



ROOTED in Missions

2014 Missions Booklet
First Presbyterian Church, Fort Collins

Greetings!

We are so excited to share with you how God is at work here at First Presbyterian Church! Through our many missions and ministries, we have the blessing of serving others in our community and all over the world. In doing so, we bear witness to Christ's grace, love, and compassion, and His power to transform lives.

We invite you to explore this missions booklet to learn more about the people, agencies, mission groups and ministries our church supports. The entries are listed under categories where our church is focusing its resources: prevention/emergency assistance; advancing the gospel; education; and partnering. We hope one of these resonates with you, and that you'll prayerfully consider how the Lord might be calling you to become involved. We recall the apostle Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:17–19:

“. . . And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

We hope that our “roots” in God's love will bear fruit as we reach out to others locally, nationally, and throughout the world, sharing God's love through our financial support and our personal involvement. May this year be an exciting one for First Presbyterian Church as we continue to build on these important partnerships with our resources, our prayers and our lives!

Blessings in Christ,

Cindy Frost, Associate Pastor
On behalf of the Missions and Outreach Center

Missions & Outreach Center's Mission Statement:

To fulfill the Great Commission by proclaiming and interpreting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will accomplish this by encouraging the spiritual, physical and financial participation of the congregation to become actively, personally involved in mission and outreach, both locally and throughout the world.

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Missions and Outreach Focus

The goal of Missions and Outreach is to focus our congregational resources on a group of mission partners in order to develop and grow mutual relationships that involve our congregation spiritually, physically, and financially.

Criteria include:

- Partnering over a period of years
- Involvement opportunities
- Mutual transformation, and
- FPC leaders and teams to champion our involvement



**Prevention &
Emergency Assistance**

THE ALPHA CENTER

The Alpha Center is a Christian medical clinic that provides support, education and counsel to individuals facing decisions about sexuality, relationship and pregnancy issues. They have served the Larimer County



area since 1985, and they are uniquely qualified and experienced to understand what clients may be going through. All of their services are free thanks to the generous support of many individuals, businesses and churches in our community. FPC has supported this entity for over a decade.

Contact:

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Email: mail@thealphacenter.org

Website: www.thealphacenter.org

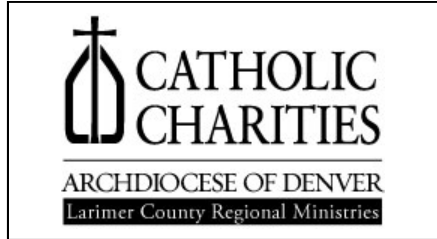
www.ac-friends.org (designed for supporters)

Ministry Needs:

- Email prayer team
- Medical doctors, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants to help in STD Clinic
- CSU and FRCC students who would like to volunteer on campus
- Housekeeper, handyman, administrative assistant, special events committee members, and grant researcher and writer

CATHOLIC CHARITIES/ THE MISSION

Catholic Charities is dedicated to meeting the challenges that confront families and individuals in our northeastern Colorado communities. The organization serves people regardless of age, faith, race or social status. Catholic Charities is a division of Catholic Charities-Archdiocese of Denver. FPC has supported this entity for more than a decade.



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Ministry Needs:

- Hostel of Hospitality Mission Shelter Volunteers
- Emergency Services Program Volunteers
- Senior Outreach Program
- Administrative Assistance
- Hostel of Hospitality Mission Shelter Kitchen Volunteers
- Northern Colorado Social Legislative Network Volunteers

CROSSROADS SAFEHOUSE

Crossroads Safehouse creates a safe environment for victims of domestic violence and promotes social change for the community through education and intervention. FPC has supported this entity for over a decade.



Contact:

PO Box 993

Fort Collins, CO 80522

Phone: (970) 530-2353

Fax: (970) 530-2356

Email: volunteer_coordinator@crossroadssafehouse.org

Ministry Needs:

- **Direct Service Volunteers:** Direct service volunteers are individuals assisting with programs involving direct client advocacy. This requires attending a 28-hour training program.
- **Non-Direct Service Volunteers:** Non-direct service volunteers are needed for a variety of activities and programs that do not involve direct client advocacy.

