

## **Proposed Benevolence Projects for Capital Campaign**

The Community Ministries committee proposes that benevolence funds from our “Green and Growing” campaign be used in the following ways to support Decatur Cooperative Ministries (DCM) and Initiative for Affordable Housing (IAH) efforts to provide housing for homeless families in our community. These proposals are in line with our committee’s long-range goal of working closely within our Decatur/Dekalb community to address issues of homelessness. They are also supportive of NDPC’s Peace and Justice committee’s goals for advocacy as well as the Creation Care committee’s goal to support efforts of sustainability and energy efficiency.

### **DCM Projects**

Amount requested \$25,000

Purpose of the request: DCM is requesting \$25,000 to replace the roof and also provide the matching dollars necessary to leverage Grants to Green funding. SouthFace conducted an annual ASHRAE Level 1 energy audit of the Church Street facility. This structure was originally built in 1930, with structural additions added in 1960. The assessment resulted in 15 energy efficiency recommendations to include the replacement of two HVAC units in the emergency shelter, and the sealing and insulation of the crawl space, as well as funding for the insulation used in the replacement of the roof contingent on DCM funding the actual roof replacement.

Impact: The impact of a \$25,000 investment will potentially yield an annual water savings of 40%, contribute to healthier, more reliable and comfortable residential services. The health of the families served by the programs of Decatur Cooperative Ministry is paramount to the organization and completion of the energy and water efficiency recommendations will allow DCM to bolster our capacity to offer safe, reliable, and dignified essential services to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness, which included hundreds of homeless women, children, veterans, and Seniors in Dekalb County.

Amount requested \$23, 953

Purpose of the request:

DCM is requesting \$23,953 in financial support to replace 85 T-12 light fixtures with 44-watt LED fixtures with dimmers. Additionally, all 124 interior CFL and incandescent lamps will be replaced with LED lights. The request is based on a quote received by E. Sam Jones Lighting and Energy Solutions as outlined in the SouthFace assessment report. The upgrades will improve employee productivity as well as yield energy savings allowing DCM to direct more resources toward program operations.

Impact: During the Grants to Green assessment of the annual energy consumption at the 115 Church location conducted by SouthFace, it was assessed that facility lighting accounted for 26% of electric energy consumption or over \$3700 in energy costs. Replacing the existing lighting would reduce our environmental footprint and increase the cost efficiency of operations, ultimately cutting energy costs and allowing DCM to direct more resources toward program operations. In 2018, DCM will own the property at 115 Church

St. and will have used this facility for the purpose of homeless services for 20 years. The organization has a vested interest in a minimal environmental impact on the community while ensuring that our facility remain viable in the years to come

## **Initiative Projects**

Amount of Request: \$25,000

Purpose of Request: IAH would use a gift of \$25,000 toward the purchase of or rehabbing of a single-family house that would be rented to a family at an affordable rate.

Impact: Initiative rents affordable single-family homes to families whose income and circumstances make it impossible for them to rent decent home or apartments on the open market. The security of this type housing enables families to focus on work and family without fear of eviction or substandard living conditions.

## **“Here and There” – Mission Benevolence Portion of NDPC’s 2015 Capital Campaign:**

The Mission Council proposes sharing the funding evenly between local and global projects. Global Mission Council proposes sharing the funding for global projects evenly across our four areas of focus: Madagascar, Haiti, Guatemala, and Israel/Palestine.

**Madagascar:** The seminary of our PC-USA partner, The Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM), was destroyed by cyclone related flooding in 2015. The membership of FJKM is dynamic and expanding, with nearly 6 million very poor but faithful souls in Christ. The funds will be used towards the construction of a new seminary. Specifically our financial support will likely go towards the building and furnishing of the library, which will serve 150 – 200 students and faculty at any one time, and over the years, will benefit thousands of men and women who have given their lives to God in service.

***Help construct a new seminary for FJKM***

**Haiti:** The Atlanta Church Group, of which NDPC is a founding member, is working with the PC-USA partner MPP, the Peasant Movement of Papaye, to develop a self-sustaining school serving the children of the Eco Villages community in Colladere, Haiti. Under Phase I, the school opened in Sept 2014, serving, 50 students in three grades. For Phase II, in Sept 2015, the goal is to triple the student population served to ~150 students over 5 grades. The funds will be used to support Phase III development, most likely toward the construction of a fourth classroom, kitchen, and recreational field.

***Help construct a new self-sustaining school for Eco Village community***

**Guatemala:** Education has always been a part of the mandate of Casa Materna Ana Sayre, the birthing center located in Cahabon, under the governance of the PC-USA partner CEDEPCA. The funds will be used to enable the Casa to hire a person trained in the area of family planning. Working with Profam and other non-governmental organizations, this person will travel to out-lying villages to help families understand the relationship between large families and poverty, malnutrition, etc. The costs would be \$5,575 per year and Casa Materna would be able to add it to

their annual budget after the start up period, which would be covered by the capital campaign funds.

***Help fund a family planning educator for Casa Materna***

**Israel/Palestine:** Al Ahli Arab Hospital is the oldest hospital in Gaza, established in 1882 by British Christian missionaries. It is also the only Christian healthcare institution in Gaza, where there are only about 1,500 Christians total. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has been a longtime partner of the hospital, which is a mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Funds will be used towards repairing the hospital building or an outpatient clinic, all of which was damaged in Israel's 2014 Operation Protective Edge. The specifics of this work will be confirmed in the next six months.

***Help re-build the Al Ahli Arab Hospital***