Mission Projects
West Virginia Annual Conference
Summary of the Projects

EBENEZER COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER, INC. (ECOC) is located in the Fairfield West community of Huntington. ECOC provides an outstanding state licensed Learning Center for children ages 2-12. Other outreach ministries include: school supplies, baby layettes, Christmas angels, clothing closet, family enrichment center, Girl Scouts, 4-H, summer programming and Huntington Museum of Art Program. ECOC continues to work with United Methodist Churches, other churches, businesses and community agencies to continue to provide services to the community.

HEART AND HAND HOUSE, INC. located in Barbour County, serves local families directly through its food pantry, home repair and construction program, layette and baby pantry, and provision of limited emergency financial assistance for payment of utility bills, rent, and certain medical expenses. During the school year healthy snacks on weekends are provided and holiday breaks for elementary school children through a Backpack Feeding Program. In recent years, Heart and Hand also has partnered with a local library to provide lunch for children participating in the library’s summer programs. At Christmas, boxes containing food for a special holiday meal, hygiene items, cleaning products, and devotional material are provided to income-eligible families along with books, toys, underwear and other available items. In addition, gifts of hats, gloves, and small toys are presented to children enrolled in local Head Start and preschool programs. Heart and Hand operates two thrift stores, supports local economic development, and encourages the use of locally produced foods through its Community Garden Market.

HEART + HAND OUTREACH MINISTRIES, INC. is the mission project of the Midland South District. Formerly known as Community Development Outreach Ministries, in May, 2016, CDOM changed its name to be synonymous with the program Heart & Hand which had operated in South Charleston for over 50 years. This is the name the community knows and identifies with. The South Charleston location provides a food pantry, clothing and household vouchers, diapers and baby needs, emergency utility or rent assistance, payments for eye glasses or medical needs, and work boots or nonskid shoes when needed for employment. Heart + Hand Thrift Store provides a venue for neighbors to help neighbors through donations and an affordable retail alternative for the entire community. Heart + Hand Putnam County opened in January, 2015, to assist Putnam County residents with emergency basic needs. The Heart + Hand Upper Kanawha Valley satellite office opened October, 2017 at the Chesapeake City Hall to assist residents of the Riverside High School district on Fridays. Heart + Hand provides annual sponsorships to Camp CJ for children in the Upper Kanawha Valley. Midland South District Undies Sunday collections are distributed by Heart + Hand to families seeking other assistance and through area schools and shelters. Christmas food boxes and toys are provided annually.

HOUSE OF THE CARPENTER, INC. (HOC) is located on Wheeling Island and serves people from the Tristate area with a holistic approach with ministries of mercy, transformation and spiritual formation. Ministries of mercy meet basic human needs through the food pantry, USDA Commodities, potato drop, fresh food initiative, school supplies, Christmas Kids program, underwear room, home repair projects, a thrift store offering clothing and household
items as well as utility assistance that includes a financial management class. Ministries of Transformation seek to improve the quality of life include cooking classes for all ages, the summer camp program for children and youth, a strings ministry teaching guitar, art classes, the Building Bridges after school program, summer work experience, Leadership Academy, and Literacy Camp. The ministry of spiritual formation includes the youth group, community dinner and NOVA worship experience, mission work camp, Bible study and Vacation Bible School. The HOC is currently constructing a new Youth Center to allow for the expansion of their ministry with children and youth.

SCOTT’S RUN SETTLEMENT HOUSE, INC. (SRSH) is located in Osage, WV. The mission provides various services to those most in need in Monongalia County. Our primary programs are the food pantry which serves an average of 750 individuals each month and the backpack feeding program which provides weekend food to over 800 hungry children in 12 schools. Additional programs include a free farmers market twice a week, baby basics program, Easter basket program, free tax assistance, school supplies drive, monthly senior luncheon, home repair and weatherization, résumé assistance, Thanksgiving meal baskets, and Christmas adopt-a-family. Through these programs SRSH serves over 10,000 individuals each year.

TYRAND COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES, INC. is located in rural Randolph County, Mill Creek, WV. Tyrand’s Board consists of representatives from the Catholic, Southern Baptist, Presbyterian (USA), Nazarene, Assembly of God and United Methodist Churches in the area. Our programs are: Thrift Store, Home Repair, Food Pantry, School Supplies, Emergency assistance with rent and utilities, Prescriptions, Christmas and Thanksgiving Baskets, Christmas Store, Day Camp, Nutrition Programs, Work experience for West Virginia Works recipients. The needs of the less fortunate continue to rise in our service area. Ecumenical Worship Services are held throughout the year. There are numerous opportunities for Volunteers to help at the mission. The Noah’s Ark Thrift Store and our E-bay items help generate funds to support some of our programs. Our e-bay seller name is tyrand2009. We partner with the local Correctional facility and the Bishop Hodges Retreat Center in getting fresh vegetables to give out through our Food Pantry during the summer and fall.

UPSHUR COOPERATIVE PARISH HOUSE AND CROSSLINES INC. (UPH) is a ministry of Upshur Cooperative Parish and works with local churches, civic organizations, community agencies and West Virginia Wesleyan College. Located directly across from the campus of WVWC, Upshur Parish House is a mission project that grew out of the need from the 1985 flood. Crosslines, Inc., our ecumenical assistance program, operates out of the UPH and offers help to neighbors through medical needs assistance, clothing assistance, rent, utilities transportation vouchers, layettes, and diaper bank. UPH serves community meals three times a week that are free and open to everyone; operates a clothing closet which offers gently used clothing and household items; provides family resources including children and youth support; runs a community garden space for neighbors to grow food as well as produce fresh vegetable for the food pantry. We are an AmeriCorps site for Mid-Ohio Community Health and are developing ways to support our neighbor families with health information and programs. UPH is a busy place filled with love and laughter continually looking for ways to meet the needs of God’s children.

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