

Note from ACM Meeting Sept 16, 2006

Thanks to all who attended our meeting on Saturday. Thanks especially to Mark, Tish and Paulo who support us so consistently and generously.

The meeting was principally convened to review our mission and identify our priorities for 2006 and 2007. We agreed to the following:

UPDATED MISSION STATEMENT:

- To empower the congregation of the Church of the Redeemer to support initiatives that improve the lives and hopes of children affected by AIDS in Africa.
- To develop an interactive, educational, and spiritual relationship between children affected by AIDS in Africa and the children, youth and adults at The Church of the Redeemer
- To coordinate activities with other organizations when our mission coincides with theirs.
- To ensure that funds are applied effectively and efficiently to help the most vulnerable children affected by AIDS and their caregivers.

Changes to our Mission Statement were:

- 1) General change, “children orphaned” became “children affected”
- 2) First bullet, “programs” became “initiatives”
- 3) Third bullet, “faith based” deleted prior to “organizations”
- 4) Forth bullet, “and their caregivers” added to end of sentence.

KEY INITIATIVES 2006/07

Our key initiatives for 2006/07 will be as follow. Leaders are needed in each area listed below and Grant Norris will be reaching out to possible leaders between now and the next meeting. Alternatively please call Grant by 9/25/06 to discuss spear heading one of these areas

- Adult Education
- Malawi 2007 Trip
- Financial Management
 - Fund Application
 - Fund Raising Programs
 - Got Goat Program – Christmas time frame
 - Joyful Giving – Christmas time frame
 - Children’s Coin Box – On going
 - Great Concerts – On going
 - Have a Heart – Valentines Day

- Malawi Direct (materials carried to Malawi by Redeemer travelers)
 - spring time frame
- Medical Assistance Program / Cure Kits
- Children's Program
- Campus Ministry
- Communications

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) 9/24/06 Barbara Abbott will lead a study group on the cycle of poverty starting next Sunday morning. Please contact Barbara to attend.
- 2) 9/30/06 Bill Rankin (GAIA President) will be presenting at St. Thomas Whitemarsh
- 3) 10/21/06 is the next ACM Meeting
- 4) 10/22/06 Jess Browning and Barbara Abbott will be presenting at Adult Education about their experiences in Malawi this past summer.
- 5) 11/12/06 There will be a "U2" Eucharist which may include ACM content
- 6) 11/19/06 Ellen Schell from GAIA will be preaching and presenting to Adult Education about the work we support at GAIA

NEXT MEETING 10/21/06, Parish House, 9:00 am

At the next meeting we will discuss and review the detailed plans for each of the above areas.