

2d. Mission Committee

The 1998-2000 Mission Committee meets monthly at 7 P.M. on the first Monday of each month, summer months excepted. The chairperson also serves as a member of the Church Council, which meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

Timely publicity is the principal focus of the Committee's efforts in promoting its projects and many fund raisers in support of the UCC and CWS. The committee's bulletin board is maintained in the Fellowship Hall, and notices are routinely placed in the Placard and also the Sunday Bulletins.

This committee has promoted and/or conducted the following annual fund raisers and programs/projects:

- One Great Hour of Sharing
- CWS Blanket Drive
- CWS SERRV Crafts Sale (1998)
- CWS Cropwalk
- Habitat for Humanity (local) church budget submittal and labor support
- UCC/IMA Eyeglasses drive (1999)
- UCBWM Child Sponsorship Program (approximately \$1,500-\$1,600 annually)

Additionally, the committee coordinates and arranges missionary visits to our church through the UCC's Rocky Mountain Conference as the opportunities arise (3 visits in 1998, none in 1999).

Through this committee's initiative, Plymouth is engaged in a special support relationship (through the UCBWM) with Reverends Tod and Ana Gobledale at their UCC mission in Plumtree Zimbabwe. In addition to recurring correspondence (mostly e-mail), three major book drives have been held, in which books have been collected, packaged, and mailed via U.S. Postal Service M-Bag service, at approximately 72 cents a pound. Postal charges can easily run \$150 per shipment of 300-400 books and 100-150 periodicals.

The committee has had the latitude to establish its own goals and decide which projects, other than the annually recurring UCC/CWS fund raisers, it wishes to support. A future mission/field project in support of a needy cause would be desirable, and such possibilities to serve are virtually endless