EQUAL EXCHANGE

Equal Exchange has created big change since 1986, creating stronger local communities, a more just food system and a healthier planet. The founders envisioned a food system that empowers farmers and consumers, supports small farmer co-ops, and uses sustainable farming methods. They started with fairly-traded coffee from Nicaragua and didn't look back. Today, they continue to find new and powerful ways to build a better food system. We partner with co-operatives of farmers who provide high-quality organic coffees, teas, chocolates, bananas and snacks from all over the world.



Training programs for women in Guatemala, an ecotourism project in Nicaragua, new classrooms in El Salvador — these are all examples of the initiatives that co-ops have taken in their own communities with the income and support of Equal Exchange and other Fair Trade organizations. These farmer co-ops help keep rural communities healthy and strong, and keep local cultures vibrant.

Contact:

<http://www.equalexchange.coop/>

Ministry Needs:

- Buy Equal Exchange fairly-traded products (coffee, chocolates), which are available for sale between services at First Presbyterian Church

FAITH FAMILY HOSPITALITY

A program of the Fort Collins Interfaith Council, Faith Family Hospitality is a volunteer effort of 19 local churches (11 host sites and eight support congregations) that provides fellowship, short-term housing and meals to Northern Colorado families

experiencing homelessness. Up to four families may be cared for at a time, with host sites and



support congregations rotating weekly shifts. First Presbyterian Church has been blessed to participate as one of the support congregations who commit to provide meals and volunteers to stay overnight with the families. In addition, FPC makes its showers available to FFH guest families several nights a week. More than just a bed and hot meal, however, FFH has shown the power of relationships, of mentoring and caring for those in need. FFH also works closely with the Sister Mary Alice Murphy Center for Hope, where human service professionals screen incoming families and help them secure permanent housing. In 2012, FFH served 26 families – 43 adults and 49 children – providing 3450 nights of lodging and serving 5660 meals. Importantly, at least eight families moved from FFH into permanent housing, and the goal is to continue to increase these positive outcomes.

Contact:

(970) 430-5532

<http://www.faithfamilyhospitality.org/>

Ministry Needs:

- Overnight hosts to stay with the families
- Providing meals (hot dinners; lunch and breakfast items)
- Laundering sheets and towels (at home or at laundromat)
- Setting up/tearing down temporary housing spaces
- Donations, as this is a very low-budget mission

FOOD BANK OF LARIMER COUNTY

The Food Bank's mission is to reduce hunger in Larimer County, Colorado, through programs that collect, process, store, and distribute food to individuals and in cooperation with agencies that serve those in need.



The Food Bank has three primary programs: Food Share, Food Link, and Kids Cafe. Its Empty Bowls fundraiser has helped support these needs for more than 25 years. Single-parent families, the working poor, senior citizens, youth in crisis, the disabled, and the homeless utilize these much needed programs, and nearly half of those we serve are children. FPC has supported this entity for over a decade.

Contact:

1301 Blue Spruce
Fort Collins CO 80524
Phone: (970) 493-4477
Fax: (970) 493-5122
Website: www.foodbanklarimer.org

Ministry Needs:

- Food Donors
- Mailing Assistants
- Office Assistants

INTERMOUNTAIN CHILDREN'S HOME

Intermountain is a nationally-recognized non-profit specializing in therapeutic environments for children under severe emotional distress. They integrate relationship-based treatment and sound clinical discipline to assure a permanent family for every child. Founded in Helena, Montana the agency has served children and families since 1909. FPC has supported Intermountain since 2002.

Contact:

Carrie Reynolds
500 S. Lamborn
Helena, MT 59601
Phone: 406-457-4811
1 (800) 200-9112
Website: www.intermountain.org



Ministry Needs:

- Participate in their Change for Children program
- Pray for the children and families

MCBACKPACK PROGRAM

Feeding Children in Need. Believing that children are able to participate more fully within the learning environment if well nourished, McBackpack provides supplemental food to children identified by Poudre School District counselors, teachers and health workers who are in need of this form of assistance. Food from a number of sources is packed and delivered each week to schools throughout the Poudre School District. At the schools, the food is placed in backpacks and given to the children to take home.

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(Gerry)

Ministry Needs:

- Individuals to pack and/or deliver food bags to the schools each week (Thursday mornings - pack, deliver by 2 p.m. Thursday)
- Donations of food -- the McBackpack Box is located in the church lobby outside the main office

MWANDI MISSION (ZAMBIA)

The United Church of Zambia (UCZ) Mwandu Mission is a Christian organization that serves over 10,000 people in Western Zambia through its church and full-time pastor, hospital, agriculture program, and school. The UCZ Mission is also the home for the Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Project, which provides meals, medical support, HIV medication, vitamins, tutoring and love to the many children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. The UCZ mission does weekly roving medical clinics for HIV/AIDS patients and newborn babies that live far from the hospital.



