

## MISSIONS WIN TEAM JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 18, 2018, 6:30 pm

In attendance: Autumn Dennis, Liz Shuburte, Moe Parisien and Cindy Wolk

Minutes from the May meeting were introduced and approved by the group.

Updates were provided on the following action items:

Moe's discussions with Aging Ahead led to the uncovering of a need by the agency for paper products that are needed by the elderly dealing with incontinence. Although on its face this need appears to fall in line with the products that Manchester UMC is encouraging its members & visitors to contribute for the poor in the surrounding area, given the difficulty that the Personal Essentials ministry is facing in generating sufficient donations to meet its commitment with Circle of Concern, it was determined in our meeting that it would be best to continue with the scope of the current MUMC pilot for the Personal Essentials ministry and address the opportunity with Aging Ahead as a Phase II, if the current ministry is positioned to in fact expand.

Following a conversation with Kelly Moore, External Relations Manager for the International Institute of St. Louis even though there appears to be opportunity for Manchester UMC to collaborate with this agency, it appears that the timing is not right. The Missions WIN team is of the belief that it best that the Missions group focus on the few programs e.g. Personal Essentials, Oasis Tutoring Program <https://www.oasisnet.org/St-Louis-MO/Tutoring>, etc. before taking on additional programs.

Cindy talked with Niki Vandable, Client Services Director at Circle of Concern regarding any unmet needs they see in our community. The number one unmet need they see is for assistance with housing. She said affordable housing is scarce in our area, their clients have low or no credit, and landlords are reluctant to rent to those with HUD vouchers due to the stigma associated with being poor.

An update was also given by Cindy regarding MUMC's Personal Essentials Ministry. While the program has a lot of visibility and support, donations have not been high enough to meet monthly commitments to Circle of Concern (COC). The ministry has enough funding to meet these commitments through the end of the three-month pilot at which time alternatives will be evaluated.

The team discussed continued need to focus on a limited number of missions and do them well. One possibility mentioned was local tutoring (reading, math, etc). This

would not require any financial commitment and would align nicely with one of the goals presented at Annual Conference.

The team walked through a draft of the presentation for the Leadership Board meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Any input is due back to Moe by 5:00 pm on June 22. All WIN Team members are encouraged to attend the Board meeting on July 8 from 4 to 5 pm.

The next WIN Team meeting is Monday, July 16 at 6:30 pm in Room 309.