

Global Missions

The committee has emerged from a fallow season and is seeking to re-seed the fertile terrain of our diocese – "to empower, equip and encourage the people of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts in restoring all people to unity with God and each other in Christ in a global context"

Meetings have resumed. Dispersion of members and covid make in-person gatherings difficult but Zoom, as in many other contexts, has eased that problem.

Early fruits include revamping our presence on the diocesan website and the establishing of a committee-specific email under the diocesan domain (globalmissions@diocesewma.org). The refurbishing of the website includes a more friendly version the application form for a grant. The restrictions engendered by the pandemic have necessarily forced a greater reliance on electronic communication.

The committee has opened a registry of projects current within the diocese and of recent recipients of diocesan funding. This registry includes a repository for documents, accounts and reports, of those projects and missions. It is intended that such testimony may offer an introduction, even an inspiration, to those parishes and parishioners who may be contemplating engaging with global mission.

The committee is pleased to report that two new requests for funding have been received and are under active consideration and incidently provide the examples by which it may refine access to, application for, and evaluation of Global Missions funding.