Most recently, First Presbyterian Church has committed funds to help build an addition to the hospital. In addition to two short-term mission trips, we at First Presbyterian Church were invited by the UCZ Mission director into the vision for a modern computer lab in the Mission High School. FPC brought some of the first computers and equipment to Mwandu in June 2008. Ultimately, the computer skills taught in the school will open up more opportunities for the graduates of the UCZ Mission High School.

Contact:

Mission website: <http://partnerswithmwandi.org>

OVC website: <http://www.mwandiovc.com/>

Ministry Needs:

- OVC Child Sponsorship for meals, medicine
- Travel to Mwandu
- Prayer

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. In the 1990s, receipts have exceeded \$20 million annually. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, all use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more.



Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. The gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

Where does the money go?

The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32 percent.

When is the offering received?

Most congregations receive the offering on Easter Sunday, Palm Sunday or both, while many receive it throughout Lent.

Ministry Needs:

- Donations can be accepted through FPC's OGHS campaign or <http://gamc.pcusa.org/give/>

PEANUT BUTTER HOUSE (LIBERIA)

The Peanut Butter House was constructed in Monrovia, Liberia, in January 2010, to provide a little earthly "manna" to sustain God's children. The project is producing an enriched peanut butter for malnourished



children. Our aim is for the food production to become self-reliant to break the dependence on foreign aid, and to support the local economy. Our Liberian partners in this project are Reverends Luther and Christine Tarpeh, the founders of Transformation International (see page 35), and the boys of Transformation International, who are receiving job skills and employment through working at the Peanut Butter House.

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Kent and Lisa Spangler

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Ministry Needs:

- Team members to further develop the strategic mission and a long-term operational model for the Peanut Butter House
- Prayer for:
 - Christine and Luther Tarpeh, the TI Boys, and all who are working on the project
 - The hungry and poor of Monrovia, who are receiving the protein-rich food in the communities surrounding the PB House

PROJECT SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Project Self-Sufficiency (PS-S) assists 140 single-parent families in their efforts to achieve a college degree, living-wage career employment, economic independence, and freedom from community and



government assistance, while building strong and healthy families. The staff at PS-S provides personal, career, and academic counseling, scholarship assistance for tuition and child care, and, when possible, clothing and transportation, to client families.

Assisted by FPC support, this year PS-S participants earned a combined total of 1,119 college credit hours. Nine parents completed Associate Degrees and six completed Bachelor's Degrees. A typical example is Caddie. Her single parent job earning \$7/hour provided no security and required government support. Caddie earned a BS Degree at UNC, acquired a phlebotomy position with Poudre Valley Health System, was soon promoted, and now has quadrupled her rate of pay and has "awesome health benefits." Caddie's sons, 11 and 13, inspired by Mom's determination and success, are planning their own college and career goals.

Contact:

Website: www.ps-s.org

Ministry Needs:

- Food donations or cash contributions to our FPC Deacons' Closet, which arranges Easter and/or Christmas Baskets for many PS-S families
- Visit the PS-S website to join the group known as "Friends of PS-S." That group is called upon periodically when projects need volunteer assistance

REALITIES FOR CHILDREN

Realities for Children Charities is a 501(c)3 charitable organization dedicated to serving the unmet needs of abused and neglected children in Larimer County. United with Realities for Children's alliance of 150 local businesses members and partnered with 22 local "affiliate" youth agencies and



programs, Realities is able to craft an effective safety net of services, for the most vulnerable members of our community, through the provision of four core services: community education, special youth activities, agency sponsorship, and emergency funding for children when all other resources are unavailable or exhausted. "Because no child should be forgotten."

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Ministry Needs:

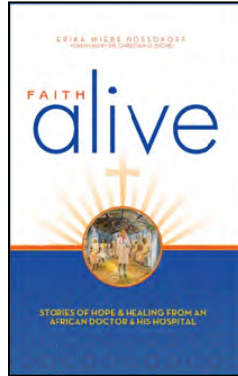
- Pray
- Volunteer
- Become a Business Member
- Become a Business Ambassador
- Donate



Advancing the Gospel

FAITH ALIVE CLINIC/ SAVE-A-LIFE (NIGERIA)

Faith Alive Foundation-Nigeria believes that the best investment you can make is in human lives. They offer free, medical and social services to Christian and Muslim patients—most of whom are HIV positive and survive on less than \$2 a day.



