

The Social Ministry Committee is called to equip disciples at Trinity to minister to the needy within central PA.

At our Committee meeting July 21 and since then the following has happened:

The Executive Director of CROSS ministries shared information about their 3 personal care homes licensed in PA that are open to residents with limited income and special needs. He shared recent budget and audit information as well as ways to help CROSS. He asked the committee to consider hosting a coffee hour prior to one of their training programs.

Policy Manual Update – The committee discussed reviewed and updated the SM policy pages for submission to Nancy Martin. The Benevolence Request Form (Appendix A6/7) was assigned to a sub-committee for revision.

Budget preparation: The use of the revised Appendix A6 was authorized, so it was sent to all “line item” ministries and one other, for them to request funding from Trinity in the 2010 Social Ministry budget.

Garden of Eatin II – The Committee scheduled to host September 6 and November 15.

Prison Ministries – Prison Re-entry Breakfast will be held at Trinity May 15, 2010

Delta Community –Our next Night Out is set for Monday, September 14 at the Penbrook UCC.

Zion Shelter – a new residential facility for homeless, Susquehanna Harbor, may soon replace downtown churches for overnight stays. The need for overnight volunteers continues.

CCU – Trinity was recognized as the largest contributing church last year. As expected, demand for CCU services is increasing while church-wide income and contributions are down. The new building is in need of significant repairs.

New Hope Ministries – has received full funding to proceed with renovations to the new Trindle Road facility. Trinity volunteers have been handling food distribution. Requests for services have increased 50% recently.

Tutoring – full tutoring schedule in the fall.

Lutheran World Relief Warehouse – a trip to the New Windsor happened August 24.

Angel Tree participation will be a discussion item at the next meeting.

Budget – Discussions at the next meeting will include the option to continue present line items with various ministries and/or a new emphasis on a single recipient with potential for greater impact.

Quarterly Social Ministry meeting schedule:

Tuesday, October 6, 2009 7:00 PM – budget discussion

Tuesday, January 19, 2010 7:00 PM and Tuesday, April 20, 2010 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted: Roland Freund - Chair