

The Congregational Church in South Glastonbury Mission Partners for 2008

1. Our Churches Wider Mission OCWM-The work we do as the United Church of Christ as an extension of the local church at the local national and international levels
 - a Financial – We have been committed to being a tithing church.
2. Hands on Hartford- previously known as Center city churches- An organization founded by 8 inner city churches to provide basic needs food, shelter and fuel assistance to individuals at risk in the city.
 - a. Financial- we support the MANNA (Meals, Assistance, Neighbors, Nurturing, and Advocacy) program.
 - b.. Hands on- We provide meals monthly at Peter’s retreat- a home for at risk individuals living with HIV AIDS
 - c? Looking into Center for Youth
3. Christian Activities Council- Urban mission arm of UCC an congregational churches in greater Hartford
 - a. Financial- we support the adventures in the city program for disadvantaged Hartford youth
 - b. Financial- We voted to help support a new salaried position for the year 2008 for the Universal Health Care Initiative
 - c. We currently have South church members on the board
4. South Park Inn-A non-profit organization that provides temporary, transitional and permanent housing and food support for homeless individuals in Hartford
 - a. Financial- As a church we cover finding 1 meal a month served by our various boards and other individuals
 - b. Financial- We have sent additional funds from the mission board and brown envelope collections to defray operating costs
 - c. We prepare and serve 1 meal a month
5. Capitol Region Conference of Churches-An organization dedicated to community outreach, ministry and advocacy for various at risk groups in inner city Hartford
 - a. Financial- We supported the cost of 4 young fathers in the fatherhood initiative
 - b. We participate in the Bless a sister Bless a brother initiative providing gently used professional clothing
 - c. Rev Allen involved in strategic planning
6. Hartford Habitat for Humanity-Local chapter of Habitat for humanity
 - a. Financial
 - b. Rev Allen and many members of our congregation have been involved in the House of Abraham an interfaith build comprised of members of Christian, Muslim, Jewish as well as other faiths
 - c. We are currently looking for someone to coordinate a date in May for our congregation to participate in an interfaith build
7. Open Hearth-A non-profit organization in Hartford offering emergency shelter, transitional living and home ownership programs for men suffering from homelessness, addictions, mental illness. There is also a wood products work therapy business
 - a. Financial
 - b. Support of the wood products business

8. Families in Crisis- An organization set up to provide support to families of offenders who serve jail time

a. Financial

9. Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health collective- An organization that addresses health care needs of people of diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions in Connecticut

a. Financial at this point

Many other opportunities for volunteerism on web site www.hglhc.org

10. UCC Coalition for LGBT concerns- National advocacy group of UCC concerned with open and affirming processes, outreach and ministry to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals.

a. Financial

11. Love Makes a Family- statewide non-profit advocacy program working for equal marriage rights for same sex couples in Connecticut.

a. Financial

b. Other volunteer opportunities available.

12. Intercommunity Mental Health- A community based provider of comprehensive mental health services. It was founded in 1976 by 3 families at our church.

a. Financial- as they are funded by many other sources we are looking to possibly continue our partnership in ways other than financial.

b. Rev Allen suggested the possibility of setting up a mental health day after one of the services as a way of continuing our partnership.

c. Opportunities to participate in the friend to friend program- a buddy system which matches a patient with mental illness with a member of the community

d. They have a 5K walk/run in Wethersfield in August. Perhaps a group from the church can participate.

13. Focus on Recovery- A non-profit organization providing peer support for those with mental health or substance abuse issues

a. Financial

b. Other volunteer opportunities

1. A church member is on their board of directors

14. Samaritans of the Capitol region- Provides volunteers who respond to callers and offer confidential emotional support to those who may be lonely, depressed, at risk for suicide, or have concerns about a friend who is at risk

a. Financial

b. Telephone volunteers are needed

c. Actively seeking new board members

15. Pastoral Counseling center- Offers psychological and spiritual care for individuals and families. With locations at many churches including our own their services are much needed.

a. Financial- We help defray operating expenses so that they can provide services to those in need regardless of their ability to pay

b. We provide space in the High Street School

16 Pastoral Services Hartford Hospital

Financial- we help defray operating costs in a department whose budget is tight at risk for cuts when overall hospital budgets are in trouble

