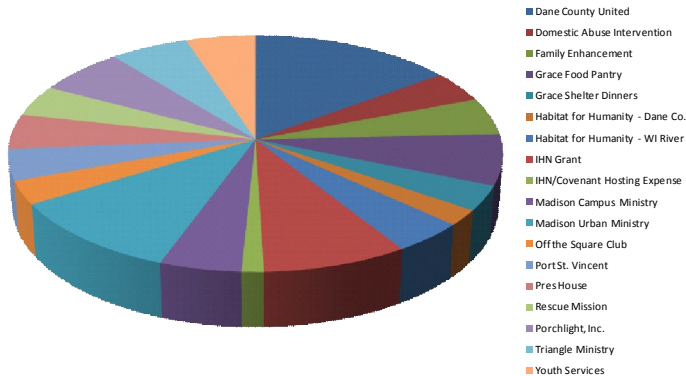


# MISSION COMMITTEE

"WORKING FOR JUSTICE IN THE WORLD AT HOME AND FAR AWAY."

Covenant Presbyterian Church provides sustained support to local and international organizations with donations and volunteer time from its members. This commitment is sharing God's love and working for justice in the world at home and far away.

## LOCAL MISSION



### FOOD MISSIONS

(MEALS-ON-WHEELS, CROP WALK, GRACE SHELTER MEALS)  
 Many in our area still struggle with having enough food for themselves and their families, because of employment, financial or health situations. Covenant is committed to making a difference in a variety of ways. In the fall and spring we hold a food drive, deliver Meals On Wheels Sundays in August and February each year, and participate in the CROP Walk to STOP HUNGER in October. Covenant members serve Grace Shelter dinners six times a year. Monetary support from Covenant is provided to the Grace Food Pantry for food and hygiene items (7% of pantry budget). This has been an important food pantry for many hungry Dane County residents for 30 years. During the last two years an average of 13,500 individuals, families and children per year were served by the pantry, up from previous years.

### CRISIS & HOUSING MISSIONS

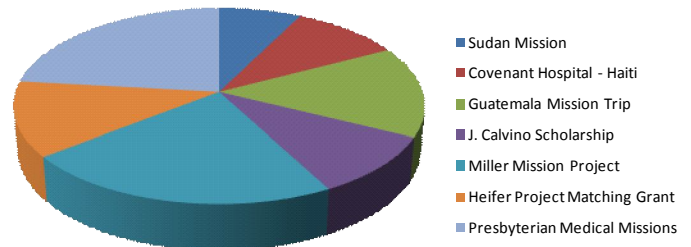
(DAIS, THE ROAD HOME (IHN), HABITAT FOR HUMANITY)  
 DOMESTIC ABUSE INTERVENTION SERVICES (DAIS)  
 DAIS provides direct services to women of domestic violence here in Dane County. Through our financial support, Covenant helped DAIS provide the following services in 2009: 24-7 crisis hotline (5940 calls); emergency shelter (526 adults and children); children's programs (212 children not included as shelter residents), legal advocacy (577 clients); DELTA project (aimed at educating young men on dating violence and sexual assault); crisis response (confidential partnership sites serving over 347 adults), and community outreach and education (350 events with over 5,550 participants).

#### THE ROAD HOME (IHN)

Covenant has provided ongoing support to The Road Home Dane County over the last 11 years. Covenant supports the IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) shelter, sponsored the very first Second Chance Apartment in the project followed by 3 additional sponsorships, and provides support for the Housing and Hope capital program. Their mission is to serve homeless families with children in collaboration with local faith communities and organizations. They are committed to the empowerment and long-term success of children and families, to serving each family with dignity and respect and to achieving results in helping families improve their lives. The Road Home currently serves 110 families annually, plus an additional 100 families through the emergency warming shelter. All together, it serves approximately 650 individuals in those families.

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## INTERNATIONAL MISSION



### GUATEMALA MISSION

In 2001 Covenant began its mission in Guatemala. On annual trips in January our teams of members and friends have built and wired cement block houses, helped with a clean water project in the northwest mountains, provided medical clinics and medicines and put on new roofs. We have worked with our partners in Suchitepequez Presbytery to found and equip an elementary school for 100 low income children of all faiths in the Village of Santo Domingo in the southwest part of Guatemala. The school, which is now in its fifth year, is called the Juan Calvino Colegio (John Calvin School). Covenant helps fund school operations and provides half scholarships for many of the children. We have set up a computer lab and given books for the school library; also given school equipment and supplies and workshops for teachers, pastors, elders, and families. Members of our team have assisted school personnel in learning to keep accounts, financial accounting and budgeting. A small team will go in summer 2010 to observe the school in session and take used laptops for the planned "computer academy." In July 2010, Covenant provided \$12,000 from several funds, to help the people cope with losses of homes, crops, animals and disease, hunger and poverty as a result of tropical storm Agatha. Covenant travellers to Guatemala have made many friends, worshipped with them in small Presbyterian churches, and experienced a different culture and a simpler way of living.

### MEDICAL MISSION TO HAITI

Covenant has provided support of medical mission work in Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, since 1994 when a mission team of 7 from Covenant repaired a clinic outpost of Hopital Ste. Croix near Leogane, Haiti. Visits to Madison from Hopital Ste. Croix director Dr. Jack LaFontante inspired the formation of the Covenant Medical Mission Endowment Fund whose annual interest supports medical mission work in Haiti to this day. Through its annual operating budget, capital campaigns, and endowment interest, Covenant continues to nurture Haitian medical work by supporting FSIL School of Nursing student scholarships, medicines, communications system, and a vehicle for rural Covenant Hospital, Hôpital Ste. Croix, and January 2010 earthquake relief. In addition, this congregation gave over \$13,000 in response to the 2010 earthquake disaster. As Presbyterian Disaster Assistance opens opportunities later this year for individuals and small groups to provide hands-on support of relief efforts, Covenant anticipates further opportunities to serve.

