

Committee on Mission, Outreach and Evangelism

1. **MISSION:** The Committee on Mission, Outreach and Evangelism supports the efforts of the church to bring about God's vision of a peaceable, just and compassionate world by attending to the needs of the most vulnerable in the community and around the world, advocating for justice in Christ's name, caring for God's creation by practicing environmental stewardship, equipping disciples of Christ to share their faith and serve others, providing care and assistance to church members, and communicating the work of the church to the community.

2. **MEMBERSHIP:** Chairperson (ordinarily an active member of the Session) and additional members selected by the chairperson and appointed by the Session.

3. **RESPONSIBILITIES:** This committee is responsible for helping church members put their faith into practice and God's love into action by:

- a. Informing, challenging and empowering church members to minister to people in need locally, nationally and around the world;
- b. Serving members in such a way that environmental stewardship becomes a part of the life of BSPC, and through modeling earth care, inspiring church members and community friends to live with environmental awareness;
- c. Supporting church members' individual volunteer efforts in community ministries (e.g., ending homelessness, peacemaking and justice, disaster relief, eco-justice, and sustainable living);
- d. Coordinating church support of national and international aid agencies, ministry partners, and denominational mission projects sponsored by the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly and Presbyterian Women;
- e. Assisting the evangelism work of church members who seek to witness to Christ in our community by sharing their faith and serving others;
- f. Coordinating with the pastor the pastoral care of members; and
- g. Facilitating the communication of church and individual mission and outreach efforts to the church community as well as the community at large.

4. DUTIES: The duties of this committee shall be:

Mission and Outreach

- a. Recommend to the session mission, outreach and environmental stewardship programs (local, national, international or denominational) that the church might implement and coordinate the implementation of such programs.
- b. Provide a conduit through which members might recommend to the Session the church's adoption of mission, outreach and environmental stewardship projects. This would include, but not be limited to, active participation with:
 - Morgan County Chamber of Commerce
 - Starting Points – Family Resource Center
 - Morgan County Regional Resource Connection (RRC)
 - Morgan County Partnership
 - Morgan County Homeless Coalition
 - Morgan County Disaster Relief Committee
 - “Wellness for Morgan County” Committee
 - Morgan County Partners in Prevention
 - Sleepy Creek Watershed Association
- c. Recommend to the Session any special offerings for mission, outreach and environmental stewardship (community, national, international and denominational) and coordinate such special offerings.
- d. Sponsor special seasons of prayer for the mission work of the church as well as ongoing prayer suggestions.

Evangelism

- a. Enlist and train greeters so that they may welcome all visitors and guests to all services and work to create an atmosphere of friendliness and concern in the church.
- b. Devise ways and means of securing names of prospective members and keep an up-to-date prospective members list.
- c. Develop and support an effective and continuous evangelism program which helps inspire and inform church members to view and carry out evangelism as a disciple-making ministry in which people are transformed by the life of Christ, and as a result, led to participate in the life of the church.

Pastoral Care

- a. Develop ways and means for working with members to deepen their commitment to and involvement in the life of the church.
- b. Work to reactivate those members who have become inactive.
- b. Sponsor a continuous program of new member assimilation as well as a program to lead new members to a beginning commitment of time, abilities and money (such development may include a new members' class, a new member information booklet, and other suitable programs).
- c. Develop a ministry for times of crisis in the lives of church members, such as illness, confinement, or death.
- d. Develop a ministry for the retired and older members.
- e. Develop a program of study and training to help members understand the meaning of Christian vocation and the call to church-related careers.

f. Challenge to full-time Christian service in church-related careers those who feel they are qualified and are being led by the Holy Spirit.

Communication

- a. Communicate through various avenues (Minutes for Mission, church web site, church newsletter, gatherings, etc.) information regarding the following:
 1. Service and environmental stewardship programs as well as PC(USA) General Mission Council projects in which members might choose to carry out their mission, outreach and evangelism efforts.
 2. The mission, outreach and evangelism work of church members on behalf of God's kingdom.
 3. The meaning and practice of evangelism, the connection between mission and evangelism, and the relationship between discipleship and carrying for God's kingdom.
- b. Maintain (with the input of all church committees) the church's web page.
- c. Design, assemble and disseminate (with the input of all church committees) the church's newsletter.
- d. Facilitate (with the input of all church committees) email announcements of church events to church members.
- e. Assist all church committees with their communication efforts concerning church programs (e.g., flyers, media announcements, advertisements).

Current Members:

Glenn Ryburn, chair
Linda Whitesitt
Brice Williams