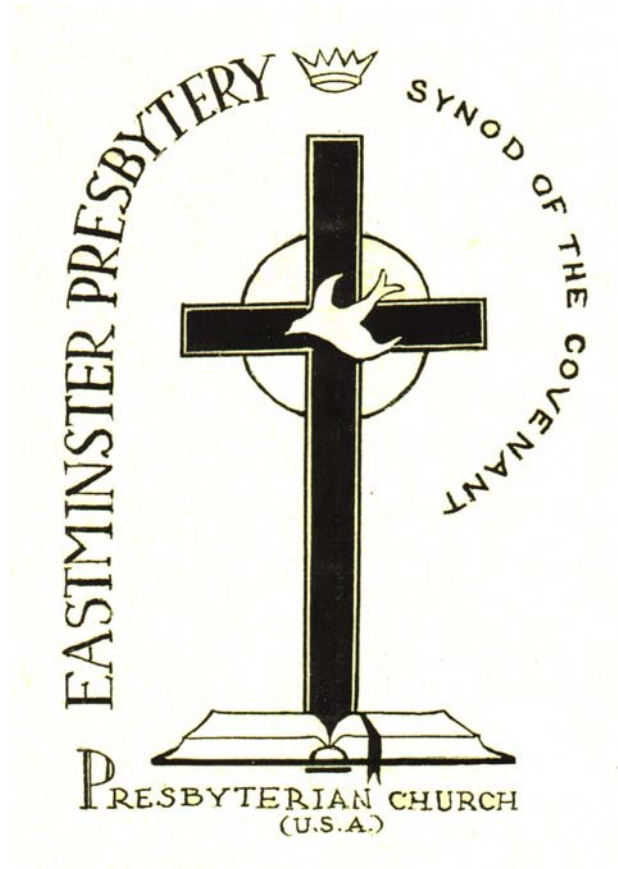


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Project: *Kent Church Campus Ministries*
(Aaron Meadows, Campus Minister)



Minute For Mission: The Kent Prez University Ministry is formed to reach out and serve the Kent State University Community through the love of Christ, to invite students, faculty and staff to join the Presbyterian Church of Kent in worship, service, Christian Education and fellowship. We attempt to serve the whole person – spiritually, emotionally, socially, physically, and intellectually. As a relationally based ministry we offer a number of opportunities – Kent Prez *Mid-Week*, a time for food, worship and discussion of current issues in culture; *Sunday Dinner Fellowship*; *Coffee House*; *Hands and Feet*, a student service organization spreading the gospel through service; *Spring Break Mission Trip*; *Outdoor Adventures*; *Faculty Discussion Group*; *Leadership Development*; *Small Groups*; *The Scientific and Medical Ethics Forum*; and above all *Sunday Worship*.

Preliminary Budget Amount: \$10,500
Operating Mission Budget Amount: \$7,700



Project: *Southside Ministries*

Minute For Mission: For more than a decade, Fanny's problems had put her on the street. An alcoholic, she was drinking heavily. What money was not spent on booze was wagered on all kinds of gambling games. She hit bottom. Where could she turn? Who would help her out of the mess she was making of her life?

Fanny came to the Southside Ministries' Needle's Eye. There she found persons who cared. Irma Davis counseled her. The staff befriended her. She became involved in the 12 step program. In the women's program she found support and friendship. And, most of all, she was led to a strong faith in God.

Today, Fanny is still an alcoholic. The temptation to drink and use drugs is a battle she fights day by day. But her life has been changed. She has been dry for more than five years. She's now a grandmother to three foster boys, teaching them to avoid the pitfalls that robbed her of so much. All three boys are active in the Good News Club at the Needle's Eye. Because of her experience, Fanny has become a valuable volunteer who is making a great impact on many other women who are addicted to alcohol, drugs, and gambling.

Southside Ministries, through the Needle's Eye, tutorial and reading programs, the Good News Club and camping experiences, has changed desperation into hope for many adults, youth and children in the heart of Youngstown's inner city. Individuals, families, and the community experience the compassion and love of Christ through Southside Ministries.

Preliminary Budget Amount: \$24,000
Operating Mission Budget Amount: \$12,000.00

Project: *Good News Presbyterian Parish*

Minute For Mission: “The Good News Presbyterian Parish” is a group of small Presbyterian Churches located in northern Appalachia which are bound together to love and serve God. The parish has grown dramatically recently. In the first half of 2006, the Parish experienced growth through the baptisms of 7 children and 3 adults, and received 4 other adults on transfer of membership – for a total of 14 new souls involved in our spiritual worship and practice.

Each church has its own identity, but joins forces with its partner churches to engage in ministry and mission that none of them could do alone. Examples include the parish youth group, special programs for younger children, and Parish Bible Studies. In addition, each congregation has its own unique personality and programs. The New Waterford Church has owned and operated a preschool which has served the community’s children for over 30 years at very reasonable cost. Concord Church sponsors an annual Vacation Bible School that attracts many from outside membership. One little girl from an unchurched family first taught her family to say table grace; this Easter the entire extended family joined the congregation because “she is in love with the church.” The Clarkson Church has gained several new members recently, and provides the only mainline Protestant ministry in its area. The Good News Parish strives to transform lives and to share Christ’s redeeming grace.



