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Committee World Outreach

Organization/Standing Committees/World Outreach Committee

I. Mission Statement

The mission of the World Outreach Committee of St. James Lutheran Church is to act on behalf of the congregation in supporting and advancing the work of faith active in love in locations outside of the United States. The committee fulfills this responsibility according to the word proclaimed in Mark 16:15 and Matthew 25:40.

II. Committee Composition

A. The committee shall be composed of the following members:

1. One of the called pastors
2. At least one member of Congregation Council
3. Another 6-8 members of the congregation who volunteer or who are invited to serve

B. The committee chooses by consensus a chairperson and a secretary.

C. No limitation on length of service is stipulated for committee members or for the two officers.

III. Committee Responsibilities

A. The committee shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Promote and sponsor activities for the congregation that focus attention on, develop interest in, and provide assistance to missionary work and to those in need in other countries.
2. Promote the ELCA World Hunger Initiative within the congregation.
3. Identify and support individuals in the United States, such as seminary students, whose service is, or will be, related to Christian outreach beyond the borders of the United States or whose activities relate to the needs of those in developing countries.
4. Direct prayer and financial support to specific missionaries or missionary projects and maintain the congregation's awareness of this support.
5. Develop an annual proposed budget, advocate in Congregation Council for the line items, and oversee the expenditure of these monies.
6. Hold monthly meetings except during the summer.

B. The committee is accountable to the Congregation Council for the oversight of these responsibilities.