

## 2019 Mission and Outreach Annual Report

A Steering Committee oversees Mission and Outreach activities. Meetings, which are open to the parish, are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Suter Room. Janet Boswell and Lisa Core co-chair the Committee and Susan Haskell is its fund manager. Frequent attendees include: Claudia Bell, Carol Hollingshead, Roz Nazarro, Suzanne Owayda, Ellen Rockefeller, Jack Roll, and Betsy Walsh.

We have liaisons/volunteer coordinators for the following organizations:

American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ): Jack Roll  
Blackstone Library Project: Susan Haskell  
Boston Community Capital: John Surbier  
Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network (BIJAN): Judy Cotton and Nelia Newell are Sanctuary Coordinators  
Council of Social Concern: Ellen Rockefeller  
El Hogar: Betsy Walsh  
Habitat for Humanity: Bill Saunders  
Haiti Mobile Medical Mission: Janet Boswell and Bill Saunders  
Haiti Educational Mission: Linda Brown and Nick Candee  
Kids4Peace: Pam Chester  
Massachusetts Community Action Network (MCAN) Burlington Cluster: Pam Chester  
Network for Social Justice: John Surbier  
Philangethemba: Helena Champion  
Quest Adventures: Claudia Bell  
St Luke's Community Dining Room: Claudia Bell  
St Luke's Food Pantry: Stephanie Terry  
St. Stephen's Youth Programs (SSYP): Betsy Walsh

In 2019, Epiphany deepened its involvement in immigration justice activities with the Burlington cluster of Massachusetts Community Action Network (MCAN) and the Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network (BIJAN). Both are networks of faith communities, individuals, and activist groups working to reduce the escalating harm of current immigration policies. Parishioners provided many hours of accompaniment and sanctuary support for a guest in Bedford and were faithfully present at Prayer Vigils and Jericho Walks at ICE facilities. Reflecting the parish's commitment to immigration justice, much of our emergency funding went to First Parish in Bedford for sanctuary support and Episcopal City Mission for the BJAN Bond Fund, which it administers.

Highlights:

- Receiving the 2019 Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE Award in recognition of our immigration justice work;
- Applying for and receiving Diocesan Sustainability Grants on behalf of two of our global partners: AFEJ's Princess Basma Center and Hospital St. Croix in Leogane Haiti;
- Leading a POE Adult Education mini-course on Immigration Justice issues;
- Twenty-three parishioners providing 1,112 hours of sanctuary accompaniment;
- hours of accompaniment for an individual in sanctuary in Bedford;
- Leading/participating in monthly prayer vigils at ICE's Boston detention center;
- Leading/participating in Jericho Walks at ICE's Burlington office;
- Sponsoring a week of SSYP's B-SAFE summer camp and their Turkey Wahoo;
- Collecting donations for Thanksgiving Baskets distributed by Woburn Council of Social Concern; and

- Soliciting and distributing Advent Giving Tree donations for partner organizations.

### ***Missions Supported***

Our vestry approved \$60,500 budget was allocated as follows:

Donations To Organizations	
AFEDJ	\$ 1,500
Brookview House	\$ 500
Council of Social Concern	\$ 1,500
Ecclesia Ministries/Common Cathedral	\$ 500
El Hogar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$6,000 sponsorships for two students</li> <li>▪ \$2,000 university aid for a previously sponsored student</li> </ul>	\$ 8,000
Episcopal City Mission	\$ 1,000
Episcopal Relief and Development	\$ 1,000
Haiti Mobile Medical Mission	\$ 2,000
Haiti Nursing School Scholarships	\$ 4,000
Kids for Peace	\$ 1,500
Meals on Wheels	\$ 500
Mystic Valley Habitat for Humanity	\$ 500
Philangethemba	\$ 500
Quest Adventures for Inner City Youth	\$ 1,500
St. Luke's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$4,000 Community Dining</li> <li>▪ \$2,000 Food Bank</li> </ul>	\$ 6,000
St. Stephen's Youth Programs (SSYP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$3,000 General Operating Support</li> <li>▪ \$6,000 Funding for two B-SAFE teen jobs</li> <li>▪ \$3,800 hosting a week of B-SAFE &amp; Special events (e.g., Turkey Wahoo)</li> <li>▪ \$3,000 Blackstone Library Project</li> </ul>	\$ 15,800
Winchester ABC House	\$ 500
Winchester Got Lunch	\$ 1,500
Winchester Multicultural Network	\$ 500
Special Projects/Discretionary	\$ 5,600
Grants & Emergency Requests	\$ 6,100

Total	\$ 60,500
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Unexpended and discretionary funds were allocated as follows:

\$2,500 - to SSYP for St. Stephen's Place of Opportunity For Teens (S2POT) mission trip to Honduras

\$2,400 - to First Parish in Bedford for sanctuary support

\$2,500 - to Episcopal City Mission for the BJAN Bond Fund

\$2,000 - to St. Luke's for the food pantry

\$1,600 - to el hogar for support of the young women graduates now attending university.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet Boswell and Lisa Core, Co-Chairs*

*Susan Haskell, Outreach Fund Manager*