Missions Report to Council-December 2019

Greetings and Blessings!

Last meeting Wed Nov 20,2019 – 9 were in attendance including Pastor Liz

## **Highlights**

**Fair Trade Ministry**- After over 30 years-Missions will have their final coffee sale Jan 5<sup>th</sup>. After discussion and prayer, the team agreed that we would not continue this ministry at this time. We felt our efforts and time can be spent in other ways. We may in the future look towards "sales" around holidays or in connection with efforts in Guatemala.

Sewing Ministry- 14 quilts went to Lutheran World Relief out of a total of 30 completed in 2019

**Giving Tree-** 2019 Mission team chose again to sponsor Rocky Boy Layette Ministry and ULS Seminarians. It seems that project went well again this year and gifts will be mailed /delivered this month

**Guatemala-** Janis Martinez presented on her recent trip. Our team is very excited to be joining in the support for the ministry for the Tree 4 Hope. We are looking forward to bringing more information to the congregation as we join in support.

**Good Gifts**- Display with information on program in gathering space, volunteers have been there to answer questions as needed.

## **New Business**

**Missionary/Mission Partner-** Team has approved moving in a different direction for support. We will begin sponsoring a new YAGM each year (August-September) For remainder of the 2019/2020 season we will be sponsoring Cassandra Singh-Hueter serving in Argentina/Uruguay.

Cassandra is from Harleysville PA and involved with Advent Lutheran Church Harleysville, PA and Grace Lutheran Church, State College PA. We hope to have more information in January to be in contact with her, letter writing programs etc and hope to have her visit Trinity in fall 2020.

**Lenten Self Denial-** Once again Missions team will share the funds received with Community Out Reach Team. We are excited to choose a new sponsorship for the Music Support @ Tree 4 Hope and look forward to sharing this program with the congregation.

Next Meeting - Jan 15, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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