

Mission Outreach and Renewal Committee

Recommended Action(s) Synod Council Consideration:

A Motion is being submitted to approve "New Messiah Mission", Decatur, GA. as a New Start effective 2-1-2019.

Rationale for Recommended Actions: The congregation has been going through UNITED TM 2.0 since January 2017. At one point, they were considering closing but now they are energized about a completely different vision. They have gone from a survival mode to a missional mode. Instead of trying to repair the existing ministry, they have decided to begin again. Decatur is an area where the ELCA should be very successful. They are ready to hire a developer type pastor to lead them into their new future.

Meeting Dates For 2019 Year: January 15th, April 9th, July 16th, & October 22nd.

Partners in Celebration for 2019: January-Good Samaritan Ministry, Stone Mountain, GA., April-Grovetown Episcopal Lutheran Mission, Grovetown, GA., July-Resurrection Mission, Tucker, GA., October-Hope International, Doraville, GA.

Activities: Describe what your committee / task force is specifically focused on doing this year, including, if relevant:

- Accomplishments
 - Completed United-Transformation 2.0 Cohort #2 Training for 9 Churches in the synod.
 - Completed Developer Retreat at Luther Ranch August 7-9, 2018
 - Since last Synod Council Meeting, Awarded Great Commission Fund Grants:
Epiphany Lutheran, Collierville, TN.- \$1,000 Missional Planning
Resurrection Lutheran, Newnan, GA.- \$15,000 Intern.
Christ Lutheran, Nashville, TN.- \$2,500 Matching Grant
St. Luke Lutheran, Cordova, TN.- \$1,500 Multicultural
 - Since last Synod Council Meeting, Awarded Linn Fund Grants:
Resurrection Mission, Tucker, GA.- \$5,000.
Christ Lutheran, Prattville, AL.- \$5,000.
- Future plans
 - Provide United- Transformation 2.0 Cohort #3 training in February,2019.
 - Working on future vision for the MORC.
- Favorable conditions enhancing the group's work
 - United training was extremely well received by all in attendance.
 - Committee is made up of very gifted and energized leaders.