

Report to Council of Program Team

October 15, 2008

Committee: Outreach **Report period:** 2008/09/24 – 2008/10/15 **Submitted by:** Peter Woods

Actions completed this period:

- Coffee hour has been hosted by members of the Outreach Committee for the month of September.
- It was agreed to support the Martin Luther King project at the previous meeting for two years in the amount of \$150.00. This year's cheque has been sent by our church Treasurer
- Work to compose a Mission statement for Outreach is ongoing
- Information on "The Face of Poverty" initiative has been placed in the bulletin to inform the congregation of progress on this project.
- Jane Cushing has met with Ms. Julie Dingwell, a recently appointed Youth Advocate Program coordinator funded by the HRM through the National Crime Prevention Centre Fund. This program is aimed at preventing Youth from engaging in gang related activities, anti-social and criminal behaviours while enhancing public safety. Ms. Dingwell will work in the East Dartmouth area meeting with Youth ages 9 to 14. This pilot program will focus on six HRM urban neighbourhoods.
- Tom Rogers and Linda Sinclair are participating in the Breakfast Program at Ian Forsyth School. Volunteers are needed at Caledonia Junior High.
- The Food Bank currently has sufficient food for their needs. Our congregation contributes \$200.00 a month to the Food Bank. 200 reusable Bags have been donated by the congregation. An additional 300 is needed. The Outreach Committee is donating an additional \$100.00 to support this initiative.
- The Circle of Care Society, which picks up used furniture, bedding, household items from those no longer needing them and delivers to those in need is currently looking for volunteers to help with Public Relations and with Fund Raising. Hector Muise at 404-9074 is the contact.
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Actions upcoming next 30 days:

- The Christmas Outreach programs will once again be active at Woodlawn United. Linda Sinclair is coordinating the Christmas Families aspect and other members of the Outreach Committee are coordinating other aspects including Mitten Tree, Shoe Box program, Sleeping Children Around the World (Photos from Sleeping Children Around the World project have been received and will be used to advertise during the Christmas Outreach programs), etc. The Committee is actively seeking volunteers to assist with all aspects of these programs. Linda has prepared detailed descriptions of the various projects as an aid to volunteers wishing to become involved in this worthwhile project.
- The Outreach Committee will advertise the availability of tickets to a Breakfast at Brunswick Street United as a fundraiser in the bulletin for the information of the congregation
- The Christmas Full of Caring dinner and auction, a major fundraiser for Feeding Others of Dartmouth (F.O.O.D) will take place at the Holiday Inn on December 5th.
- The next meeting of the Outreach Committee is scheduled for October 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Budget: \$3,750 **Expenditure this period:** \$200 **Expenditure to date:** \$903.10

Action requested /required by Council:

- It was suggested that responsibility for securing readers for M&S be transferred from the Outreach Committee to the Stewardship and Community Life Team.