17. ABC House-A residential program giving talented kids from an inner city at risk environment a chance to attend school at a private or excellent public school system.
 - a. Financial
 - b. Need for volunteers for capital improvements flooring carpet
 1. Need for summer lawn mowing- ? Youth in mission or coordinating with boy scouts.
18. Maine Seacoast Mission-Provides spiritual, health and youth development programs in coastal and island communities in Maine. This area includes some of the poorest counties in the nation
 - a. Financial in the past
 - b. Hats and Mittens drive
 - c. Possibility of participation in the summer housing program- where groups from churches go up for 1 week and help with repairs needed on homes in the area
 - d. Possibility for individuals or the church to support a child for \$1,200/year in the EdGe program an in school after school and summer program for kids at risk
19. Sioux YMCA- Helps develop and strengthen children and families in the Cheyenne River Reservation an area of extreme poverty and high levels of alcoholism
 - a. Financial- we helped support a photography program for youth
 - b. Arts and crafts- We have sold some of their arts and crafts after some of the church services.
 - c. Possibilities of expanding this to selling at our booth at the apple fest fair and possibly the local Y or Audubon facilities
 - d. Rev Allen is on their board of directors
20. Malawi Orphanage- St Mary's was started in 1993 to address malnutrition among children. There are now many orphaned children as the result of the AIDS epidemic. The center provides housing for 130 kids and supports 500 more in home care with community members.
 - a. Financial- We have given through the missions, endowment and brown envelope funds and have supported the building of MOYO house- house of life. We have supported the development of a boarding school for girls at risk for prostitution.
 - b. Rev Allen has visited on sabbatical on 2 occasions as have other members of the church- MaryAnn Purtill and Marie Calvin
21. Heifer International
 - a. Middle School Missions Trip
 - b. Alternative giving campaigns- for Christmas and Easter
22. Food Share- The heart of greater Hartford's hunger fighting network. This organization distributes food to non-profit organizations received from the food industry
 - a. Rev Allen and others served as " Gleaners" planting and harvesting vegetables and fruit.
 - b. we could form a team of walkers for the Walk against hunger May 4 2008
23. VNA Glastonbury
 - a. Financial- Assisted with aid to help fund services for uninsured or underinsured individuals
 - b. Volunteer opportunities
 - c. Opportunities for participation in any number of fundraising events

24. Glastonbury Youth and Family Services
 - a. Financial- support of the WACY- Welles Village Activities council for youth-a summer program for youth 7-12
25. YMCA of Metropolitan Hartford- Downtown Branch
 - a. Financial We helped support a learn to swim program for disadvantaged youth
 - b. Financial we helped fund Camp downtown- a camp for inner-city kids at the learning corridor near Trinity College
26. Camp CONNRI Salvation Army- Residential summer camp for disadvantaged youth in Connecticut and Rhode Island
 - a. Financial - We supported 10 youth scholarships for Hartford kids to attend this camp.
27. Silver Lake- UCC summer residential camp
 - a. We support through OCWM and South Church
 - b. Missions board funds 4 scholarships
- 28 New Hope Hispanic Church- Start up church in East Hartford
 - a. Financial
 - b. Rev Allen hopes we can establish a church relationship e.g. - co serving at South Park Inn, Supporting their efforts in the Universal Health Initiative. Sharing in worship, or joining in on a local mission
29. Audubon
 - a. Financial- funding for transportation of East Hartford youth to participate in a learning experience
 - b. Rev Allen's hope we show our support through promotion of events that support eco justice
30. FISH of Glastonbury- Provides rides to DR's appointments ect for seniors in Glastonbury
 - a. Financial
 - b. Other volunteer opportunities
31. Hartford Seminary Hispanic Ministries-Provides theological education for ministry and leadership in Hispanic churches and communities
 - a. Financial –We supported the cost of students to attend
32. Hartford East Scholarships-
 - a. Financial - We help finance scholarships for students from our congregation to attend seminary
33. South Church Youth in Missions- Our youth participate in week long mission trips. Middle school- Heifer international, 9th grade- service project, 10th-12th grade Habitat for Humanity. In addition they do other service projects including Crop Walk, Homeless Awareness sleep out, Common Cathedral, Hawkwing, Haitian Medical supply. They almost completely self fund through fundraisers and parental support
 - a. Financial - They are in deficit this year so the missions board may want to increase its support
34. Adult Missions- Adult missions trip to Back Bay Mississippi to continue to help rebuild after Hurricane Katrina