

## **Outreach Report 2007**

In September, Maggie Paul joined the Outreach Committee as the Youth Representative. Otherwise, the membership of the Committee remained the same as the previous year. Going forward into 2008, new members should be recruited to replace those whose terms have expired or have moved from the area.

An Outreach Calendar for the year 2007 was established. The calendar was overly optimistic, and it will need to be revisited by the 2008 committee. However, as in previous years, the Outreach Committee was supportive of all activities on the calendar and hope these can be expanded in 2008.

### **International Outreach**

Holy Comforter welcomed representatives from Invisible Children. They made a presentation following a Sunday Service. In addition, we provided financial support through this organization for school construction in Uganda.

Financial support was given to the Diocese of Alabama to assist with a construction mission trip to Haiti.

### **National Outreach**

In cooperation with ECW, Holy Comforter sponsored two UTO Sunday ingatherings. Funds collected were forwarded to the National Church to help fund United Thank Offering grants.

In March, we assisted students from Lansing Catholic Central High School in their ministry for Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together, by providing lodging for them at Prescott House. In addition, breakfast snacks and dinner were provided for them during their stay.

Financial support was given to Episcopal Relief and Development.

### **State and Local Outreach**

Volunteers provided transportation for Canterbury Court residents so that they could shop for food at a nearby grocery store. ECW also supports Canterbury Court by hosting a tea for residents several times a year.

Holy Comforter entered into a partnership with Whitfield Memorial Methodist Church to be hosts for Family Promise guests. The initial partnership is for a minimum of one year and will involve approximately four weeks of service per year.

In November, donations from parishioners purchased Christmas gifts for 40 foster children in the care of the Alabama Department of Human Resources.

We continue to serve the community through the Holy Comforter Food Pantry. The number of requests continues to increase—and often exceeds our supply.

**Budgeted Funds**

Over the course of 2007, the Committee recommended the following financial allocations:

\$3,600 Holy Comforter Food Pantry  
\$2,500 Holy Cross Episcopal School  
\$2,300 Renaissance Community Reentry Project  
\$2,000 Jubilee Community Center, Inc.  
\$1,500 Moore's Neighborhood Ministry  
\$1,000 Catholic Social Services of Montgomery  
\$1,000 Diocese of Alabama for Haiti Construction Mission Trip  
\$1,000 Episcopal Relief & Development Fund  
\$ 500 El Vinedo Episcopal Hispanic Ministry (located at Church of the Ascension)  
\$ 500 Establish a budget line to cover potential Family Promise expenses  
\$ 500 Montgomery AIDS Outreach  
\$ 500 Aid to Inmate Mothers (AIM)  
\$ 500 Faith Rescue Mission  
\$ 500 Invisible Children—Lacor Secondary School in Uganda  
\$1,000 Holy Comforter Day School (tentative)  
\$ 300 Foster Children's Christmas Project (tentative)

\$19,200 TOTAL

Respectfully submitted,

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Outreach Committee