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Phone: 970-229-0936
Websites: www.faithalivenigeria.org, www.faithalivebook.com

Ministry Needs:

- Prayer
- Promote the Faith Alive book and message of hope and healing. 100% of profits benefit the hospital. Invite Erika or someone from the hospital to speak with your group or organization. The book makes a great gift!
- Visitors to the hospital. Every skill is needed to teach and empower the hospital's staff. Areas to contribute: medical, administrative, counseling, computer, education and training, (adults and/or children), commercial sex worker rehab, addiction recovery, skills -acquisition (sewing, knitting, cooking, driving, computer, salon, arts & crafts), recreation (soccer, music, arts, etc.), micro-loans, nutrition, palliative care, pharmacy, and transitional housing.
- Donations

GIDEONS

The mission of The Gideons International is to win the lost for Christ, and their unique method is the distribution of Scripture in selected streams of life.

Gideons have placed or distributed more than 1.5 billion complete Bibles and New Testaments in more than 192 countries around the world . . . so far. Having God's Word can lead people to faith in Christ. Explore the website to learn more

about The Gideons and how you can help provide God's Word. FPC has supported this entity since 2007.



Contact:

50 Century Blvd.

P.O. Box 140800

Nashville, TN 37214-0800

Phone: (615) 564-5000

Fax: (615) 564-6000

Website: www.gideons.org

Ministry Needs:

- Prayer

HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERIAN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

The mission of Highlands is to provide gracious hospitality and quality Christian programs in a majestic mountain setting and to nurture spiritual renewal and transformation in a safe and inclusive environment. FPC has been a partner in ministry with Highlands since it was founded more than 65 years ago.



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Allenspark, CO 80510

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Website: www.highlandscamp.org

Ministry Needs:

- Gifts are vital to Highlands' ongoing operation to:
 - Underwrite the cost for every camper who attends summer camp
 - Provide scholarships for those with special needs
 - Meet monthly mortgage interest commitments as well as make principal payments to reduce Highlands' debt
 - Provide new equipment for maintenance, Summer Camp and guest use
- Volunteers for spring and fall work days
- Volunteers to help host on weekends and/or assist mid-week in the office

MISSIONARIES

David and Jessica Coats (Cru-Denver)

After working with college students in New Orleans and Russia as part of Cru staff (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ), David and Jessica served at the Cru headquarters in Orlando, Florida.

David Coats has felt called to defend the causes of the refugee, the orphan and the widow. God has provided for David through being awarded a full-tuition scholarship to the University of Denver Law

School—a scholarship for students with a history of public service and a desire to go into public interest law. While David will change his status to being a Cru volunteer, Jessica remains on staff with Cru at Denver University on the Campus Ministry Team. FPC has supported the Coats since 2007.



Contact:

David and Jessica Coats

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Ministry Needs:

- Prayers
 - For their family's transition to life in Denver
 - For David's law school studies
 - For Jessica's ministry on the DU campus

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NAVAJO NATION CHINLE, ARIZONA

For the past few years FPC has been sending mission trips of college and junior high students and adults to the Navajo Nation to support Trinity Presbyterian Church. The church serves the Native American community and addresses poverty and addiction issues prevalent there.

Contact:

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Chinle, AZ 86503

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Ministry Needs:

Potential opportunities include:

- Short-term mission trips (appropriate for families)
- Building and maintenance
- Building long-term relationships and partnerships

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child provides simple, gift-filled shoe boxes to children in desperate situations worldwide. This program has one mission: to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Last year, more than 8 million children from all over the world received these shoe boxes, and with them, the light of God's love.

Contact:

Website: www.samaritanspurse.org



Ministry Needs:

- Wrap Shoe boxes
- Fill boxes with small gifts
- Pray
- Financial support for postage
- Volunteer in the entire organizational process

YOUNG LIFE

Young Life seeks to carry the message of Jesus Christ into the tumultuous teenage tide and points teenagers toward life as they were created to live it. Since 1941, the dynamic that has characterized Young Life is its commitment to relationships—Young Life leaders meeting kids on their turf in the interest of friendship. As leaders get to know teenagers, they are able to share the love of Jesus Christ through platforms like Young Life club, Campaigners and trips to camp. FPC has supported this entity for over a decade.