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### DANE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Covenant has also had a sustained commitment to the Dane County Habitat for Humanity chapter. Most recently, we co-funded and participated in 2006 in an “apostles build” with other churches in the “Twin Oaks” subdivision, which is owned and being developed by the Dane County Habitat for Humanity chapter. The “Twin Oaks” subdivision is just off of Highway 51, between Madison and McFarland. Our Mission Committee Chair, Judy Gundersen, has arranged for funds from our current capital campaign to be used to co-fund a second “apostles build” project in Sun Prairie in 2011. An organizational meeting will be held at Sun Prairie United Methodist on August 26 at 6:30pm.

### LOWER WISCONSIN RIVER HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Covenant has provided support for the Lower Wisconsin River Habitat for Humanity chapter since the late 1980's. This is a rural chapter of Habitat, an entirely volunteer organization, which has depended on Covenant for significant volunteer and funding support. In the early years, we helped build multiple homes in Lone Rock, but in subsequent years, we have helped build homes in Dodgeville, Barneveld, Mineral Point, Cobb, Spring Green. We currently are working on a home, which was moved from the flood plain area of Spring Green to Lone Rock and will virtually be a new home when completed. Volunteer workers from Covenant participate frequently on Wednesdays and on Saturdays.

## CAMPUS MISSIONS

(UW PRES HOUSE, THE CROSSING)

Covenant supports two very active and strong communities of faith for UW students: UW Pres House is located in the heart of campus on the library mall. It is a religious center and provides high quality non-denominational student housing to promote spiritual, emotional, and intellectual growth of residents and members of the campus community.

The Crossing is an ecumenical Christian campus ministry on the west side of the UW campus where students explore, question, understand, develop and affirm their relationship to God, each other, and the world. Like the Pres House, volunteer, fellowship, and mission opportunities abound for college students.

Both Pres House and The Crossing offer weekly Sunday evening worship. Covenant supports both organizations financially and by preparing and serving Sunday evening worship dinners four times a year.

## OTHER MISSION

MISSION TO THE TRIANGLE COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Covenant has provided financial support to the Triangle Community Ministry (TCM) for many years. The TCM began in 1978 as an ecumenical ministry serving low-income residents of the Triangle neighborhood located in Downtown Madison, across from the Meriter Hospital medical complex. TCM provides spiritual and physical presence ministering and reaches out to all residents. Approximately 335 people currently live in the Triangle neighborhood, which is the second largest public housing area in Wisconsin. Among other services, the ministry team advocates for anyone, provides pastoral care and counseling, mental health and addiction counseling, crisis intervention, health assessment and screening, and health counseling and education.

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### HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Heifer is a non-profit organization, which works to alleviate world hunger and poverty. Heifer helps impoverished families become self-reliant by providing food and income-producing animals' (such as cows, sheep, pigs, rabbits, chicks, llamas, and goats) and training. Families “pass on the gift” by giving one or more of their animal's offspring to another family in need. Covenant children, youth and families have been raising money on Heifer Sunday every year for 17 years. The money they raise is matched with Covenant mission funds.

### HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FOR THE DALITS IN INDIA

The December 2004 Tsunami wiped out most of the housing along the South Indian coast. Among those affected were the marginalized people called Dalits (formerly the “untouchables”), who are daily low wage earners. They typically rely for survival on assisting fisher folk and growing their own vegetables on rented land. Because of their low status, discrimination against them and the lack of land ownership, the Dalits did not receive attention from the Indian government for housing reconstruction. PC(USA) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has helped fund CASA (a faith-based non-profit organization) to rebuild Dalit houses to withstand future cyclones, earthquakes and floods, to provide ownership for the land on which the houses are built, to build community infrastructure like schools, children's parks, roads, and a multi-purpose disaster shelter. CASA has also worked with the Dalits to support better ways for them to earn their livelihoods, help transform their attitudes, and otherwise improve their lives. Covenant is helping fund this work with mission funds from Capital Campaign II. The housing and community infrastructure was completed by CASA the end of 2009. The Dalits are occupying their houses, growing food for their daily needs, and living transformed lives with improved opportunities for themselves and their children.

### RECONCILE PROJECT IN YEI, SOUTH SUDAN

The churches of war-torn Sudan united in 2003 to create RECONCILE , Resource Center for Civil Leadership, located in Yei, South Sudan. The goal: *to help communities and citizens gain the knowledge they need to be active and effective members of a peaceful democratic society.*

The Presbyterian Church (USA) and our own Covenant Presbyterian, Madison both support RECONCILE. In 2009 we sent a special donation of \$1,175.00 that was used to provide RECONCILE PEACE INSTITUTE training for Pastor Peter Bol Raik from Duk County, Sudan. Other support from Covenant has helped build housing for the staff at Yei who were living in tents.

PCUSA maintains its 100 year mission presence in Sudan. Our friends, Debbie and Del Braaksma, PC(USA) Missionaries, recently returned to the US as Debbie took the Africa Area Coordinator position for PC(USA).

### ALSO SUPPORTED BY COVENANT:

*Eric Miller Mission Project, Presbyterian Medical Missions, Youth Services, Family Enhancement, Rescue Mission, Off the Square Club, Madison Urban Ministry, Dane County United, Community Action Coalition, New Mission Initiatives, Emergency Appeals, Port St. Vincent and Porchlight, Inc.*