Preliminary Budget Amount: \$18,000
Operating Mission Budget Amount: \$4,000.00

Project: *First Presbyterian Church of Akron Community Development Ministry*

Minute for Mission: First Presbyterian Church, Akron seeks to be a missional and transformational church that reached out into the surrounding community. Through our Community Development Ministries and the Emergency Assistance program we seek to address the needs of our impoverished community by providing both spiritual and physical assistance



Preliminary Budget Amount: \$20,000
Operating Mission Budget Amount: \$3,400.00



Project: *First Presbyterian Church of Akron Community Fund*

Project Description: This fund provides emergency assistance to assist persons in the inner city of Akron with electric bills, rent, and other basic human needs.

Operating Mission Budget Amount: \$3,400.00

Project: *First Presbyterian Church Outreach Program for Barberton Head Start*

Minute For Mission: The Barberton Head Start Program provides educational opportunities for children ages three and four who live in the City of Barberton. Ninety percent of the children enrolled in this program must come from families whose income is at or below the poverty level. As a result of this requirement, many of the children who attend this program are undernourished and lack adequate clothing. The children often attend with clothing in various stages of disarray and some do not have underwear or socks to wear.



The Barberton Head Start Center attempts to meet the children's educational, social, emotional, and physical needs. Children are provided with three meals and snacks each day. The administrative staff and teachers rely on assistance from community organizations, churches and individuals. First Presbyterian Church, Barberton, assists Barberton Head Start by purchasing educational material for the school, clothing for the children, and food and gifts for the families. In this way, we share a Christian ministry in our local community to help others who are not as fortunate.

Preliminary Budget Amount: \$700

Operating Mission Budget Amount: \$700.00

Project: *Barberton Area Community Ministries*

Minute For Mission: The mission of Barberton Area Community Ministries is to bring hope, compassion, service and advocacy to the poor of Barberton and Norton, Ohio through the collaborative ministries of covenanting and partnering churches, community groups, businesses and individuals. BACM (back-'em) assists over 4,000 households annually (close to 10,000 people) with food, emergency financial aid, information and budget counseling services. By involving community youth, adults and seniors in direct caring activities for poor families, BACM brings the gospel alive and challenges all to live what they believe.



Preliminary Budget Amount: \$5,000

Operating Mission Budget Amount: \$3,000.00



Project: *Barberton Community Health Clinic*

Project Description: The Health Clinic provides medical service for people of all ages who are uninsured or underinsured.

Operating Mission Budget Amount: \$2,000.00

Project: *Protestant Campus Ministries*
(Rev. Kathryn Adams, Campus Minister)

Minute For Mission: When young men and women leave home for college, they also tend to leave the church. Protestant Campus Ministry exists to “keep the faith, share the faith and creatively challenge students to live the faith.” This ministry reaches students on the campus of Youngstown State University and involves them in a variety of Christian programming that includes Bible study, worship and service to others. Campus Ministry is a mission arm of the church and is dependent upon the support of local churches and individuals in order to continue its important ministry in the unique setting of higher education. Make a difference in the life of a young person and support Protestant Campus Ministry at YSU.



Preliminary Budget Amount: \$617.00
Operating Mission Budget Amount: \$617.00

Project: *Dakota Mission Project*

Minute For Mission: The Dakota Mission Project is first and foremost a *ministry of presence*; that is encouraging Eastminster’s members and congregations to invest time to develop personal relationships with Native American brothers and sisters in Dakota Presbytery (20 Native American congregations in the Upper Plains States of Minnesota, Montana, North and South Dakota). Through these relationships, identify hands-on mission and ministry opportunities; some possibilities under discussion include... Vacation Bible Schools, Summer Youth Camp (participants and staff), the purchase of much needed resources for worship and education, in addition to clean-up, fix-up, paint-up projects on their church facilities. The ultimate goal of this mission is not just to do things for them. Rather, our goal is to work with them; seeing how we might support them in their ministry and mission while at the same time inviting them to come to Eastminster Presbytery to share with us the unique gifts and graces of their culture and their own experiences of walking the Jesus Way.

Preliminary Budget Amount: \$5,000
Operating Mission Budget Amount: \$1,000

Project: *Mission Partnership – SPAIN*

Minute For Mission: Goals For 2007

1. Introduce persons in congregations to face-to-face mission experiences which are cross-cultural and hold promise of enriching relationships of faith.
2. Support a Mission Team visit in February 2007 from Lavante Presbytery of at least five persons for a period of two weeks.
3. Provide the opportunity for Pastors from Eastminster Presbytery to have Continuing Education experience in Spain at the United Evangelical Seminary of Theology (SEUT) during June & July 2007.
4. Support a 5 Person Mission Team visit in October 2007 from Eastminster Presbytery for a period of two weeks.

Preliminary Budget Amount: \$9,000

Operating Mission Budget Amount: \$6,000