Contact:

Young Life SVP Northern Division

PO Box 520

Colorado Springs, CO 80901-0520

Phone: (719) 867-3571

Fax: (719) 867-3573

Website: www.NorthernDivision.younglife.org

Ministry Needs:

- Committee Member
- Volunteer Leader
- Support roles for WyldLife
- Roles at Young Life Camp
- Start Young Life in your community



Education

ELIM ELEMENTARY (NIGERIA)

Headmistress Kate Clement, a Nigerian leader at Faith Alive Clinic's (see p. 20) support group, started this school about ten years ago to educate mostly orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs). Today her staff of 14 educates 160 students, about one-third of whom are on scholarships through First Presbyterian Church's scholarship program. She recently started offering a weekend program for OVCs.



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Ministry Needs:

- Prayers
- Elim School Scholarships (\$165 a year) and donations

LAUREL ELEMENTARY

First Presbyterian Church is a faith partner with Laurel Elementary. The Poudre School District faith-based community partnership matches communities of faith with schools to provide students and staff with additional support and volunteers.

Contact:

Laurel Elementary
1000 East Locust Court
Fort Collins, CO 80524
Phone: (970) 488-5925



Ministry Needs:

- Teachers of all grades along with music, arts and physical education are always looking for individuals to assist in the classrooms; reading help, math, clerical, one-time events, bulletin boards, copies, help with violin classes, book binding—a large assortment of duties—we can always find something to match the volunteer's interests.

PLANT WITH PURPOSE

Plant With Purpose is a Christian, environmental non-profit organization that transforms lives in rural areas worldwide where poverty is caused by deforestation. Focusing on a holistic solution to poverty, Plant With Purpose has been restoring the lives of the rural poor for over 25 years by planting trees, creating economic opportunity through micro-credit, implementing sustainable agriculture programs, and encouraging spiritual



renewal. Members of FPC first travelled to the Dominican Republic in 2012 to experience first-hand how Plant With Purpose is “helping well”. Plant With Purpose’s indigenous staff works alongside rural villages to develop leadership and bring improved agricultural practices to these areas, and its work is sustainable, with a defined exit strategy that frees the communities from dependency and allows Plant with Purpose to move on to help other areas.

Contact:

www.plantwithpurpose.org

Ministry Needs:

- Prayer for communities working to free themselves from dependency and poverty, and the PWP staff helping them
- Donations towards sponsoring a village

SCHOLARLEADERS

ScholarLeaders invests in the education of promising Christian theological leaders from countries throughout the world. After earning advanced degrees, these leaders resettle in their home countries, initiate new ministries, and develop as institutional leaders. Over 200 men and women from 52 countries participate in this program. Graduates serve the global church as seminary and university faculty, leaders of churches and denominations and in these roles they train and encourage other leaders and shape the Christian church in their nations. They address theological issues in their contexts. Many have formed and direct important ministries, and others guide educational institutions. While participants are studying in the U.S., they are invited to speak to various groups on a variety of provocative topics. These presentations are called InSights Dialogues.



FPC has welcomed two ScholarLeaders: Ayman Ibrahim, Ph.D., speaking on the topic "Do Muslims and Christians worship the same God?"; and Cesar Lopes, speaking on the topic "Does God want me to be Happy?"

Contact:

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Lake Forest, IL 60045
847-800-4457
www.scholarleaders.org
email: info@scholarleaders.org

TRANSFORMATION INTERNATIONAL (LIBERIA)

TI is a ministry founded by Revs Luther & Christine Tarpeh (our partners with the Peanut Butter House project) to respond to the great needs of post-civil war Liberia. TI's motto is "Transforming People to Transform the Nation." It began with "the TI Boys"—



providing a home, education, and discipleship for boys, many of whom were orphaned. TI now includes "TI Girls," as well as leadership development initiatives at the University of Liberia and running the Best Brains Academy (BBA)—a school seeking to provide and promote higher-quality education. We support TI by providing funds for books, uniforms, and tuition. Christine writes, "The boys send their thanks to you and they promise to make you proud by doing well in their studies."

