

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

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3 The Conference Evangelism and Outreach Teams exist to help churches in our conference
4 strengthen and support the efforts of individual churches as they strive to reach their
5 communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. As a recent appointee to this team, it
6 seems to me that the resources of this team are underutilized. It is possible that churches
7 are not aware of how we can supplement their own efforts – either through grant funding,
8 training, or through brainstorming new ideas to extend the love of Jesus Christ to others
9 through random (and strategic) acts of kindness.

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11 In the past year, our team has funded:

- 12 • Greenwood Rejoices, an evangelistic revival event
- 13 • School Supplies for church outreach in two different communities
- 14 • A Backpack Ministry
- 15 • Camping ministry at Lums Pond
- 16 • NASCAR Rally
- 17 • Delaware March for Jesus
- 18 • National Back to Church weekend rally
- 19 • Bible Distribution through Fellowship of Christian Athletes

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21 It has also offered additional training for church outreach teams upon request.

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23 The Health Ministries Team, which is a part of this team, is pursuing promoting holistic
24 ministries that touch the mind, body & spirit. They have run workshops in northern and
25 southern areas of our conference through the Healthy Church Initiative. They also ran a
26 Health Ministries training experience for churches looking to begin or enhance their local
27 efforts, including parish nurse ministries.

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29 The goals for this team for the coming year are:

- 30 1. to help local churches design and implement new and creative ways of expanding
31 their reach into their communities through brainstorming & seed money
- 32 2. to strengthen the relationship between our churches and Fellowship of Christian
33 Athletes
- 34 3. to offer training to churches interested in servant evangelism or health ministries

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36 To tap into the resources of this Team, please contact the conference office.

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39 Submitted by:
40 Kris Schonewolf, Chair

HEALTH MINISTRIES TEAM

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49 The Health Ministries Team, a component of the Evangelism and Outreach Committee, is
50 intentionally reaching out to congregations that have health ministry or want to know how
51 to develop a health ministry. Our goal is to promote the necessity of maintaining a healthy
52 lifestyle to pastors and congregations of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference and beyond
53 through collaboration, advocacy, and education. We believe to achieve this task we must
54 focus on the need for **holistic ministries**: Connecting Body, Mind, and Spirit, that will
55 create and sustain healthy communities of faith called to go into the world and make
56 disciples for Jesus Christ.

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58 Some of the activities in which we have participated in 2013 are "The Well", The Bishop's
59 Walk, and Blood Pressure Screening at the Annual Conference Health Fair in Saint Michaels,
60 MD. We helped congregations find information about an Automated External Defibrillator
61 (AED) and offered some congregations CPR Training. On April 22, 2014, we sponsored a
62 health ministry seminar in the northern area of the conference for parish nurses and
63 congregations who had a health ministry or a person wanting to develop a health ministry
64 team. Our wonderful, knowledgeable guest speaker was La Vaida White FCU. We added to
65 our team four new members and the gifts they bring to us are many and much needed.
66 Thanks to all who have supported us with their presence and their prayers.

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68 **Goals**
- 69 1. Write Articles for the Communicator.
 - 70 2. Keep listening to the health needs and concerns of our congregations.
 - 71 3. Provide CPR Training for staff at the Bishop Felton May Resource Center.
 - 72 4. Continue participation at Annual Conference: The Bishop's Walk and Communion
73 Service and Blood Pressure Screening, providing a healthy church information table.
 - 74 5. Participation: "The Well (Healthy Initiative Workshop) Oct, 2014."
 - 75 6. Sponsor a health ministry seminar in the southern area of the conference for Parish
76 Nurses and congregations who had a health ministry or a person wanting to develop
77 a health ministry in the spring 2015.
 - 78 7. We are putting together information about LYME DISEASE and projecting an
79 Educational Workshop in the near future.

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81 This has been an exciting and productive year for our team. Special thanks to Bishop Peggy
82 Johnson, Director of Connectional Ministries Rev. Dr. Shirlyn Brown, all the Conference staff,
83 and the Evangelism Team for their guidance and patience.

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