

GLOBAL MISSIONS REPORT FOR CONVENTION 2018

The Global Missions Committee has met quarterly throughout this year to consider applications from churches in the diocese asking for support of their projects. We are pleased to have provided financial assistance for projects at St. Matthieu's School in Haiti including a missionary visit, a literacy-based summer camp, and school book purchases to compliment the work done by Grace Church Amherst. The Rev. Annie Ryder was supported in making a visit to the Mampong Babies Home, which compliments the work of several parishes in the Diocese that pledge support to the Home. A medical mission to Pacux, Guatemala to provide clinic and home-based care for children received a grant. This region of Guatemala was devastated by an ethnically motivated massacre in 1982 and its people continue to struggle for the most basic survival. Parishioners of St. John's Ashfield travel there on mission. A project to provide sewing machines to impoverished women in Tanzania as a means of creating income and independence was supported as part of work by Deacon Audrey Cronin at Church of the Reconciliation in Webster. We also contributed to Connect Africa initiatives that several diocesan parishes work on. Connect Africa supports education for children orphaned by AIDS.

Our committee's last meeting of the year will be on December 16th at 1pm at Diocesan House. We have funds remaining and would be delighted to consider support for projects that other parishes have underway. The application process is simple – complete the form that is posted on the Diocesan website by following this link:

<https://www.diocesewma.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/WorldMissionGrantApplication.pdf>

Respectfully Submitted,

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