

## **2014 Mission Committee Annual Report**

The Mission Committee tried a new model for the Missions of Caldwell Presbyterian Church beginning January, 2014. It was decided to support fewer missions more generously, rather than dividing our resources more widely (and thinly.) The new plan was presented to the congregation on "Mission Sunday," January 26, 2014 and included 4 missions plus Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church, USA.

### **Four Missions with specified donations + (non-specified donations) = Total Benevolences:**

Local – Caldwell Presbyterian Church’s Food Pantry\* - \$4169 + (\$2231) = \$6400

Regional – North Country Ministry - \$571 + (\$2242.16) = \$2813.16

National – Shriners Hospitals for Children, Springfield, Mass. - \$500 + (\$1100) = \$1600

International – Haiti Mission School\* - \$2396.66 + (\$2238.34) = \$4635

Open Door - \$10

### **Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church, USA**

Pentecost Offering - \$213.50

Peace Offering - \$190

Joy Offering - \$185

Specified donations = \$7646.66\*

Unspecified donations = \$7811.50

Special Offerings = \$588.50

Total Benevolences = \$16,046.66\*

\*External donations are included in the totals for Haiti Mission School and Caldwell Food Pantry

Ecumenical Community Dinner Program – Prepared and served a dinner at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Lake George, with the assistance of numerous Caldwell Church members on November 5, 2014 and assisted with the final dinner/BBQ of the year, May 7, 2014.

Alternative Gifts offered for Christmas, 2014 to benefit Haitian artist, Antoine Cherlin, and North Country Ministry, using cards provided by each.

A box was hung outside the door of Caldwell Presbyterian Church to serve individuals needing assistance when Caldwell’s office is closed. It contains pamphlets listing local resources, including food pantries, free area meal service, North Country Ministry, etc.

Tom Parsons, retired pastor and Mission Committee member addressed the congregation about, "Why we give to Missions," with a Biblical basis.

A pamphlet was prepared by Tom Parsons for the church pews, listing the 4 missions of our church.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Nicols, Missions Elder