

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

To the One Hundred Thirty-first Council  
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

This committee was formed at the 128<sup>th</sup> Council for the purpose of developing and implementing short-term mission work within the Diocese. It is the goal of this committee that churches throughout the Diocese would join together in this short-term work at one or more of our parish churches during the summer. For anyone who would like to organize a mission week the committee has prepared a booklet called *A Guide for Short-Term Mission Trips*. Copies of this guide have been given to Bishop Hicks and can be obtained either through his office or by contacting Pastor David Crum at Bishop Cummins Reformed Episcopal Church.

This past summer a one-week project took place at Jesus the Good Shepherd REC in Brooklyn, New York, from July 10<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>. Participants included members of Bishop Cummins, Catonsville, Maryland; Grace, Collingdale, Pennsylvania; Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, New Jersey; and St. George's, Hamilton, Ontario. In addition to manual labor, outreach teams went out to the streets to talk to people about their need to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Adults and teens worked together in this effort to bring the gospel to the people of the surrounding community.

Forty-four people were on hand as either daytime or boarding volunteers. Work on the building included replacing the ceiling fans in the sanctuary and cleaning the sanctuary carpet; thoroughly cleaning all rest rooms; stripping and waxing the floor in the fellowship hall; placing new frames on the ceiling lights in the fellowship hall; repairing the sump pump; retiling a bathroom floor; and various other painting and cleaning tasks.

Those who needed a place to stay were able to board at the nearby Pratt Institute. Meals were prepared by our volunteers at the church. The people of Jesus the Good Shepherd provided a banquet on Wednesday night. Each morning time was set aside after breakfast for personal devotions. This was followed by a corporate time of morning devotions. We also had a time of evening worship Monday through Wednesday following the evening meal.

These short-term mission projects truly do provide a wonderful opportunity to complete some much-needed work. But even more they allow the participants to grow closer to one another, to get to know brothers and sisters from other churches in the Diocese, and to minister to the people in the community surrounding the host church. Please consider your own participation this coming summer and encourage the participation of other members of your churches.

Respectfully submitted,

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