

Our Covenant with the Wider Church - 2022

UCC One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

- Through OGHS, UCC members reach out to:
 - Build sustainable communities by supporting self-help program to more than 80 nations
 - Respond to disaster by providing emergency and long-term assistance to people in the aftermath of hurricanes, flood, fires, war, and other natural or human-caused events. OGHS responds to a disaster once every 2.5 days.
 - Minister to refugees by providing advocacy and help, hope and hospitality to those uprooted from their home of origin. More than 30 million people are uprooted at any given time.
- MUCC provided **\$6615** in 2022.

UCC Strengthen the Church

- Support of this offering helps UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities
- MUCC provided **\$150** in 2022.

UCC Neighbors in Need

- This special mission offering supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US by awarding Neighbors in Need grants to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities
- These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice.
- MUCC provided **\$785** in 2022.

UCC Christmas Fund

- The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund is a Special Mission Offering that congregations have been supporting for over 100 years. The offering is administered through the United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance, the charitable arm of the Pension Boards.
- Funds provide direct financial support to those who serve the church and are facing financial difficulties. Active and retired clergy, lay employees, and their surviving spouses may be eligible for the Supplementation of Small Annuities, Supplementation of Health Premiums, Emergency Grants, and/or Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks.
- MUCC provided **\$150** in 2022.

UCC Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)

- Funds the work the UCC does in its Associations and Conferences, and in the national and global church.
- OCWM funds are invested in programs, resources, and tools needed to keep local churches strong, effective, and growing. An example of this for MUCC has been the support and guidance the conference office has provided and continues to provide for our pastoral search.
- In 2012, MUCC started increasing our commitment to OCWM from 7% to 10% of our general fund donations. We continued that 10% commitment in 2022 with our donation of **\$17,851**.

Dana Crumpton-Lee Camp Scholarship Fund

- Six youth and our pastor were able to receive complete financial support to attend the Knock-Knock Retreat in October to the Daycholah Center, a WI UCC Camp in Green Lake, as part of their confirmation preparation. **\$1,610** from the Dana Crumpton-Lee Camp Scholarship Fund was used to provide this support.

Our Covenant with the Wider Community – 2022

MUCC Pastor Discretionary Funds

- Our pastor has access to discretionary funds that are contributions from church members and friends; these funds are used to provide support to individuals in need who contact our church for help.
- In 2022 a total of **\$4,347** was provided for gas money, grocery purchases, and rent/housing assistance.

MUCC Now In Our Name (NION)

- Originally called Not In Our Name, this group was formed in 2019 to bring awareness to the federal government's immigration policies that were separating families at the border. With the change in leadership at the White House in 2021, we changed to Now In Our Name in support of positive policy changes.
- One of the activities for the team this year was to collaborate with the Outreach Funds Committee to initiate a scholarship program (FIRST STEP) at Madison College to support immigrants pursuing one of six short-term diploma programs. **\$5000** from our Outreach Funds was used to start the FIRST STEP Scholarship Program; first scholarships will be available for the 2023 Winter Term.

Haiti Allies

- The mission of Haiti Allies is to help empower Haitians to better their lives and country through education, meal programs, adult literacy, and job creation.
- Haiti Allies is under the nonprofit umbrella of Community of Hope UCC and Advent ELCA Lutheran Church in Madison. Pastor Bryan was one of the founders of Haiti Allies in 1999.
- With the "pause" of the past two summers, it was decided to end the summer tradition of Sundaes on Thursday events. A final celebration was held on MUCC grounds with contributions of **\$368** provided to Haiti Allies in recognition that Sundaes on Thursdays began as a MUCC mission to support an orphanage in Haiti.
- Additional contributions from MUCC to support the work of Haiti Allies during 2022 totaled **\$1,900**.

Sponsorship Program Aiding Relationships and Education (SPARE)

- SPARE is a program that provides financial support to individual students for their education from 7th grade through university in Haiti, a country where less than 50% of children attend school, less than 30% will go past 6th grade, and 1 in 100 go on to a university.
- The Outreach Funds Committee made a commitment to sponsor a SPARE student for 10 years using funds from the Reed-Smeaton Outreach Funds. **\$2200** was provided in 2022 to support the first two years of education (7th and 8th grades) for our student in Haiti, Deuslyne Joseph.

The Road Home

- The Road Home Dane County is committed to ending the issue of family homelessness in Dane County.
- Formerly known as Interfaith Hospitality Network, MUCC has had a history of supporting efforts to relieve the immediate crisis of homelessness. The Outreach Funds Committee sought to respond to local needs of individuals impacted by the inflationary rise of costs of living that began earlier this year and agreed to distribute **\$5000** to The Road Home in June 2022.

Reed-Smeaton Outreach Funds Distributions

- During 2022, the Outreach Funds Committee received requests from congregational members regarding two families in crisis and need of support. The first request in June was to assist a Palestinian family who faced a financial crisis. The Outreach Funds Committee agreed to provide **\$2800** to this family in need.
- The second request in September was for a family known by Haiti Allies who had become homeless. The Outreach Funds Committee agreed to provide **\$3500** which would support one-year of housing for this Haitian family.

UNICEF = United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

- UNICEF was created by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1946 to provide emergency food and health care to children in countries that had been devastated by WW II
- Working in 190 countries, UNICEF fights for the rights of every child seeking safe shelter, nutrition, protection from disaster and conflicts, and equality
- MUCC provided **\$527** to UNICEF through ongoing contributions, our October noisy offering, and Halloween Trick or Treat boxes

McFarland Food Pantry

- MUCC has consistently provided support and assistance to the McFarland Food Pantry. This continued in 2022 with a **\$166** contribution.

CROP Hunger Walk

- Hunger walks (ending hunger one step at a time) are community-wide events sponsored by the Church World Service and organized by local congregations and groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.
- CROP = Christian Rural Overseas Program started in 1947 with a primary mission to help Midwest farm families share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-WW II Europe and Asia
- Well over 2000 communities across the US join in over 1000 CROP walks each year. MUCC did not participate in a CROP walk this year, but in recognition of the 100th birthday of Jean Shields (a long-time supporter of CROP Hunger Walk along her husband John), MUCC donated **\$100** for the 2022 CROP Hunger Walk.

Because of the generous spirit of our members and friends, both of financial resources as well as gifts of time and organization, McFarland UCC has provided **\$53,069** for local, national, and global causes over the past 12 months. Thank you!