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Mennonite Church

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Mission

More missional ministries from budget surplus

In the October 3 issue of Buzz, we reported on potential distributions for various ministries from our 2020-21 budget surplus. A total of \$44,000 of that surplus was designated to be given away for ministries serving people outside of Waterford, as decided by the Mission and Service Ministry Team (MSMT). In October \$11,100 from surplus funds (matching other private donations) supported housing assistance for Haitians and resettlement help for Afghan people. Then an additional \$6000 made advanced degree training for a new Benin Bible Institute faculty member possible, thus totaling over \$17,000 of surplus moneys going to ministries around the world.

MSMT is happy to share some additional ministries to which \$13,500 of surplus funds will go yet in 2021:

\$5000 to Amigo Centre (Sturgis MI) for major clean-up costs incurred from the storm in August that damaged trees, trails and buildings

\$2500 to MCC Great Lakes (Goshen) as holder of a fund to create and expand public signage in Elkhart County identifying the traditional lands and trails of the Potawatomi and Miami peoples for centuries, to be overseen by a local coordinating group from various congregations.

\$2500 for creating and expanding displays on Waterford Mennonite Church property for land acknowledgment and describing the history of indigenous peoples on the land where the church sits now. This will be overseen by the new Dismantling Doctrine of Discovery working group.

\$2500 to La Posada Immigrant Aid (Elkhart) for startup costs for this ministry, initiated by Anabaptist churches, for providing affordable legal assistance and language learning for immigrants in Elkhart County

\$1000 to National Immigrant Justice Center (Goshen and Chicago) in support of its ongoing good work locally and beyond for affordable legal assistance to immigrants

Thanks be to God for the blessing of being able to generously support so many ministries both near and far away. As MSMT processes the received suggestions for the remaining surplus funds, we will communicate to the congregation where else that money is going.

— Pastor Neil Amstutz for the Mission and Service Ministry Team



Volunteer



Storm Clean-up at Amigo Centre!

Amigo Centre is grateful to have had many people help with the clean-up following the significant damage sustained during a storm in August of 2021. A logging crew was also brought in to do a salvage-harvest of the downed and damaged trees. With the logging crew nearly finished, it is time to begin cleaning up the trails so that they can once again be used.

Volunteers are needed for a clean-up blitz on **November 30 and December 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day**, with the understanding that volunteers can choose to work a shorter day. Amigo will be providing lunch and a snack.

They would like teams of five to six people, with two being willing to run chainsaws, and the others helping to pile branches that will be moved with a tractor. But if anyone has tractors or skid loaders with grapple hooks, additional equipment like that is welcomed.

Thanks for considering helping in this way. You can bill it as an opportunity to work off those Thanksgiving desserts and give an early Christmas gift to Amigo!

To volunteer, contact Cheryl Mast at

Library

Books missing from the Waterford Church Library

After a total inventory of the Waterford Church Library, the following books were found to be missing. The return of any of these books, or at least the sign-out card with your name on it, would be much appreciated.

Fiction

- Jantzen, Erica. *Six Sugar Beets, Five Bitter Years*
 Raney, Deborah. *A Vow to Cherish* (a novel about Alzheimer's)
 Sawyer, Kim. *Bringing Maggie Home*
 Stambaugh, Sara. *I Hear The Reaper's Song*
 Updegraff, Roberto. Church Choir Mysteries: – 1. *The Blue Plate*; 2. *Puzzle in Patchwork*; 3. *The Un-Nimble Thimble*

Easy

- Lobe, Tamara Awad. *Let's Make a Garden* (peace)

Non-Fiction

- Sedler, Dr. Michael D. *When to speak up (and When Not to)*
 Buechner, Frederick. *Telling Secrets: A Memoir*
 Loewen, Harry. *Through Fire and Water: An Overview of Mennonite History*
 Swartley, Mary. *She Has Done What She Could*
 Barnes, Emily. *The Very Best Christmas Ever*

(269) 651-2811, extension 105. It is important to let Cheryl know if you plan to attend so that enough food can be prepared for volunteers.

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