

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Outreach Commission

Vision Statement

Seeking to serve Christ through serving our neighbor.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Outreach Commission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church is to bring parishioners together to help others, especially those in need of food, water, shelter, clothing, and educational opportunities.

Commission Operations

1. **Service Opportunities**. The Outreach Commission offers service opportunities that every parishioner may engage in through a variety of approaches, including:
 - Organizing an overarching, intergenerational project that involves many parishioners in a single endeavor.
 - Supporting the outreach interests and passions of individual parishioners.
 - Acting as a clearing house for community service opportunities, coordinating and channeling parishioner participation.
 - Seeking partnerships with other churches and organizations that will multiply the impact of all efforts.
2. **Financial Support**. The Outreach Commission provides financial grants to local and global organizations whose work is consistent with the Commission's mission.
3. **Development and Sharing of Knowledge**. The Outreach Commission learns about, discusses, and participates in events related to local and global issues, especially suffering, poverty, and social injustice, and provides information on these issues to the Vestry and parish.
4. **Local Programs**. St. Luke's and its parishioners annually support several "Local Programs" with time, talent, and treasures.
5. **Temporary Restricted Fund-Mission Outreach**. The Temporary Restricted Fund-Mission Outreach may receive gifts from grants, individual donors, St. Luke's Endowment Fund, and other sources. The Temporary Restricted Funds-Mission Outreach carries over from year to year.
6. **Annual Operating Budget**. The Outreach Commission Annual Operating Budget, as provided in a line item in the parish budget, is used in combination with the Temporary Restricted Funds- Mission Outreach to provide funding for grant requests. Annual operating funds do not carry over from year to year.

7. **Funding.**

- Each program seeking funding files a grant request form with the Outreach Commission by March 15th, except for emergency requests. An emergency is a natural disaster or other event that places persons at risk of being without food or shelter.
- Local Programs receive priority at the beginning of each budget year.
- Additional money may be awarded as funding permits.
- A simple majority vote determines the awards given.
- Funding is \$200 to \$2500 maximum. Financial commitments are for one year at a time.
- A discretionary fund of up to \$2000 will be maintained within the Temporary Restricted Funds-Mission Outreach account. This money is to be used at the discretion of the Chairman, in consultation with the Rector and Outreach Commission to meet immediate needs brought to the Chairman's attention, consistent with the Outreach Commission Mission Statement.

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