ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA Number 1.30.46

Subject World Outreach Committee

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## Organization/Standing Committees/World Outreach Committee

I. Mission Statement: The goal of the World Outreach Committee is to promote engagement of every congregation member in the global mission of Christ's Church through prayer, education, service, and sharing of gifts. 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. At least one member of the Pastoral Staff
  - 2. At least one Church Council representative
  - 3. Another 6-8 members of the congregation who volunteer or are invited to serve
- B. The committee chooses by consensus a chairperson and 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. Organize global mission service opportunities for all, ranging from collecting Lutheran World Relief kits to planning mission trips.
  - 2. Promote the ELCA Word Hunger Initiative within the congregation.
  - 3. Educate members about global mission activities through contact with those in the field both through direct in person encounters and/or by correspondence.
  - 4. Grow financial support to our mission partners and consider new partnerships.
  - 5. Develop age specific programs and activities to involve children and young people in mission work.
  - 6. Remind members that the Gospel message leads us toward a concern for the needs of our neighbors both locally and globally.
  - 7. Use resources of the ELCA National Church Development program in ways that serve mission leadership at. St. James.
  - 8. Hold monthly meetings as needed to meet annual goals.
- B. The committee is accountable to the Church Council for the oversight of these responsibilities