

**Mission Outreach Committee and Helping Hands – Creede Community Church**  
***Our Ministry Together – Involvements & Giving***

*Members of Mission Outreach and the Helping Hands actively seek ways to become involved in assistance, collaboration, advocacy and promotion for social justice. In 2009 and to date this is what our ministry looks like...*

**I.Special & Designated Offerings** *(as authorized by the Board of Trustees)*

We are a “5 for 5” church which means:

**A.We give annually to the Wider Church** as a line item and part of our mission budget:

1. **Giving to the Wider Church** goes to the Rocky Mountain Conference and the national and global ministries of the United Church of Christ (Wider Church Ministries, Local Church Ministries, Justice and Witness Ministries, General Ministries, and Pension Boards).

**B. We participate in the Four UCC Special Mission Offerings**

*These four offerings sponsor vital ministries that bring hope to people in the U.S. and around the world.*

2. **One Great Hour of Sharing** – *(Easter)*  
Channels resources for international programs in health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response, administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources.
3. **Strengthen the Church** – *(Pentecost)*  
Supports leadership for new and revitalizing congregations, The Stillspeaking Ministry, programs for youth and young adults, and leadership development for the whole church. UCC Conferences, Stillspeaking and Local Church Ministries carry out these ministries.
4. **The Christmas Fund** – *(received on a designated July or August Sunday so as not to conflict with the Christmas Eve Helping Hands offering)*  
Helps provide pension and health premium supplementation to low-income retired church workers, emergency assistance to clergy families in need, and Christmas checks to hundreds of annuitants, as administered by the Pension Boards.
5. **Neighbors in Need** – *(World Communion Sunday – 1st Sunday in October)*  
Supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy, and direct service projects supported by Justice and Witness Ministries.

### **C. Other Special Offerings**

6. **Helping Hands annual offering** - *(Taken at CCC's traditional Christmas Eve Service)*  
This offering goes to the Helping Hands fund which benefits local need. Mission Outreach oversees and administers the Helping Hands.
7. **The Gideons** – (Traditionally a representative from The Gideons is invited annually to speak in worship by Mission Outreach *(usually summertime)*, at which time a love offering is taken following the service to support this ministry.

### **II. Other Mission Giving:**

Based on the annual budget, the Mission Outreach Committee prayerfully considers and makes recommendations for dollar giving from this line item to local, regional, national, and global entities & ministries.

#### **In 2009 and to date in 2010 CCC Donated:**

##### **8. Locally:**

- ❖ Creede Child Care Center
- ❖ Creede Community Center
- ❖ Creede Repertory Theatre *(student summer workshop scholarships)*
- ❖ Creede Schools *(library collection)*
- ❖ Mineral County EMT
- ❖ Mineral County Search and Rescue
- ❖ Mineral Country Public Health *(antibiotic programs)*
- ❖ Habitat for Humanity *(home to be started in Creede this season)*
- ❖ Elks *(toys for tots and school scholarships)*

##### **9. Regionally in the greater San Luis Valley:**

- ❖ TuCasa *(domestic violence)* shelter
- ❖ LaPuente *(homeless)* Shelter
- ❖ Adelante *(transitional living)*
- ❖ Hospice Del Valle
- ❖ San Luis Valley Food Network.

##### **10. Nationally and Internationally:**

- ❖ Heifer International
- ❖ Texas (Ike) disaster response mission trip *(gas cost)*
- ❖ Haiti – Earthquake Relief Fund *(through OGHs)*
- ❖ Central Asian Institute - Peacemaking *(Three Cups of Tea)*
- ❖ See Wider Church above.

### **III. Helping Hands:**

11. CCC's Helping Hands is part of our Mission Outreach ministry. In accord with its guidelines, HH administers and contributes monies or goods toward local need, often in collaboration with other charitable entities.

- ❖ Rental and utility payments, firewood, food, clothing, burial costs, smoke and CO detectors, travel/gas expenses, children's needs, emergency needs.
- ❖ The fund relies on donations from individuals as well as the annual Christmas Eve offering.

**Helping hands receives support from the Christmas Eve offering and your generous individual contributions.**

#### **IV. Hands-On & Promotion**

**Members of Mission Outreach and the Helping Hands actively seek ways to become involved in assistance, collaboration, advocacy and promotion for social justice. In 2009 this took the form of:**

- ❖ Inviting and coordinating guest speakers in worship (in concert with Diaconate) to highlight the work of their organizations and ministries – Adelante, LaPuente, Habitat for Humanity, Frontier/Rural Life Sunday, The Gideons.
- ❖ Working collaboratively with other committees and ministries of the church in planning and carryout various events related to outreach:
  - Hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter post-game reception for teams, youth, and the public
  - Promotion/organization of youth and family retreat to reach and support our younger families and tweens
  - 4 wheeler rendezvous picnic with Silverton Church at Animas Forks
- ❖ Promoting and advocating for Mission: Support and fundraising dinner for recent mission trip of 7 to the Texas Coast.
- ❖ St. Patrick's day door to door canvass for reminding and donation of smoke and carbon dioxide detectors.
- ❖ Promotion/participation in town-wide cleanup or requested repairs in concert with House committee.
- ❖ Promotion of Christmas gift giving to families with Adelante program.
- ❖ Purchase and installation of 911 reflective signs for all mobile homes in town (*proceeds benefiting Habitat for Humanity also*).
- ❖ Individual Giving Opportunities: In addition to monies designated from the Mission budget, Mission Outreach advocates and makes resources available for individual giving;
  - Signup/pledge support for Habitat fundraising rides
  - Heifer giving at Christmastime
  - Haiti disaster response
  - Other emergent needs