We support BBA in various ways including providing teacher training, fundraising for their chapel, and individuals donating towards teacher sponsorships.

Contact:

Kent and Lisa Spangler

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Phone: (970) 223-2703

Ministry Needs:

- Pray for the TI Boys and Girls to grow in faith, knowledge and wisdom
- Pray for the many ministries of TI as they continue to improve and expand BBA
- Contributions towards TI Boys/Girls' education or towards sponsoring BBA teachers' salaries
- Mission trips to Liberia to serve in various capacities, including teacher training

MOUNTAIN STATES WEEKIRK EVENTS

The purpose of the WeeKirk Ministry is to inspire, equip, motivate, encourage and provide rest and refreshment for pastors and elders of small Presbyterian churches. There are nine WeeKirk Conferences held regionally to make it easier and more cost-effective for small church leaders to attend. Provided at a modest cost, these conferences are designed as a gift from individuals, larger congregations, and governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Contact:

c/o Lee Gilbert

1130 Valkenburg Dr

Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Website: www.pfrenewal.org/wee-kirk

Ministry Needs:

- Donations



Partnering

FORT COLLINS CHURCH NETWORK

FCCN exists to facilitate Christian churches cooperating and working together, doing their own special work as they help the other parts of the Body of Christ grow and to facilitate partnering with government, business, education and the media with the purpose of community transformation.



FCCN will attain its vision by:

- facilitating the strategic alliance of Christian churches to work together
- ministering to and equipping pastors and saints
- partnering with key societal institutions
- assessing needs and putting to use every available resource to meet needs inside and outside the church

FPC has supported this entity for over five years.

Contact:

363 Jefferson Street

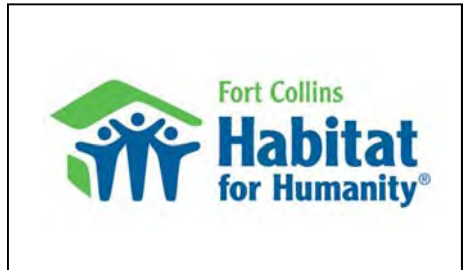
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Email: info@fortcollinschurchnetwork.org

Website: www.fortcollinschurchnetwork.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Habitat seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat invites people of all backgrounds, races, and religions to build houses together in partnership



with families in need. FPC has supported this entity for approximately a decade. The congregation independently sponsored construction of a family home in Fort Collins in 2005, and two family homes in 2009 and 2012 through participation in the PresBuild coalition of local Presbyterian churches.

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Fort Collins, CO 80526

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Website: www.fortcollinshabitat.org

Ministry Needs:

- Make meals for construction workers
- Serve a volunteer shift (construction or ReStore)
- Family advocate (training required)
- Prayer support
- Contribute funds and/or construction materials

INTERFAITH COUNCIL AND CROP WALK

The Fort Collins Interfaith Council was founded in 1979, with First Presbyterian Church as one of the founding members. FCIFC's mission is to address community issues and mobilize faith-based teamwork to respond to basic human needs in our community. FCIFC started the Larimer County Food Bank. Most recently, FCIFC launched Faith Family Hospitality and High Park Fire Outreach Programs as seed programs. We are a growing, dynamic organization, comprised of 16 faith and 21 service organizations.



Contact:

Email: info@ftcollinsinterfaithcouncil.org

Website: www.ftcollinsinterfaithcouncil.org

FCIC Ministry Needs

- One or two representatives to attend one meeting a month, the first Thursday from 9–10:30 a.m.. Check the IFC website for locations, as they change monthly.

Founded in 1946, Church World Service originated the idea of **CROP Walks**, which it organizes all over the U.S. CWS is a cooperative ministry of 36 Christian denominations working together to eradicate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice among the world's most vulnerable peoples. First Presbyterian Church has been involved with CROP Walk since its inception. The Crop Walk is held the first Sunday of October. Walkers raise pledges for their participation in the walk and 25% of all monies raised stays in Fort Collins and is donated to the Larimer County Food Bank. The rest is distributed by CWS for self-help initiatives around the world and here in the U.S., helping communities ravaged by floods, tornadoes, and hurricanes.

