

Outreach Committee Report to the Vestry
July 2009

After many years of financially responding to needs as they arose, the Outreach Committee is establishing a comprehensive plan for funding projects based on our mission statement. At a meeting June 26 the committee brainstormed projects St. Paul's could support and made decisions on funding. Criteria involved whether the project was local, national, or global in scope, past history of support, and whether it fit with our mission statement. Some of the projects will be funded from quarterly designation of thank offerings, some from designated appeals, and some from the regular church budget.

Local projects:

- Haven
- Big Brother, Big Sister
- Community Meals
- Meals on Wheels
- Ascension School
- Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets
- St. Paul's Community Garden (to be developed)
- Plant a Row
- Salvation Army back to school supplies
- Habitat for Humanity

National Projects:

- Katrina Relief
- Navajo Land

International:

- Sudan Sunrise
- American Friends of Diocese of Jerusalem
- ERD
- Heifer Project
- Haiti Mission
- Living Water
- Medical Care

The committee is still working with the treasurer to clean up old accounts and make designations. Some money was left undesignated so that St. Paul's is able to respond to emergency situations that may develop (such as natural disasters) or special requests.

The Haiti Mission is actively moving forward. About 15-16 people will be traveling to Haiti January 10-19. There are several fundraisers either on-going or being planned to support the work of the group, but travel expenses will all be covered by individuals. One car wash was held in June, and others are planned for July, August, and September. The team will do yard clean up at the Diocesan House and at Pam Miller's office. There is also a special Haitian dinner planned for October. It is important to remember that the entire congregation is involved in the mission trip, not just the individuals physically traveling.