

**MISSION COMMITTEE**

Second Presbyterian Church’s participation in and support of mission causes is one of the strengths of the congregation. The Mission Committee is very selective in its choice of causes to support. In addition, your Mission Committee makes every effort to keep the congregation informed by sponsoring informational programs throughout the year. Second Church can be justifiably proud of its accomplishments in the area of mission support.

The committee sponsored programs including a Potato Bar Dinner and Moss Print Raffle to raise funds for the BAJA Mission Team, the World Food Day Soup and Sandwich Luncheon and offering, and the Christmas Joy Gift Program. Programs were also held where the Baja Mission Team reported on their work building houses in Mexico, and Katie Dice reported on her student ambassador trip to Australia.

The mission causes receiving support through the Church Budget include: financial and prayer support of the Baja Mission Team ( from line item #7103 - Missionary Support), Presbyterian Hunger Program, Discretionary Fund for local needs, Valley Mission, Heifer Project, Staunton-Beverley Manor Weekday Religious Education, Augusta Regional Free Medical Clinic, Pregnancy Help Center (ComfortCare Women’s Center), Medical Benevolence Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, SACRA, Ethiopian Partnership, and Water for Life.

Special offerings beyond the Mission budget include:

World Food Day. . . . .	\$ 350.00
Christmas Joy Offering. . . . .	650.00
One Great Hour of Sharing. . . . .	916.00
Pentecost Offering. . . . .	535.00

The World Food Day Offering was designated for the Salvation Army’s Thanksgiving Food Basket program, and the Verona Food Pantry (\$175 each). The Church retained 40% of the Pentecost Offering (\$200) and donated it to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank Kids’ Café. The committee recommended that the One Great Hour of Sharing offering be designated as follows: \$600.00 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund (for Grace Presbytery in Texas) and \$316.00 to the International Disciples Training Day Care Center in Vicente Guerrero, Mexico.

(Upon their return, members of the Baja Mision team reported on the lack of progress with construction of the IDT Day Care Center. The funds allocated from the 006 and 2007 One Great Hour of Sharing offerings (\$900) have been held back for possible redirection. The Mission Committee continues to study this matter.)

The monthly Hunger Offering (4 cents/meal) supports five Hunger Ministries. During 2007, \$3,475 was received and divided among the five causes:

Presbyterian Hunger Program, Shenandoah Presbytery. . . . .	1,225.00
SACRA (also received staple foods donations). . . . .	750.00
Water for Life. . . . .	500.00
Heifer International. . . . .	500.00
Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. . . . .	500.00

Your Mission Committee thanks YOU, the members of Second Presbyterian Church for your continuing prayers, support and generous contributions. YOU have made it possible for the Mission Committee to accomplish so much for those in need in our community and around the world.

Nancy Swisher, Chair

Jean Flower, Earl Flower, Betty Landes, Patsy Easley, Pam Snyder, Carolyn Rush, and Dan Williams