CropWalk Ministry Needs:

- Prayers for addressing hunger/poverty
- Participants and pledges for the October CropWalk



Additional Entities & Information

ADDITIONAL ENTITIES

The following entities are being supported in 2013/14 through the efforts of many people, the budget, and other non-budgeted sources:

- Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering
- Presbytery of Plains and Peaks Non-Directed Giving
- Compassion International
- World Vision
- The Matthews House
- Military Troops

Also, many church teams are missional as part of their overall purpose. For example, Presbyterian Women assemble and distribute health kits, layettes, and books, and sponsor a Save -A-Life patient. Vacation Bible School supports a mission project.

FPC FACILITIES/VAN USE

Our church provides building and/or van use for the following groups:

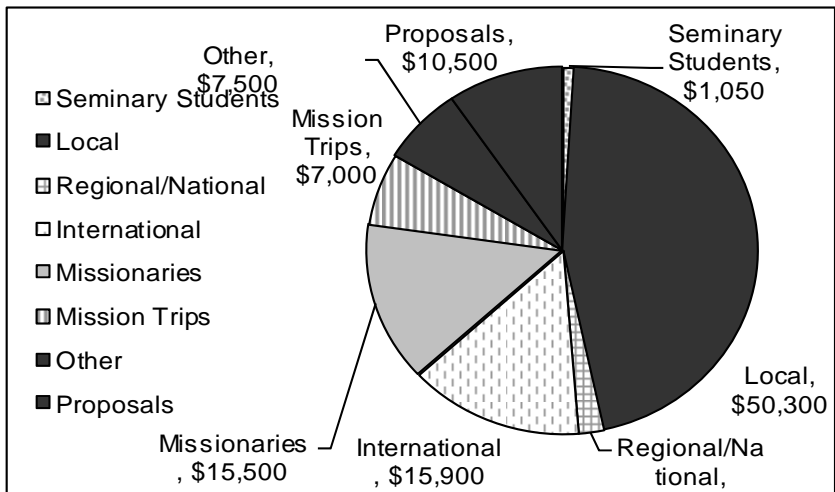
Bible Study Fellowship
Centennial Children's Choir
Crop Walk
Cru
Drugbusters
The Family Center
Foothills Gateway Staff
Friendship Club
Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts
Habitat for Humanity
Hand in Hand Adoptions
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
Larimer Chorale
Laudaumus – Community Choir
Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)
Partners
Realities for Children Bikes for Tykes and Nightlights
St. Thomas Church
Visiting Church Youth Groups
...and more!

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH CENTER'S BUDGET

2014 Budget Figures

Seminary Students	\$1,050
Local	\$50,300
Regional/National	\$2,300
International	\$15,900
Missionaries	\$15,500
Mission Trips	\$7,000
Other	\$7,500
Proposals*	\$10,500
Total	\$110,000

*Available for requests throughout the year.



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Jim Pierce, jandpp@gmail.com

Missionary Connector:

Sharon Stonecipher, rockdoc77@q.com

Publicity:

Vacant

HOW TO APPLY FOR MOC SUPPORT

To request support from the Missions & Outreach Center, please contact the appropriate connector. They will complete a proposal and give it to the Center Leader by the last day of the month for consideration at the next month's meeting. Priority is given to the level of connection with FPC. The proposal includes request for support in the following ways:

- Prayer
- Finances
- Collection and distribution of funds through First Presbyterian Church
- Publicity
- Building Use
- Van Use
- Other

RESPONDING TO DISASTERS

For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. (Matthew 25:35-36)

When disaster strikes, we can be overwhelmed with compassion and don't always immediately know how to respond. Hundreds, if not thousands, of organizations worldwide mobilize to provide relief to the affected people and nations when a disaster strikes.

Oftentimes, our prayers and monetary donations are the best immediate response. The list of organizations below is not all-inclusive, but is to get you started brainstorming about organizations to pray for and consider supporting in the wake of a disaster. Also, our annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports disaster relief efforts.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

www.pcusa.org/ministries/pda

Compassion International

www.compassion.com

Food for the Hungry

www.fh.org

Samaritans Purse

www.samaritanspurse.org

World Vision

www.worldvision.org

SUGGESTED READING

The Hole In Our Gospel: What Does God Expect of Us? The answer that changed my life and just might change the world, by Richard Stearns

When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor and Yourself, by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert

Tending to Eden: Environmental Stewardship for God's People, by Scott Sabin

Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes Us Just, by Timothy Keller

The Dangerous Act of Loving Your Neighbor: Seeing Others Through the Eyes of Jesus, by Mark Labberton



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