and to the early weeks of a new job, 163 police clearances, and work-appropriate clothing for 420 clients.

The village of **Shikokho** in Western Kenya, CCPC's primary international mission activity, continued to receive support from the annual mission budget, Gifts of Hope market, and the monthly Hunger Offering

for health, education, orphan feeding, and other community development projects. One highlight of the year was the beginning of a new micro-loan program – with the approval and funding of the first 20 women’s small businesses – which will enable the women of Shikokho to improve the health, education, and well being of their families. This initiative is in 50/50 partnership with the Bethesda-based Women’s Microfinance Initiative, which has a strong track record in East Africa. Over time, the program becomes self-sustaining. In July, Pastor Molly Blythe Teichert led a CCPC mission to Shikokho in support of our ongoing efforts in and partnership with the village.

Other significant Mission commitments of our congregation include:

Transition Assistance Program – A minimum of 9 volunteers per week serve 3 hours per day on 3 days per week, while others work behind the scenes including the CCPC After-School Program, making sandwiches for TAP weekly.

Re-Entry Task Force – CCPC has urged the City Council to support legislation to remove the mandate that job applicants disclose their incarceration and has pressed for reactivating the Corrections Information Council.

Miriam’s Kitchen – Volunteers prepare and serve breakfast on the first Tuesday each month. (10-12 volunteers monthly) and collects cereal, coffee and other items throughout the year.

Dinner Program for Homeless Women – Volunteers prepare and serve dinner on the fourth Monday each month. (3-4 volunteers monthly)

Habitat for Humanity – Members of CCPC have participated in building days with both the Washington, D.C. and Montgomery County Habitat affiliates in recent years.

Interfaith Works Community Based Shelter – Volunteers provide meals for the Montgomery County Shelter for one week each year. (25-30 volunteers)

English as Second Language – Volunteers teach English classes weekly on Sunday afternoons. (6-8 volunteers serve 30-plus enrolled students weekly)

Earth Stewards – Earth Stewards advocate and educate within the congregation on environmental concerns related to global warming, water and energy use, and recycling.

Washington Interfaith Works – CCPC participated in a number of WIN efforts in 2011, partnering with other communities of faith to advocate for just policies from our city government.

Gifts of Hope Alternative Gift Market – Each year, Gifts of Hope offers the opportunity for people to contribute to many of the mission projects which CCPC supports in lieu of other Christmas gifts. *(Those contributions are reflected throughout this report.)*

CCPC Confirmation Class – Members each participated in their personal service project.

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All are welcome to attend Mission Committee meetings, which are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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Mission Contributions 2011

Summary of What We Contribute

Denominational Mission Contributions	\$ 59,448
Local and National Mission Contributions	86,860
<u>International Mission Contributions</u>	<u>39,387</u>

Total Mission Contributions **\$ 185,695**

Denominational Mission

General Benevolence Support to the Presbyterian Church (USA) <i>(Unrestricted donations to support local, national, and international mission program)</i>	\$ 25,000
Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA)	
Peacemaking Offering <i>(dedicated on World Communion Sunday)</i>	3,596
Christmas Joy Offering <i>(dedicated the Sunday before Christmas)</i>	8,293
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)	
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering <i>(dedicated on Palm Sunday)</i>	12,106
Japanese Earthquake and Tsunami	3,420
Haiti Earthquake	200
US Storm Relief	1,790
Somalia/African draught relief	3,993
PCUSA disaster assistance <i>(Gifts of Hope)</i>	1,050

Local & National Mission

Transition Assistance Program <i>(including Hunger and Pentecost Offerings)</i>	\$ 31,828
Interfaith Works <i>(multiple programs)</i>	9,360
Habitat for Humanity <i>(Washington, D.C. and Montgomery Co.)</i>	5,000
Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place	5,000
Washington Interfaith Network	5,000
Washington Interfaith Network Green Team <i>(Peacemaking Offering)</i>	3,596
Jubilee Jobs	4,000
Shepherd's Table <i>(Hunger Offering)</i>	3,828
IONA Senior Services Center	3,000
Bread for the City <i>(Gifts of Hope)</i>	2,462
Capital Partners for Education	2,000
Re-Entry Network	1,500
Our Place DC	1,500
Missing Link Ministry	1,500
Free Minds Book Club and Writing	1,500
Youth in Mission	1,000
Downtown Cluster of Congregations	1,000
Bread for the World	1,000
Miriam's Kitchen	1,000
Sunday Evening Meal Program at Our Lady of Lourdes, Bethesda	656
Project Homecoming <i>(Gifts of Hope)</i>	650
CCPC's ESL Program	480

International Mission

Shikokho Mission Partnership in Western Kenya <i>(including Hunger Offering and Gifts of Hope)</i>	\$ 32,814
Heifer Project International <i>(Gifts of Hope)</i>	3,738
Medical Benevolence Foundation <i>(Gifts of Hope)</i>	2,835