

Mission Committee Report to the Church Council
April 12, 2017

Local Mission Trips: The Fat Tuesday, Jazz for Habitat concert was a great success. We collected about \$3000 in donations. After this amount is matched by Thrivent Financial the contribution to Fox Valley Faith Build House is over \$6000. We had our first work day on April 8 with 12 participants. Two more work days are scheduled on May 27, and July 22. To learn more about the Faith Build House, visit their face book page <https://www.facebook.com/FaithBuild2017>.

Feed the Need: CUMC participated in this activity on Feb. 18-19 at North Central Collage. Our turn out as disappointing. While we sponsored 65 slots only about 30 people showed up. We are evaluating how to participate next year.

Prison Ministries: This effort led by Bill Denwood has expanded tremendously. The collection of suits has been so successful that that to date over 600 articles of clothing have been delivered to Stateville and the program has been embraced by other churches and organizations including the Archdiocese of Joliet and the Illinois Professional Dry Cleaning Association. Because of these efforts, discussions have resumed on holding a Disciples Bible Study session at Stateville and other Disciple Bible Outreach Ministry Programs around the country are taking up the cause within their own states. A website has been created for the effort Suitsforsuccess.net.

Honduras Missions Trip Planning: Pat Becker participated in a Medical Mission trip to Honduras with three churches from Wisconsin from March 1 to 12, 2017. The hope is that with this experience CUMC will be able to sponsor a Medical Mission in 2018.

Refugee Support: We are gathering items for our second 2017 collection for Refugee One (<http://www.refugeeone.org/>). We continue to receive many items from the congregation for this mission.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Becker
Chair, Missions Committee