

Mission Resource Team

Purpose

To maintain the relational connection and provide for global ministries responsibilities related to the objectives and scope of work of the General Board of Global Ministries. To accomplish this, we:

- Work with the Advance Team (NY) to promote General Church Advance Projects and support covenant relationships with local churches/persons and General Board of Global Ministries mission personnel.
- Resource local churches regarding mission projects they currently support and introduce projects of the General Board of Global Ministries.
- Work with local mission leaders to advertise and promote Special Sunday giving.

2009 Accomplishments

Functions of the resource team were limited by the transition of South and North Conferences into the Indiana Conference. We have:

- Prepared a list of suggested Conference Advance Specials for the new conference mission team.
- Assisted churches with making connections with each other, and with mission projects.
- Prepared a display for Annual Conference depicting the various areas of global ministries, including local, district, conference, national and worldwide projects.
- Provided Mission Resource packets for members and guests of the Annual Conference.
- Sponsored a luncheon during Annual Conference celebrating the mission work of missionaries, deaconesses, church and community workers, and mission volunteers of the Indiana Conference.
- Assisted in the itineration of the Missionary Interpreter In Residence (MIIR) for the North Central Jurisdiction for local churches and groups.
- Facilitated presentations to local churches regarding the work of The Advance.
- Celebrated Indiana being recognized as providing the greatest number of mission volunteers in the US among UMC conferences.
- Provided a workshop for agencies seeking funding from the Conference.
- Awarded funding to ten agencies within the Conference working at the local, district, conference and General Church levels.

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